



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 4

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Over the final fortnight, pupils from Girton Glebe Primary have taken part in a range of amazing activities. Please read on to see what our children and staff have been involved in.

Year 5 Grafham Residential

Between 17 and 19 October, our Year 5 pupils visited Grafham Water Centre for three days of action-packed outdoor adventuring! Accompanied by four members of school staff, the children took part in a range of challenging activities designed to push them outside of their comfort zones and to develop their teamwork skills.



During their visit, children and staff completed high-wire climbing activities, kayaked across the lake, built rafts, enjoyed a morning of stand-up paddle boarding and completed a 6-mile bike ride.



The children had a fabulous time at Grafham and worked incredibly well together to complete such demanding tasks! Many thanks to Miss Pyle, Miss Browne, Mr Smart and Mr Simpson for accompanying the group on this residential.

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to all family members and friends who joined us for our harvest festival assembly on Friday 12 October. The assembly was opened by the school choir before our children performed a range of songs in classes, and together as a school.

Ash class did a fabulous job of performing *High up in the Apple Tree* in their first ever whole-school assembly and Year 6 closed the performances with an incredibly thought-provoking poem which they had written themselves.

Thank you for your generous food donations, which have now been sent to Jimmy's in Cambridge.

Play Leader Training

On Thursday 11 October, our Year 5 children received training to become Play Leaders. This role will see a group of children from Year 5 out on the Key Stage 1 playground at lunchtime delivering games to support children during the break.

On the day, they discussed the importance of their role and how they will be able to support the KS1 children at lunch time through games to enable them to have fun, whilst developing social skills. It was a fantastic day and the children are all really excited about starting their new roles!



Bikeability

Between 15 and 19 October, our Year 6 pupils took part in Bikeability training led by staff from Outspoken in order to improve their cycling proficiency and confidence on the roads.

The initial Level 1 training was delivered on the playground where the children learnt basic competences and bike control before progressing to Level 2, which took place on the local roads. Here, the children learnt a range of manoeuvres designed to help them stay safe in traffic.

Year 3 Invasion Games Tournament

On the morning of Thursday 11 October, our Year 3 pupils travelled to Impington Village College to take part in an invasion games tournament alongside children from other local primaries.

Our children were grouped with pupils from Oakington and, throughout the morning, completed games designed to develop their skills in netball, football and tag rugby. All skills sessions were led by students from IVC, who refereed a number of competitive matches before the tournament closed. Well done to all children for taking part with such enthusiasm and determination.

Year 4 Go Greek

On October 15, our Year 4 pupils travelled to Cambridge to visit The Museum of Classical Architecture in support of their topic work on the Ancient Greeks. The children listened to classic Greek stories before visiting the replica casts of ancient statues – they particularly enjoyed seeing Medusa, Athena and Hercules!

The children had a picnic in the university grounds and did a fabulous job of walking across the city in spite of the terrible weather!

P4C Questions

Over the next fortnight, our lead Philosophy for Children questions will be as follows:

w/c October 29: If you had a different name would you be a different person?

w/c November 5: What's the difference between telling a lie and keeping a secret?

School Development

Over the last fortnight, the senior leadership team have been looking at standards in writing across the school. After the half-term break, training will be focussed on whole-school progress data and provision for pupils with dyspraxia.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Maple: 2 November

Year 5 Grafham Assembly: 9 November

Birch: 23 November

Half term - 22 - 26 October

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

Open Day: Tuesday 6 Nov (1400 – 1500 and 1800 – 1900)

Maple Class Cake Sale: Friday 9 November

Supporting Maths Workshop for Parents: Friday 16 November (0900 – 1000)

FOGG Christmas Fair: Saturday 24 November (1400 – 1600)

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala at IVC: Tuesday 4 December (1000 – 1145)

KS1 Performance: Friday 7 December (am & pm performances)

EYFS Nativity: Friday 14 December (am)

Carol Concert: Wednesday 19 December (0900)

I hope you have a relaxing half-term break and look forward to welcoming you back on October 22.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher