



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 3

Friday 11 October 2019

What a busy fortnight we have had at Girton Glebe! There have been so many exciting things happening around the school: please read on for a summary of these events!

Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that this week we appointed Mrs Kaila Daw to the role of Year 1 teacher, sharing the vacant position with Ms Barber.

Mrs Daw will be in school the first week after half-term to complete a transition alongside Mrs Cook and Ms Barber and will start officially the following week on November 4.

France Preparations

This week our staff and pupils have been making final preparations for the Year 6 residential to France which takes place next week.

The children will leave Girton by coach at 0830 on Monday, accompanied by Mr Simpson, Mr Austin, Miss Jolly and Ms Mansfield. They are due to spend a week exploring Rouen, Dieppe and World War One battlefields before returning to school on Friday afternoon.

I am sure that the children will have a fabulous time and will return on Friday ready for a relaxing half-term break!

Parent Governor Vacancies

Just a reminder that we currently have vacancies for the role of parent governor at Girton Glebe.

Governors are responsible for the strategic direction and financial management of the school, holding the school to account. This is an exciting new phase for us as this year we will be in transition as we move towards joining the Morris Education Trust. The school has had excellent end of year results and with an Ofsted rating of Good we continue to work towards improved outcomes for our pupils.

We have an excellent team of committed and enthusiastic staff and we are looking for parents who would like to join our team and help us focus on teaching and learning.

To find out more, please call the school office to arrange an informal visit on 01223 276484 or send an email to office@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk

Alternatively, you can email the Chair of Governors, Rowena Barnes at rbarnes@girtonglebe.cambs.sch.uk

Applications can be made by submission of your C.V. Closing date: 18 October 2019

School Development

Last week's staff meeting focussed on subject leadership and allowed coordinators the time to investigate the coverage of their curriculum areas across the school. We did not hold a staff meeting this week due to parent consultations.

Progress Updates

Following this week's parent consultations, I would like to reiterate my message from the September newsletter: should you wish to know more information about your child's progress in between parent consultation periods, staff are more than happy to discuss this with you at any stage of the school year, should you have any questions.

If you would like the opportunity to see some of your child's work, please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher, who will gladly meet with you at a mutually agreeable time.

Jumbletastic!

On Saturday 28 September FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) hosted the autumn jumble sale in the school hall, selling clothing, toys and games, books, bric-a-brac and cakes and refreshments.

Thank you to all FOGG members and school staff who helped organise this event. Your dedication is hugely appreciated and you helped to raise over £1100 for Girton Glebe Primary School – an amazing achievement!

Many thanks to all parents, carers and community members who came out to support this event. Your attendance was greatly appreciated!

Harvest Festival

This morning we held our harvest festival in the school hall welcoming parents, friends and family members from Ash class to share the event with us.

Ash class performed in front of a whole-school audience for the first time. They sang 'Way up High in the Apple Tree' in the middle of a packed programme of food-related songs and poems performed by children from across the school.

Many thanks to those who sent food donations which will be passed on to Jimmy's in Cambridge.

P4C Questions

14.10.19: Can anyone else know what it is really like to be you?

28.10.19: Will you be the same person 50 years from now?

Mission: Impossible? Winners

Many thanks to all who entered this half-term's Mission: Impossible? series of challenges. As a reminder, the six challenges we set were:

1. Calculate Mr Simpson's age in hours, as of 0900 on October 11
2. Find a tree that looks like something other than a tree
3. Bring in the most decorative cupcake
4. Take a photograph of yourself in the coldest place you can find whilst wearing your school uniform –
5. The best carving using a single bar of soap
6. Make Miss Evans say the word "armchair" without using the word yourself

Winning entries for the challenges are outlined below:

Iris from Willow was the closest to calculating my age in hours: the exact figure is 339,516.

Charlotte in Oak brought in the best picture of a tree looking like something other than a tree!

Congratulations to Ruth from Cherry for returning the most decorative cupcake!

Dominic in Lime was judged to have had his photo taken in the coldest place after squeezing into his freezer (door open!)

The best soap carving was brought in by Wendy from Lime!

Amber in Maple managed to make Miss Evans say "armchair" very early on this term!

A new set of challenges will be circulated after the half-term break!

Diary Dates

Half term - 21 - 25 October

Term ends- Thursday 19 December

Autumn Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Lime: 1 November

Cherry: 8 November

Maple: 22 November

Birch: 29 November

Autumn Term Events

Year 6 French Residential: 14 – 18 October

Half Term

Year 6 SATs Information Meeting: Monday 28 October (1800 – 1830)

EYFS Phonics Information Meeting: Monday 28 October (1800 – 1830)

Year 5 Grafham Residential: 30 October – 1 November

Bikeability Levels 1 & 2 (Years 6): Monday 4 – Thursday 7 November

Open Day: Thursday 7 Nov (1400 – 1500 and 1800 – 1900)

Maple Class Cake Sale: Friday 8 November (1515)

Supporting Writing at Home Workshop for Parents: Thursday 21 November (0900 – 1000)

Saturday 30 November: FOGG Christmas Fair (1400 – 1600)

KS1 Performance: Friday 6 December (am & pm performances)

EYFS Nativity: Friday 13 December (am)

Christmas Concert: Monday 16 December (1800)

Carol Concert: Thursday 19 December (0900)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher