



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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We have had an incredibly busy fortnight at Girton Glebe Primary School, with our pupils involved in a range of exciting activities. Please read on for a round-up of recent events...

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Toby, Skye and Ben from Cherry class who travelled to Monkfield Primary, Cambourne on May 3 to represent Girton Glebe in the heats of the Year 5 Maths Challenge.



Over 90 minutes, the children took part in a series of different rounds, each designed to challenge various aspects of mathematical understanding.

The team fought hard against the nine other primaries in attendance and even came away with the highest score in the second round! Congratulations to our three mathematicians, they were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary!

Water, Hats & Sun Cream

A reminder that, as the weather gets warmer, it is advisable for the children to bring sun hats and drinks bottles to school to keep them cool throughout the day. The children may also bring sun cream with them in case they need to top up during the day.

The Big Pedal

Many thanks to all children, parents and carers for supporting The Big Pedal between April 23 and May 4. The fortnight-long event was a flurry of scooting and cycling and between all involved we managed to total 871 journeys, with some children even cycling up to 4 miles to arrive at Girton Glebe!



Birch class accrued the largest total with an amazing 176 journeys followed closely by Oak and Willow who totalled 143 and 127 respectively!



New Intake & Transition

It has been lovely to see our September 2018 intake begin their transition to Girton Glebe and, over the last few weeks, children have been visiting our Foundation Stage classroom to meet Ms Cansdale and her team ahead of the summer break.

We have an exciting series of events planned between now and July for our new intake and, at the beginning of June, our Year 5 pupils will start their work with Relate as they train to become buddies ahead of their own transition in to Year 6.

Whilst we are still in the process of registering new pupils from the admissions waiting list, our EYFS numbers for September 2018 will be at their highest in four years and this is testament to the exceptional work that is going on, not only in Foundation Stage, but across all year groups and within the wider school community. I am delighted that new parents are choosing to vote with their feet and must express enormous thanks to staff, governors and all parents and carers within the school community for your support.

Special thanks to all who came out to support our Saturday morning open session in September – feedback from perspective parents was incredibly positive and I am sure that your time and views were greatly appreciated!

School Development

During the last fortnight we have covered various aspects of school development including work towards revising the school behaviour policy in light of the previous Step On training we completed on the Inset Day.

This week we spent time looking at P4C (Philosophy for Children) which is designed to develop children's enquiry and questioning skills. The session was led by Mr Russell, who has recently completed an intensive training course on P4C, and has been trialling much of this learning with the children in Oak class.

PE Kit

A gentle reminder that PE kits are required twice a week for each class (dates can be found on curriculum precis on the school website). During the last fortnight we have had a large number of children without kit at the necessary times and this impacts on their learning.

Healthy Snacks

Many thanks to all parents and carers for supporting the school with our recent initiative of encouraging healthy food choices at break times and lunchtimes.

Pupils and staff have worked very hard to make informed choices and this has sparked some fabulous work and discussions within the classroom.

Purple tokens are awarded to children for making healthy choices during the day. Each week, these purple tokens are counted and the class with the highest percentage (based on the number of possible tokens the class could accrue over the week) is presented with a giant, inflatable banana (!) during assembly on Friday.

Flearning

Our 'Flearning' display (learning through failure) is now active on the main corridor and staff are writing down comments which they overhear our children using during lessons in order to celebrate the resilience shown throughout school. Here are a few examples which have graced our board this week:

"I can't do this yet but I will be able to do it next week!" Lilly, (Lime)

"Don't have a rock brain, have a flexible brain!" Cate (Maple)

"I need to practise, practise, practise!" Rowena (Ash)

Diary Dates

Half term: Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

Inset: Monday 4 June

Final day of term: Tuesday 24 July

Big Pedal: Monday 23 April – Friday 4 May

Oak Class Cake Sale: Friday 11 May

Year 5 Grafham Residential: Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 May

Year 4 Team Building Activity: Monday 14 May

Year 6 SATs Week: Monday 14 – Thursday 17 May

Year 2 SATs: Completed during the week of May 21

Class Photos: Monday 21 May

Pool Resus Training for Parents: Wednesday 6 June (0900 & 1800)

Sports Day: Thursday 7 June (afternoon)

Phonics Screening Tests: Monday 11 June – Friday 15 June

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher