



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 7

Friday 7 December 2018

As the autumn term draws itself to a close, Girton Glebe Primary has been its usual hive of activity with many exciting things happening in and around school. Please read on for a round-up of our latest news...

## FOGG Events

This year's Friends of Girton Glebe (FOGG) Christmas Fair was an amazing success, with the hall and classrooms filled with festive stalls and activities to raise money for the school.

Amongst our stalls, we had Santa's grotto, a tombola, mulled wine and mince pies, festive games and an array of beautiful homemade arts and crafts to purchase.

The event was incredibly well attended and visitors were treated to two wonderful carol performances by the Girton Community Choir and the school choir, which was led by Miss Browne.

I must extend our gratitude to FOGG who raised a record-breaking £2003 for the school at this event. Girton Glebe is so incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive parent body and the work that FOGG do is an invaluable support to the provision we offer in our classrooms.

During the Christmas Fair, FOGG were presented with a cheque for £2627 from Paul and the management at The Co-op from their Local Community Fund; our thanks once again for the continued support from our local store.

Huge thanks to all staff, pupils, parents, carers and members of the community who came out in support of this event; we could not have done it without you.

The next big FOGG event will be the tree-shredding fundraiser on Sunday 6 January. This will be held at Girton Glebe between 1200 and 1400.

In addition to tree shredding, there will be also be wheelie bin cleaning, a repair café, allotment society refreshments and children's activities on offer. Please come along and support the first FOGG event of 2019!

## Cross-Country at Wimpole

On Thursday 6 December, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Cambridgeshire Cross-Country Competition at Wimpole Hall, where our pupils competed against children from other schools within their respective year groups.

After the previous week's cancellation, the weather was kind to our runners, who completed the mile-long course in spectacular surroundings, taking to the trails in front of Wimpole Hall.



Congratulations to all of the children who took part in the event and a special 'well done' to Ella in Year 5 who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in her race.

Many thanks to all staff and parent volunteers for accompanying the children at this event and huge thanks to all of our runners: you were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary School and we are very proud of you all!

## School Development

Over the last fortnight, staff meetings have focussed on moderation for maths and writing, with teachers comparing judgements to support their end-of-term assessments.

## Swimming Success

On Tuesday 4 December, a group of Year 5 & 6 children took part in a swimming gala at Impington Village College and spent the morning competing against other schools in a range of disciplines.

The children took part in breast stroke, freestyle, t-shirt and float races and ended the morning finishing first overall ahead of Histon Juniors and Oakington Primary.

Congratulations to all who took part and many thanks, as always, to the wonderful staff who accompanied our swimmers at this event.



## Prickly Hay

Congratulations to our children in Years 1 & 2 who have been performing their Christmas production, *Prickly Hay*, this week. The dress rehearsal on Wednesday was superb and this was followed by two fabulous performances on Friday 7.

The performance saw our pupils retell the Christmas tale alongside the story of Sam, the stable boy, who wanted nothing more than to keep his stable clean.

Our children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and rehearse the range of wonderfully catchy songs. They performed brilliantly over the two shows and did themselves proud! Well done to all of our children and many thanks to our Key Stage 1 staff for their hard work in putting the story together.

## Carol Concert

On Wednesday 19 December, we will be holding our annual Christmas Carol Concert in the school hall. This will begin shortly after 0900 and will see pupils from across the school performing a range of contemporary and traditional carols. The guitar group will also be performing at this event.

The concert is open to all parents and carers, although we must limit attendance to an audience of no more than 50 adults. If you would like to attend this concert, please

contact the school office by phone or email and staff will reserve a space for you (limited to a maximum of two seats per family on a first come, first served basis).

## Library Books

A gentle reminder to return all school library books before the end of term, as we would hate for them to get muddled up with any new books Father Christmas might bring.

The library computer system allows all pupils to borrow a maximum of 3 books for a 3 week period. So if you have more than 3 books on loan, the computer will not let you borrow anymore books until the old ones have been returned.

Children should put all returned books on the blue trolley in the library. Thank you in advance for your support in returning these books.

## Christmas Unwrapped

On Wednesday 5 December, our Year 5 pupils spent the afternoon at Girton Baptist Church for their Christmas Unwrapped session.

Throughout the afternoon, the children completed a range of arts & crafts activities and learnt about the significance of the Christingle orange and the meaning of advent. They also took part in Christmas quizzes and came away with some rather delicious cupcakes.

## P4C Question

w/c December 10: Who owns the sky?

## Diary Dates

**EYFS Nativity:** Friday 14 December (0930)

**Christmas Concert:** Monday 17 December (1800)

**Carol Concert:** Wednesday 19 December (0900)

## Christmas Wishes

This will be the final issue of the school newsletter before the end of term so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas on behalf of everyone at Girton Glebe Primary School and to thank you for the continued support you have shown this term.

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

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