

# Girton Glebe Newsletter

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We have had a range of exciting visitors in school over the last couple of weeks who have enriched the wonderful work which has been taking place within the classrooms at Girton Glebe Primary. Please read on for a round-up of the last fortnight's news and events...

## FOGG Pond Party

Many thanks to members of our FOGG committee for putting aside two hours of their Sunday morning on February 10 to clean out our pond area and surrounding garden.



We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful outdoor learning environment at Girton Glebe and appreciate the support of our parent community in preparing this space for the children to extend their studies beyond the classroom.

## A Trip Back in Time

On Thursday 14 February, our Year 4 and 5 pupils took part in a Stone Age workshop led by Professor Vander Linden from the Department of Archaeology at the University of Cambridge.

The children had the opportunity to find out all about being an archaeologist, including which tools archaeologists use and how they go about finding objects from the past. They found out about how we can use these artefacts to learn more about how people used to live.

In addition to this, they had the opportunity to look at different items that have been found in the area and asked many questions about these artefacts.

Thank you to Professor Vander Linden for volunteering his time and knowledge to inspire our children!

## Forest Mural

As you may have read on the last newsletter, Tim and Jamie began work on our forest mural along the wall outside Ash class on February 1.



The artists were due to return last Friday to add animals to this scene. However, they were thwarted by the 50mph winds which weren't conducive to using spray cans!

The animals, suggested by pupils at Girton Glebe, will now be added on Sunday 17 February, so the work will be completed by the time that our children return from the half-term break. Many thanks to FOGG for funding this wonderful piece of art!

## Family Support Worker

Next half-term, Maria Lam, our Family Support Worker will be changing the times that she works at Girton Glebe to 1445 – 1700 each Wednesday.

If you would like to contact Maria, she can be reached via email at [mlam@ivc.tmet.org.uk](mailto:mlam@ivc.tmet.org.uk) or call or text on 07921 258 532

## P4C Questions

**25.2** – What happens to numbers when you are not using them?

**4.3** – At what age do you think people become adults?

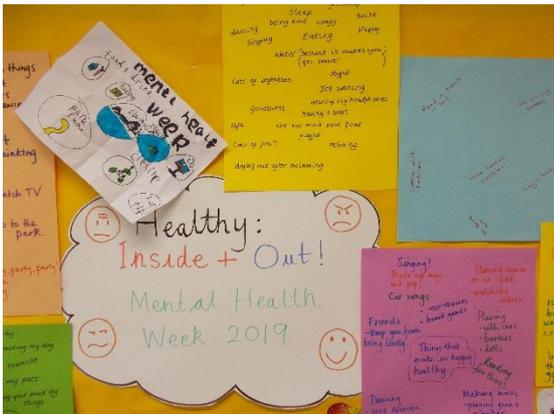
## School Development

Over the last fortnight, staff meetings have focussed on preparations for Children's Mental Health Week and Book Week. Staff have also spent time considering strategies to develop teaching beyond the classroom, using the outdoors to support wellbeing.

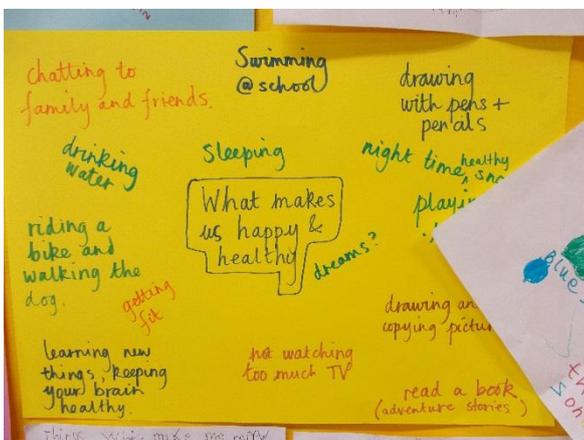
Senior leaders have spent time monitoring writing across the school and the implementation of the wider curriculum.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Last week, we were proud to support Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week. As you may already know, this year's theme was *Healthy: Inside & Out* and our children spent lots of time in their classrooms identifying ways in which they could keep both their bodies and minds healthy.



Alongside their teachers, the children completed a range of exciting activities designed to help them develop sustainable strategies to support their wellbeing.



The theme inspired many thought-provoking questions and discussions and the work that was produced provides a springboard for our pupils as we continue to support them with their physical and mental wellbeing.

Please ask your children about some of the strategies they learnt during this week of work, and continue to support them with these strategies at home.

## Diary Dates

### Spring Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

**Oak:** 22 March

**Willow:** 29 March **Please note this change of date**

**Ash:** 5 April

**School Reopens:** Monday 25 February

**Girton Musical Theatre Assembly:** Tuesday 26 February

**Author Visit:** Wednesday 6 March

**World Book Day:** Thursday 7 March (Children to dress up as their favourite book characters)

**Author Visit:** Friday 8 March

**FOGG Spring Jumble Sale:** Saturday 9 March

**Red Nose Day:** Friday 15 March

**FOGG Quiz Night:** Saturday March 16 (1900)

**Music Live Assembly & Workshops:** Tuesday 19 March

**Science Week:** 25 – 29 March

**Big Pedal:** 25 March – 5 April

**Easter Break:** 8 – 22 April

**Inset (School Closed):** Tuesday 23 April

**School Reopens:** Wednesday 24 April

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher