



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Friday 17 May 2019

We have had an incredibly busy fortnight at Girton Glebe Primary School, with our pupils involved in a range of exciting activities. Please read on for a round-up of recent events...

Lime Class Trip

On Wednesday 15 May, children in Lime Class had a fantastic day visiting the Centre for Computing History in Cambridge, which linked to their local history topic.

During this topic, the children have been learning about how Cambridge has been involved in the development of computers throughout the last century.



To finish off a brilliant day, the children spent some time playing retro video games in the Games Zone. Pac-man, Space Invaders and Tetris were all firm favourites!



The children received a guided tour of the museum and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions of their knowledgeable guides. They also learned more about coding and how this first began as Morse code.

The children then created their own lightbulb circuit and used this to send and receive their own coded messages to each other.

Lime Class used circuits again when experimenting with a 'Makey-Makey' to see if they could use ordinary household items to conduct electricity to control computer games. They discovered that bananas, carrots, Play-Doh and even our clothes could all conduct some electricity!



Many thanks to the Centre for Computing History for a wonderful visit. Well done to all of our pupils for representing Girton Glebe Primary School so admirably whilst off-site.

P4C Questions

20.5.19: Would you rather start school earlier or finish school later?

3.6.19: Would you rather be rich and unhappy or poor and happy?

Mission: Impossible? – Final Call!

Next Friday is the day on which children should submit their entries for this half term's Mission: Impossible? challenges. You have one week left to get your thinking caps on and, so far, nobody has managed to make Mr Austin say "bubbles".

As a reminder, the tasks are as follows:

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.

School Development

This week's staff meeting focussed on strategies to support the teaching of music and also allowed teachers time to share ideas for maximising our use of the outdoor environment.

Last week's staff meeting was spent planning the curriculum structure for the next academic year.

Over the last fortnight, senior leaders have focussed on the structure of the curriculum and the assessment of foundation subjects.

Well done, Year 6!

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for completing their Key Stage 2 SATs test this week!

The children have worked so hard in the lead up to these tests and approached each of the six papers with great confidence and determination. Well done to Mr Austin and Miss Tweddle for ensuring the children were so well-prepared for these tests and thank you to Mrs Cullen for her work in supporting our children since January.

Many thanks to Mr Smart and his colleagues in Smartkidz for providing breakfast for our children on the morning of each of the tests! Our pupils were fuelled with croissants and juice and the calm start to the day helped to prepare them for the task ahead.

Water, Hats & Sun Cream

A reminder that, as the weather gets warmer, it is advisable for the children to bring sun hats and drinks bottles to school to keep them cool throughout the day. The children may also bring sun cream with them in case they need to top up during the day.

Diary Dates

Half term: Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May

Inset: Monday 3 June (school closed)

Final day of term: Wednesday 24 July

Summer Term Events

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 (1345 on school field)

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

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)

Leavers' Assembly: Wednesday 24 July (0900)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher