



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 3

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What a busy fortnight we have had at Girton Glebe! There have been so many exciting things happening around the school and I would like to share with you a summary of some of these events...

Year 6 in France

On October 1, our Year 6 children departed for a week in France led by four hugely-dedicated members of staff. The coach left school at 8.15am, with pupils and parents waving a fond farewell before the children made the journey to Criel-sur-Mer. Here they spent the week staying in the gorgeous Château de Chantereine.



The itinerary for the week included a visit to WWI battlefields, a guided tour of Rouen, croissant making (well done to Gabriel who was awarded Star Baker!), a trip to Nausicaa (the National Sea Centre) and a tour of an orchard.



The children also went to Dieppe where they were given a guided tour of the town before enjoying some downtime and a picnic on the beach. The weather was fabulous and the children had a wonderful time playing games and skimming stones.

Huge thanks to Mr Austin, Mrs Tate, Ms Mansfield and Mrs Harman for accompanying the children on this trip! The pupils were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe whilst they were in France and, during their stay, we received glowing feedback from Kingswood about the visit – the Tweet below is testament to their fabulous attitude during the residential. Well done, all!



Fabulous FOGG Jumble Sale

On Saturday 29 September FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) hosted the autumn jumble sale in the school hall, selling clothing, toys and games, books, bric-a-brac and cakes and refreshments.

Thank you to all FOGG members and school staff who helped organise this event. Your dedication is hugely appreciated and you helped to raise over £1200 for Girton Glebe Primary School – an amazing achievement!

Thanks also to parents, carers and members of the local community who came out to support this event by purchasing items from the jumble sale, funds from which will help us to provide further opportunities for the children attending our school. The jumble sale was incredibly well attended and it was lovely to see so many people out in support of Girton Glebe Primary School. Thank you!

Visitors in School

As you are aware, it is one of our key safeguarding duties to ensure that school staff know which visiting adults are on site at any one time and this is the reason why visitors to assemblies etc are asked to sign in at the school office. With this in mind, I appreciate that at the beginning and end of the day this is slightly more challenging, especially if you simply need to pop in to collect an item from your child's tray or peg.

I would like to ensure that all parents and carers feel welcome in school at any time but, in consideration of our safeguarding duty, I request that you please ask your child's class teacher or teaching assistant before entering the building so that all adults and children can be accounted for if, for example, there were to be a fire alarm at these peak times. Thank you in advance for your understanding of this matter.

Korfball Tournament

On Saturday 29 September, four of our pupils attended an under 11s Korfball tournament at Cambridge Regional College. Korfball is a fantastic team sport that contains elements of both netball and basketball where mixed teams of boys and girls compete to score a korf (shooting a ball through a hoop).

Our team played for almost two hours and received much praise for their teamwork and their improvement throughout the tournament. They were fantastic ambassadors for Girton Glebe and truly modelled our Core Values. Many thanks to Mr Russell for accompanying the children.

School Development

Over the last fortnight, staff meetings have focussed on strategies to improve spelling and work on the computing curriculum, with a particular emphasis on algorithms.

P4C Questions

Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported us by discussing our weekly P4C (Philosophy for Children) questions at home. For the next fortnight, our lead questions will be as follows:

w/c October 8: If you keep doing something will you get better at it?

w/c October 15: Who is responsible for looking after the sea?

Forest School Activities

Our Forest School area has been its usual hive of activity with both Ash and Maple classes working alongside their teachers and Mr Smart to complete a range of tasks.

Maple have been making their own magic wands linked to their work on Harry Potter and have also built a wonderful array of shelters!



Diary Dates

Autumn Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Lime: 19 October

Maple: 2 November

Cherry: 9 November

Birch: 23 November

Year 3 Invasion Games Skills at IVC: Thursday 11 October (0900 – 1200)

Inset: Monday 8 October (School closed)

Parent Consultations:

Tuesday 9 October (1530 – 1900)

Thursday 11 October (1530 – 1800)

Harvest Festival: Friday 12 October (0900 – New EYFS parents invited)

Year 5 Grafham Residential: 17 – 19 October

Year 6 SATs Information Meeting: Tuesday 30 October (1800 – 1830)

Half term - 22 - 26 October

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher