



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Last week we welcomed our pupils back for the beginning of the Summer Term and already the school has been a hive of activity. As you will have seen on the list of dates which I circulated before Easter, the Summer Term is an incredibly busy time of year, and here is a round-up of the last fortnight's activities at Girton Glebe Primary School...

Staffing Update

At the end of the spring term we held interviews for Mr Russell's post in Oak class. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Emily Little to this position.

Mrs Little is currently contracted to another school and will join us from September. In the interim, Mrs Clark will continue to work alongside Ms Barber for the remainder of this academic year.

Mike Mullen Mental Wellbeing Workshops

On Monday 29 April we welcomed Mike Mullen from BMX Academy back to Girton Glebe for a second time.

Mike is a former BMX world champion who came to talk to our pupils last April about growth mindset learning and delivered a series of workshops on resilience. It was from these sessions that we stole his word 'flearning' – learning through failure.

This week Mike led an assembly centred on mental wellbeing and mindfulness and gave the children a number of strategies that they could use to calm their nerves and return to the moment when they are feeling anxious. These strategies were delivered alongside stories from Mike's career as a professional sportsman; it was illuminating to hear anecdotes of his own anxieties before performances.

Following the assembly, Mike performed a number of BMX students on the playground before he jumped over seven members of Girton Glebe staff. All staff were accounted for after this demonstration and no teachers were injured as a result of this activity.



Afterwards, Mike spent the day leading mindfulness and mental wellbeing workshops with some of our Key Stage 2 children. The children completed a range of teamwork activities and learnt numerous strategies for developing mindfulness.

Mike's work complements the techniques we are developing in class and builds on the foundations we set during Children's Mental Health Week earlier this year.

If you would like to find out more about Mike and the work he does in schools, please see the following link: <http://www.bmxacademy.com>



Mission: Impossible? Returns

Following the letter I circulated via ParentMail last week, I would like to take this opportunity to signpost the return of Mission: Impossible? for the summer term. As you will be aware, we ran a series of Mission: Impossible? challenges to raise money for Comic Relief. This term Mission: Impossible? returns with the sole intention of challenging our pupils' creativity.

This half-term's challenges and how to enter are outlined below:

1. **Dress up as a member of staff** – Take a photo and bring it in.
2. **Take a picture of yourself reading in an unusual place** – Take a photo and bring it in.
3. **Throw a teabag into a cup over the furthest distance** – Throw it, measure it, photograph it and bring in the photo.
4. **Attach as many clothes pegs to yourself as possible in one minute whilst blindfolded** – Count them, take a photo and bring it in.
5. **Paint a self-portrait whilst blindfolded** – Bring in the self-portrait.
6. **Make Mr Austin say the word "bubbles" without using the word yourself** – Try this in school between now and the end of the half-term.

Entries for challenges 1 – 5 should be submitted on Friday 24 May.

Good luck!

School Development

During the Inset day on Tuesday 23 April, staff spent time developing strategies for curriculum cohesion and also reviewed practices for overcoming barriers to learning.

At this week's staff meeting, teachers spent time working collaboratively to identify wider opportunities for extended writing across the curriculum.

Wall of Champions

At the beginning of this term we refreshed our Wall of Champions display in the school foyer. If you have any photos or certificates of your child taking part in competitions or activities outside of school that you would like us to include, please send them in! We have already received some fabulous photos and a certificate from Tess who took part in her artistic gymnastics exam recently!

Year 5 Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Dom, Bea, Freya and Abisaiyen who travelled to The Vine Primary, Cambourne on May 2 to

represent Girton Glebe in the heats of the Year 5 Maths Challenge.

Over 90 minutes, the children took part in a series of different rounds, each designed to challenge various aspects of mathematical understanding.

The team fought hard against the eleven other primaries in attendance and even came away with a commendation for the second round! Congratulations to our three mathematicians: they were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary!

Diary Dates

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May

Half term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Inset: Monday 3 June (school closed)

Final day of term: Wednesday 24 July

Summer Term Events

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

Leavers' Assembly: Wednesday 24 July (0900)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher