



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

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The Summer Term is gathering pace and we are fast approaching the end of the academic year and, as usual, this is one of our busiest periods with many visits and celebrations taking place around school. Please read on for a round-up of our most recent news and events...

## Year 4 Singfest!

On Monday 25 June Year 4 travelled to Hinchbrooke Performing Arts Centre to perform in the eagerly anticipated SingFest!

On arrival, the children enjoyed an introduction from the opera company, EPOC, and got to meet the other three primary schools that were taking part. They then took part in an afternoon rehearsal which raised the anticipation for the evening's performance.



After a break and some food the children took to the stage in front of a packed audience of parents and friends. Girton Glebe was the first school to perform and our pupils sang an a cappella version of 'On Top of the World' by Imagine Dragons. They also enjoyed teaching the audience 'The Junk Food Song'!

Following a quick interval the children returned to the stage to perform the songs of the opera Orpheus and Eurydice with EPOC. The entire performance was fantastic and the children excelled themselves in front of such a packed audience!

Huge thanks to all staff and parents for accompanying the children on this trip; it was an incredibly long day! Special thanks to Miss Browne for all of her hard work in preparing the children for the performance and organising the event!

## Oak & Willow Visit Lackford Lakes

On Thursday 28 June, Oak and Willow enjoyed a glorious day and fabulous weather on their trip to Lackford lakes.

The children took part in a range of exciting activities including pond dipping, mini beast hunting and bird watching. All sorts of things were seen, discovered and learnt. The children found a baby newt, several leeches and lots of water boatmen. Both classes were an absolute credit to the school – well done, children! A lovely day was had by all and a big thank you to all the parents who attended.

## Mayan Gods at Girton Glebe

This week, Maple class spent an afternoon in the forest area, imagining it to be an Ancient Mayan jungle.



Using the natural tools around them they decided to make fashion a range of weird and wonderful gods from clay, placing them in the trees once they were complete!

I wonder how many of these will be spotted by our other pupils next week?

## Adventures at the Sedgwick

On Wednesday of this week, our Year 5 children enjoyed a trip to the Sedgwick museum, travelling to central Cambridge on public transport.

The children began the visit with a hunt around the museum for the oldest fossil before attending a workshop on evolution.



The children asked some very interesting questions and their guide, Nicola, was very impressed with their knowledge of Mary Anning the fossil hunter. The children enjoyed lunch on the lawn outside the museum before heading back to school. Thank you to Mrs Harman, Ms Howell and Mr Crossley who accompanied us on the trip and well done to Mrs Storer for organising the event.

## School Development

During the last fortnight, staff meetings have focussed on maths moderation and curriculum organisation for the 2018 – 2019 academic year. Senior leaders have carried out monitoring of homework books and have carried out pupil voice on safeguarding and growth mindset.

## Dental Visits

On Monday 18 June, our EYFS, Y1 and Y2 pupils were visited by a dental specialist who came and talked to our children about teeth and dental hygiene. The children were very eager to tell our visitor all about the teeth they were missing and how often they brushed their teeth. They learnt all about the importance of brushing your teeth properly and not to wash the toothpaste away with water once you have cleaned your teeth.

## Mischief Makers

On Thursday 28 June, we were visited by two members of staff from Cambridge Central Library who delivered an assembly to our pupils in order to introduce them to the library service's summer reading challenge. This year the theme is Mischief Makers and is centred around Dennis the Menace and Beanotown.

The children are encouraged to sign up to the challenge from July 14 at their local library and, over the course of the summer holidays, read and return six books which will earn them rewards towards the scheme.

## Diary Dates

**Comberton VC Transition Days (Year 6):** Thursday 5 & Friday 6 July

**Year 5 Mini-Olympics:** Monday 9 July (morning)

**Year 6 Performance of Macbeth at Girton College:** Monday 9 July: afternoon with performance at 1900

**EYFS Multi-Skills Festival:** Thursday 12 July (am)

**Year 2 Tennis:** Friday 13 July (am)

**Reports Home:** Friday 13 July

**Feast Week Fete:** Saturday 14 July (1215)

**Moving-up Afternoon:** Monday 16 July

**Report Drop-ins for Parents/Carers:** Monday 16 July & Tuesday 17 July (1545 – 1630)

**Key Stage 2 Performances:** Tuesday 17 July (1800), Wednesday 18 July (1400 & 1800)

**Year 6 Leavers' Tea:** Monday 23 July (1700)

**Leavers' Assembly:** Tuesday 24 July (0900)

**Final day of term:** Tuesday 24 July

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher