



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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With the Spring Term well and truly underway, there have been many exciting things taking place at Girton Glebe Primary School. Please read on for a round-up of some of the things which have been taking place in and around school over the last two weeks...

Tree Shredding

Many thanks to FOGG and members of the local community for hosting such a successful Christmas tree shredding event on Sunday 6 January.

It was incredibly well-attended and raised a total of £494 for the school, with the team shredding 140 trees in total! Such wonderful support is always greatly appreciated.

Well done to all who organised this fundraiser and many thanks to members of the community for turning out in support of this event.

ArtsMark Gold!

Last week we received our Gold ArtsMark accreditation from the Arts Council in recognition of the broad, balanced and creative curriculum that we provide to our pupils at Girton Glebe.

This accreditation reflects the on-going commitment to arts and cultural education across the school and acknowledges the impact that engagement in high-quality arts has had on our pupils.

We are delighted to have this achievement officially recognised and I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and dedication throughout this process.

Forest School Activities

Our children have been incredibly busy in the forest and allotment this term, with pupils from across the school enjoying a range of outdoor activities.

Ash class have been harvesting, washing and peeling the potatoes that they planted in our allotment before cooking them over an open fire with Mr Smart.



This week, Oak & Lime have been creating their own outdoor games using natural resources. Lime have also been devising rules to go with our five school Core Values and have used their Comfort Zone logs to set challenges for themselves for the remainder of the term.

Assemblies

This week, our children were treated to two wonderful assemblies led by members of the school community.

On Monday, Mr Wright led the school orchestra through a number of their most recent pieces, showcasing the excellent work that they have been doing to the rest of the school.

The school orchestra is open to all instrumentalists and there is no charge for taking part in these sessions. Lessons run between 1315 and 1400 on Friday afternoons. If you would like your child to join the orchestra, please let the school office know.

On Tuesday morning, Francesca De Angeli introduced the work that she has been doing on creating a three-dimensional map of the galaxy using the Gaia telescope. The children raised some fabulous questions and the assembly provoked much discussion back in the classrooms.

Thank you to both Peter and Francesca for their time in leading these two assemblies.

School Development

Last week's staff meetings focused on developing activities and strategies for developing children's mental health and wellbeing.

This week, staff revisited strategies for providing feedback and explored more strategies to promote *Expert Learning* based on the work of Gordon Stobart.

P4C Questions

21.1.19: Can one person change the world?

28.1.19: Can I think myself happy?

Children's Mental Health Week



**Children's
Mental Health
Week 2019**
4-10 Feb #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek
ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk

We are pleased to be supporting Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week during 4 – 10 February with this year's theme being *Healthy: Inside & Out*.

This theme aims to encourage young people and adults to look after their bodies and minds.

When we think about healthy living, we tend to focus on looking after our bodies – healthy eating, being active and getting enough sleep. However, in order to be healthy overall, it is important that we look after our mental wellbeing too.

The week will be focused on highlighting to the children that our bodies and minds are closely linked, so that the things that we do to improve our physical wellbeing can help our mental wellbeing as well.

Throughout the week, staff will be completing a range of exciting activities with our pupils that are designed to help them develop sustainable strategies to support their wellbeing.

For more information, including resources for parents and carers, please see www.ChildrensMentalHealthWeek.org.uk

Diary Dates

Spring Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Willow: 15 March

Oak: 22 March

Ash: 5 April

Inset: Monday 28 January (School closed)

O2 Young Voices Concert: Tuesday 29 January

Children's Mental Health Week: 4 – 8 February

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 5 February

Parent Consultations:

Tuesday 12 February (1530 – 1900)

Thursday 14 February (1530 – 1800)

Dental Screening Checks (EYFS): Thursday 14 February

Half term: Monday 18 – Friday 22 February

Author Workshops with Classes: Wednesday 6 March

World Book Day: Thursday 7 March

Author Workshops with Classes: Friday 8 March

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher