



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

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The Summer Term is gathering pace and we are fast approaching the end of the academic year and, as usual, this is one of our busiest periods, with many visits and celebrations taking place around school. Please read on for a round-up of our most recent news and events...

## Year 4 Mini Olympics Event

On Tuesday 18 June, our Year 4 pupils took part in the annual Mini Olympics event at Wilberforce Road running track in Cambridge.

Alongside 1000 other children from in and around Cambridgeshire, Girton Glebe pupils competed in a wide variety of games and races, displaying determination and fantastic sportsmanship. Each of the schools attending were allocated a country to represent. In the lead up to the event, schools were asked to research their allotted country and find out about notable athletes from their 'home' nations. Girton Glebe represented China and the banner that the children created can be seen below.



The children had the chance to compete in a tug of war, run in numerous relays, complete team problem-solving challenges, practise their throwing, passing and dribbling, as well as develop their aim and precision with a game of boccia.

The event was organised and run by the South Cambs School Sports Partnership and each activity was led by a Youth Sports Leader.

The day was introduced by special guest Jade Windley, a former professional tennis player, which was very exciting.

The children showed fantastic effort and determination during the day and can be very proud of their achievements. Many thanks to all staff for helping on the trip and to the Sports Partnership for a wonderful event.

## Oak & Willow Visit Linton Zoo

On Wednesday 26 June, Oak and Willow spent the day at Linton Zoo in support of the work that they have been doing in science.

The children looked at where the animals came from in the world and what their natural habitats are. They saw a wide range of animals: from small cotton topped tamarins to large lions, as well as a colourful array of birds and reptiles.



The children then had a talk from the zoo keepers about four animals: a guinea pig called Cloud; a bearded dragon called Bertie; a giant snail and a small tortoise. The children got to stroke all four of these animals, but no lions were handled during the visit...thankfully.



The children had a fabulous day and it has been wonderful to see the work that they have already been producing in school, inspired by their trip to Linton Zoo.

Many thanks to all staff and volunteers for accompanying the children on this trip!

## School Development

Over the last fortnight, staff meetings have focussed on English and assessment. On Thursday 20 June we were visited by a member of the Local Authority's English team who came to deliver a session on developing sentence-level work to our staff and this week teachers completed moderation of writing to inform end-of-year judgements.

## P4C

**1.7.19:** When does a stick become a branch?

**8.7.19:** Would you prefer to win a game but lose a friend or lose a game and win a friend?

## Parent/Carer Survey 2019

Thank you to all who have already completed our 2019 Parent/Carer survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

We have extended the deadline for this survey to Friday 5 June and, if you have a few minutes to spare, we would greatly appreciate your time in completing this via the following link:

[https://eSurv.org?s=MMKNHK\\_4dd8060a](https://eSurv.org?s=MMKNHK_4dd8060a)

## AstraZeneca Energy Challenge

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who represented Girton Glebe Primary in the AstraZeneca Energy Challenge at Cambourne Community Centre earlier this month.



A team of scientists from Year 6 attended the event to share the posters that they created in school, whilst working with outreach staff from Astra Zeneca and Mrs Storer.

All of our Year 6 pupils have been working on the Energy Challenge during science lessons in school and this project, led by AstraZeneca, is designed to help children recognise the impact of diet and exercise on their bodies. More information can be found at:

<https://theenergychallenge.co.uk/>

Well done to all pupils for their contribution towards this challenge and huge thanks to the budding scientists who represented us on the day! Thanks also to Miss Tweddle for accompanying the children and to Mrs Storer for coordinating this event.

## Diary Dates

**Year 5 Banners Parade at Girton College:** Sunday 30 June

**FOGG Swimathon:** Mon 1 – Fri 5 July

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

**Reports Home:** Friday 12 July

**Girton Feast 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)

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

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher