

# Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 14

Friday 5 April 2019

Over the final fortnight of the Spring Term, Girton Glebe Primary School has hosted a range of exciting activities. Please read on to see what our pupils and staff have been doing...

## Active Planet Museum

On Thursday afternoon, the area around Lime class was buzzing with visitors who came to see the pupils' museum, set up to celebrate their work on The Active Planet. The classroom, library and corridors looked absolutely stunning and were filled with examples of the work that the children had completed over the last half term.

This consisted of everything from Hokusai-inspired art, information posters on earthquakes and diagrams of volcanoes! The afternoon concluded with the children erupting the volcanoes they had made out on the grass in front of an audience of parents, family and friends. We were also joined by Cllr Gerri Bird, Mayor of Cambridge, who came to visit the Active Planet Museum.

Thanks to FOGG, who provided refreshments in the museum's 'bakery', and well done to all pupils and parents for providing cakes to be sold during the afternoon.



The level of preparation that went in to Thursday afternoon was truly staggering and I must say an enormous thank you to all pupils in Lime as well as to Miss Evans and Mrs Harman for all of their hard work! What an incredible afternoon!



## Egg Rolling

Friday 5 April saw Girton Glebe pupils take part in their inaugural egg rolling event to celebrate the arrival of the Easter holidays.

The children gathered in the hall with their decorated eggs and took turns at rolling their shelled athletes down our precision ramp, crafted from sports equipment and duct tape.



Throughout the morning there were two prizes available per year group. One for Best Dressed Egg, which was judged by members of the School Council and the other for Best Racer, which was decided on the ramp.

The winning entries can be seen below!

	Best Dressed Egg	Best Racer
EYFS	Pattie	Laurie
Year 1	Alex	Michael
Year 2	Charlie	Freya
Year 3	Scarlett	Harley
Year 4	Merryn	Isabelle
Year 5	Finley	Hannah
Year 6	Skye	William



Well done to all children for your fabulous egg designs!

## Design a Sign

This week our School Council set the children the challenge of designing a road sign which will go outside Girton Glebe to encourage motorists to slow down and take care whilst passing school.

The designs should be completed on A3 paper and should contain bold colours and a clear message that will stand out to drivers on their commute. The deadline for entries is Friday 3 May.

The School Council will then pick a standout poster to be sent to the printers for the signs to be made.

## School Development

Over the final fortnight, staff meetings have focussed on shared writing moderation as teachers compare judgements of extended pieces at the end of term and have also provided opportunities for staff to plan together for the term ahead.

Senior leaders have spent time looking at progress across the school and planning class structures for the next academic year.

## The Big Pedal

Many thanks to all for taking part in this year's Big Pedal! Over the last fortnight, pupils have been logging human-powered journeys during morning registration and these figures have been entered on to a national database putting us in competition with other schools across the UK. Across the school, the classes registering the highest number of journeys were as follows:

1. Birch
2. Oak
3. Lime

Well done to Birch! With all journeys combined, Girton Glebe finished in 242<sup>nd</sup> place nationally and 20<sup>th</sup> regionally – thank you all for your support throughout The Big Pedal!

## Wear a Hat Day

Many thanks to all parents and carers for your donations in support of Wear a Hat Day. With your help, Girton Glebe raised £211 for Brain Tumour Research!

## Science Week

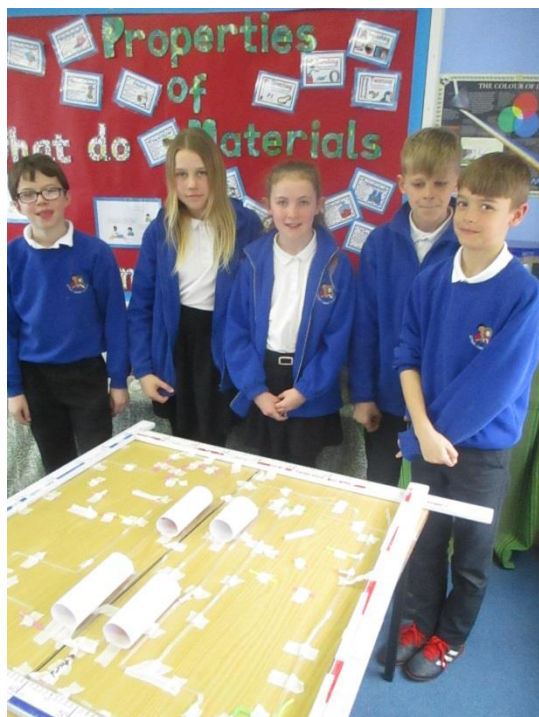
Last week, pupils at Girton Glebe took part in a range of exciting activities in support of science week. The week was launched with an assembly led by Jon Bonsor-Matthews, who talked to the children about engineering and showed them the journey that fuel takes before it reaches your car at the petrol station.

Throughout the week, the children were set a number of challenges and investigations which staff adapted to the different year groups across the school. These activities were as follows:

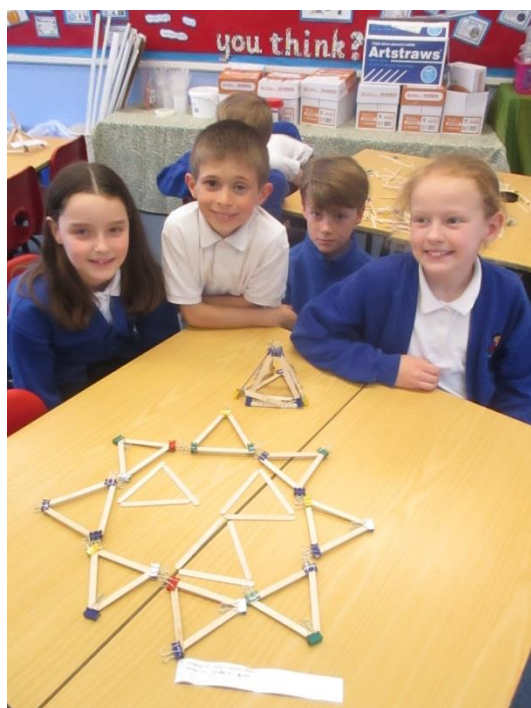
1. Using lollypop sticks, binder clips and pegs, make the tallest structure or the strongest structure possible
2. A Marbles and Playdoh STEM challenge.
3. Build a Da Vinci bridge with lollypop sticks and skewers.
4. Build the longest bridge with no internal support using blocks and lollypop sticks.
5. A Bridge challenge using art straws and masking tape.
6. Build a hex bug maze using straws, masking tape and paper.

Well done to all staff and pupils for their hard work throughout the week and many thanks to Jon for leading Monday's assembly. Thanks also to Mrs Storer for putting together the week's activities and providing the resources for staff to lead these sessions.

**Final day of term:** Wednesday 24 July



Some of our Year 6 pupils with their bug maze.



Lime pupils and their triangular structures.

## Summer Term Diary Dates

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

**School Reopens:** Wednesday 24 April

**May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 6 May

**Half term:** Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

**Inset:** Monday 3 June (School Closed)

### Summer Term Events

**Mike Mullen Mental Health Workshops:** Monday 29 April

**Class Photos:** Thursday 2 May

**Year 6 SATs Week:** Monday 13 – Thursday 16 May

**Lime Class Trip to Computer Museum:** Wednesday 15 May

### Half Term

**Ash Class Trip to Hunstanton:** Tuesday 4 June

**Pool Resus Training:** Wednesday 5 June (0900 & 1800 for parents)

**Year 6 Top-up Swimming Begins:** Tuesday 4 June (0930 – 1115)

**Sports Day:** Thursday 6 June (afternoon)

**Phonics Screening Tests:** Monday 10 June – Friday 14 June

**Year 4 Mini-Olympics:** Tuesday 18 June

**Impington VC Induction Days (Year 6):** Monday 24 June – Wednesday 26 June

**Oak & Willow Trip to Linton Zoo:** Wednesday 26 June

**Comberton VC Induction Days (Year 6):** Thursday 4 & Friday 5 July

**Reports Home:** Friday 12 July

**Feast Week Fete:** Saturday 13 July

**Moving-up Afternoons:** Monday 15 July & Monday 22 July (1330 – 1500)

**Report Drop-ins for Parents/Carers:** Tuesday 16 July & Wednesday 17 July (1530 – 1615)

**Key Stage 2 Performances:** Wednesday 17 July (1800) & Thursday 18 July (1800)

**Talent Show:** Friday 19 July (afternoon)

**Year 6 Leavers' Tea:** Tuesday 23 July (1700)

**Leavers' Assembly:** Wednesday 24 July (0900)

Have a fabulous Easter break and we will see you next term!

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher