



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Pupils at Girton Glebe have been hard at work and there have been a wealth of exciting activities taking place around school, from themed events to special projects. Please read on for a round-up of the last fortnight's news and events...

Staffing Update

As you may be aware, Mr Russell has been absent from Oak class since late November through an extended period of illness. Following this period of absence Tom has unfortunately made the decision to leave both Girton Glebe and the teaching profession in order to support his journey to recovery.

We extend our best wishes to Tom and his family and I would like to thank you all for your patience and support during this difficult period. I know that Tom has really appreciated all of the kind words which have been sent his way.

We aim to appoint a permanent member of staff to this post for the beginning of the summer term and, in the interim, Oak class will continue to be taught by Ms Barber and Mrs Clark.

The Mural is Complete!

As you will be aware from my previous newsletter, completion of the mural outside Ash class was thwarted before half term due to high winds!

During the break, Tim and Jamie returned to put the finishing touches to this piece of art which can be seen, in all of its glory, in the images below.



We think that Tim and Jamie did a fabulous job of this mural and extend special thanks to FOGG for funding the artwork.

Academisation Consultation

Further to the ParentMail that was circulated on Monday morning regarding the academisation consultation, I would like to invite you to an additional meeting on Monday 18 March where we will have the opportunity to discuss the questions raised during this process, and the proposed reasons for moving away from the Local Authority, in greater detail.

The meeting will take place at 1830 in the school hall. Please see the ParentMail communication to access questions, alongside their responses, from FOGG and school staff.

Mr Smart Goes Wild in Eastbourne

This week, Adam Smart attended the National Playwork Conference in Eastbourne, completing a range of interesting and inspiring workshops around play for after-school, holiday and school playtimes.

Smartkidz had also nominated itself for The Frontline in Playwork award. The award was looking for organisations that go above and beyond the playwork principles to offer stimulating and engaging play spaces. In total, 13 organisations from across the UK were nominated for the award.

Smartkidz Play and Learn was shortlisted as one of the top 3 settings and were placed against Gwealen Tops Adventure, Cornwall and Playground Play from Gloucestershire, which offers outdoor play projects within urban and rural

communities. Unfortunately, Smartkidz didn't win the overall award. However we are so proud that they were shortlisted alongside other truly amazing and inspiring projects from across the United Kingdom.

Congratulations to Adam and his team at Smartkidz for continuing to offer such unique opportunities in our outdoor space!



World Book Day and Author Visits

This week we were incredibly privileged to welcome two established authors to school in support of World Book Day which took place on Thursday 7 March.

On Wednesday 6, David Lucas, author of *The Robot and the Bluebird* and other titles, delivered an assembly to the whole school before spending the day with classes leading workshops on character design and story structure.



On Friday 8 March, children in Key Stage 1 were visited by Gillian McClure, author of *Dog on Wheels*. Over the course of the morning the children were taught various crafts for story writing and learnt a great deal from an experienced and talented author.

In between these author visits, Girton Glebe celebrated World Book Day by inviting pupils to dress up as their favourite book characters. There was such a wonderful array of costumes on display around the school and I would like to thank all who took part in this event for making it such a vibrant, exciting day!



Throughout the day, each class had the opportunity to visit the school library where they were given a World Book Day voucher which they could exchange for one of the special books provided for this event, courtesy of Heffers Bookshop.

P4C Questions

11.3.19 – Can you think about nothing at all?

18.3.19 – Are dreams real?

Diary Dates

· **Spring Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)**

Oak: 22 March

Willow: 29 March

Ash: 5 April

FOGG Spring Jumble Sale: Saturday 9 March

Red Nose Day: Friday 15 March

Academy Consultation Meeting: Monday 18 March (1830)

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

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher