

Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 10

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The last fortnight has been an incredibly exciting time at Girton Glebe Primary School and the classrooms have been their usual hive of activity. Please read on for a round-up of our recent highlights...

Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that, on Friday 25 January, we appointed Miss Rorie Jolly to the post of Maple class teacher.

Miss Jolly is relocating to Cambridge from Birmingham and, due to the logistics of this move, will not be available to join us full-time until March 18. However, she will be visiting the school on March 12 and 15 to meet the children and staff.

In the interim, Maple will be taught by Lucy Walker, a very experienced teacher known to Girton Glebe. Lucy will spend two days with Miss Browne and Maple class on February 5 and 6 in readiness for her start on February 25.

I am also delighted to announce that, this week, we appointed Mrs Ozgur Cawley to cover Mrs Knowler's maternity leave after the Easter break.

Girton Glebe at the O2

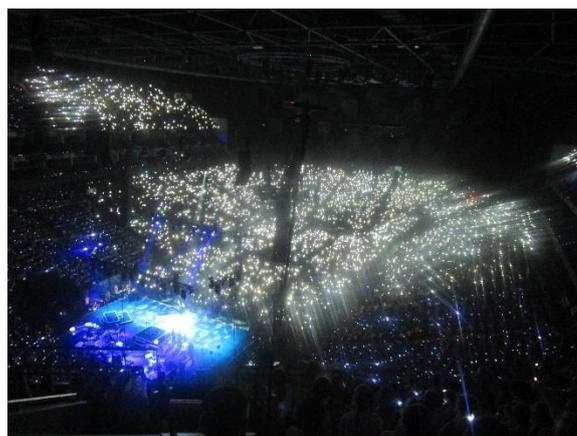
On Tuesday 29 January our Year 5 & 6 pupils travelled to the O2 Arena in London, accompanied by an army of dedicated staff and volunteers to take part in the Young Voices school choir concert.



The concert was the culmination of months of practise and our pupils joined thousands of children from other schools across the south of England to perform a range of songs in front of a packed house of parents, family and friends.



The Young Voices events are recognised as the largest school choir concerts in the world and children from all over the UK have been taking part in performances at venues in London, Manchester, Sheffield and Birmingham.



The Girton Glebe choir sang magnificently well and were fabulous ambassadors for the school. It was an incredibly long day, with coaches arriving back at school at 11.20pm and I must extend enormous thanks to Miss Browne, Miss Evans, Miss Pyle and Mrs Howlett for accompanying the children on the day. It was a mammoth task but the children had such an amazing time - I am sure that they will remember this experience for a long, long time!

Antarctica Day Posters

Congratulations to Jessie, Coco B, Merryn, Kirsty and Finley for their fabulous Antarctica Day posters which, this week, we learned had travelled to Ross Island with a researcher named Daniela Liggett.



The children's posters are amongst the collection photographed above, side-by-side with those submitted by other primary-aged children from across the world!

FOGG Pond & Helping Hands Day

On Sunday 10 February there will be a pond clearing-out and helping hands day: drop in anytime and stay for an hour or more, between 10am and 4pm. Refreshments will be supplied by FOGG.

Sign up via Doodle here: <https://tinyurl.com/ycbdpxme> or simply come along on the day. Thank you in advance for your support with this event!

FOGG Quiz Night

Put the date in your diary and get your brains into trivia mode as the FOGG Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 16 March (doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm start).

Tickets will cost £4 each and will be available on the playground and at the School Office from 25th February.

Mural Painting

Work started today on a mural outside Smartkidz and Ash class as street artist Tim Shuker-Yates began the background for a forest-inspired piece, funded by FOGG.

The finished work, spanning the length of the wall, will contain images of woodland animals suggested by the pupils of Girton Glebe.

Tim is scheduled to return to school next Friday to complete the piece and we cannot wait to see the finished article! Examples of Tim's work can be found at:

<http://globalstreetart.com/abide>

P4C Questions

4.2.19: Can kindness change the world?

11.2.19: Can you lie to yourself?

School Development

This week's Inset training day focussed on developing procedural variation in approaches to teaching Mastery Maths and allowed staff the time to continue their work on developing their own practice through peer-to-peer support.

Last Thursday, Miss Pyle, Miss Evans and I were fortunate enough to visit Warboys Primary School in order to observe two teachers from Shanghai deliver maths lessons to pupils in years 2 and 5.

A Global Assembly

Many thanks to James Whittle for delivering an inspirational assembly to our pupils on Thursday 31 January. James kindly answered a plea made in Girton Parish News asking for ex-pupils to return to school to share stories of their lives post-Girton Glebe.

James told us of his journeys around the world and showed us many pictures of the work he was involved in with disadvantaged communities across the globe. The assembly stimulated a lot of debate in classrooms throughout the day and provoked thought about the opportunities we are afforded in the UK.

Diary Dates

Spring Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Willow: 15 March

Oak: 22 March

Ash: 5 April

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher