



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 5

Friday 9 November 2018

The second half of the autumn term is now in full swing and there have been many exciting things happening at Girton Glebe Primary School. Please read on for a round-up of our latest news...

Staffing Update

After 13 month's service at Girton Glebe, Miss Browne has decided to move on to seek pastures new and will be leaving us at February half-term.

We will be interviewing for this post before the Christmas break and more news will follow once an appointment has been made.

I would like to thank Miss Browne for all her hard work in the time that she has been with us and wish her well in her future endeavours.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to Mrs Knowler who has announced that she is expecting her second child and will begin her maternity leave at Easter. We are currently making arrangements for the cover of this post and will update you once this has been finalised.

Girton Glebe Open Day

Many thanks to all who came out to share our open day sessions with us this week. There was a wonderful atmosphere around school and the classrooms and corridors looked lovely – well done to all staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing for this event! Thanks also to all children who gave up their evenings to come back and support us during the late session.

We were joined by a nice mixture of both present and prospective parents and, during the afternoon session, were also given a short presentation by Mr Ryan Kelsall, Principal of Impington Village College.

Well done to all of our Year 6 ambassadors, who did an exceptional job of showing prospective parents around the school: your enthusiasm and impeccable manners made a great impression! We are very proud of you all! Many thanks to FOGG for providing refreshments during both sessions: it is always a pleasure to see you in school!

Remembrance

Thank you to all children, parents and carers who have supported us in raising money for the Poppy Appeal. Our Year 6 children have done a fabulous job of selling poppies around school this week and were magnificent ambassadors for Girton Glebe as they attended the cenotaph on Friday 9 to observe a minute's silence. It has been lovely to see so many children wearing poppies around school in support of this cause – well done all!

NSPCC E-Safety Workshop

Following the previous communication via Parentmail, a reminder that on November 13 at 1400 the NSPCC and O2 will be delivering a free e-safety workshop for parents and carers in the school hall.

The workshop will last for approximately one hour and is designed to help parents understand their child's online world and build confidence in having those important conversations that can keep children safe online. It will also help you to know where to go to seek advice.

I look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Supporting Maths at Home Workshop

A reminder that next Friday morning we will be hosting a maths workshop designed to assist parents and carers in supporting maths at home. The session will also give you an insight into 'mastery' teaching and how the curriculum is delivered throughout school.

Following a 30-minute presentation in the hall, you will then have the opportunity to visit your child in the classroom and see some of these strategies being put into practice.

P4C Questions

w/c November 12: Would you still be you if everyone else in the world thought you were someone else?

w/c November 19: Can anything be art?

Children in Need

Children in Need 2018 is just around the corner and the School Council have decided that, in order to show support and raise funds for this event, Girton Glebe will be having a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 16 November.

The children are invited to come to school with crazy hair, a wild wig or a wacky hat. If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need, please send this in to school with your child so that they can give it to their class teacher.

Year 6 English Challenge

Congratulations to Skye, Ben, Toby and Dylan for representing Girton Glebe during the final heat of the Cambridgeshire Year 6 English Challenge. The event, hosted at Girton Glebe, saw our pupils compete against eight other schools across four hugely competitive rounds, which tested their knowledge of literature and forms of writing.

Our team finished just outside of the top three but was awarded a certificate for the highest score in the Horrible Histories round! Well done, Fab Four!

Christmas Concert

Just a note for you to save the date of December 17, when we will be hosting a Christmas concert in the school hall with a programme comprising of performances from the orchestra, choir, guitar orchestra and other instrumentalists. The concert will take place at 1800 with further details to follow later this month.

School Development

Over the last fortnight, the senior leadership team has been looking at standards in maths and homework across the school. Staff meetings have focussed on developing conceptual and procedural variation in maths and this week we received training on strategies to support children with dyspraxia.

Steel Bones

On October 31 we were joined by Limitless Games from the charity Steel Bones who delivered an assembly on sporting provision for people with disabilities.

The team then spent the morning working with Lime and Maple, where the children were given the opportunity to experience a number of inclusive sports including football for the visually impaired and sit-down volleyball.

Alternative Arrangements for Collection

We are aware that, at times, it is necessary to make alternative arrangements for other adults to collect your children from school.

Under such circumstances, we request that you support us with our safeguarding duty and inform us by telephone or email advising who you are applying this permission to. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Violin Lessons

We currently have space to accommodate three new pupils for violin lessons led by Cambridgeshire Music Service.

If you would like further information on this then please contact the team on cm@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Diary Dates

NSPCC E-Safety Workshop: Tuesday 13 November (1400)

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

Children in Need Crazy Hair: Friday 16 November

Birch Class Assembly: Friday 23 November (0900)

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

Year 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country Competition: Thursday 29 November (0900 – 1245)

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)

Christmas Concert: Monday 17 December (1800)

Carol Concert: Wednesday 19 December (0900)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher