



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 4

Friday 1 November 2019

The second half of the autumn term is now in full swing and there have been many exciting things happening at Girton Glebe Primary School. Please read on for a round-up of our latest news...

Staffing Update

Mrs Daw has been in school this week, working alongside Ms Barber and Mrs Cook ahead of her official start in Oak class next Monday. She has also spent time in class with the children and is very excited about joining them next week!

After six years of service at Girton Glebe, Mrs Fitch will be leaving our teaching team at the end of the term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Fitch for all of her hard work over the last six years and wish her well in her future endeavours.

This week we appointed David Matthews to the post of Clubs Coordinator and we are delighted that he will be joining our team later this term.

Year 6 Visit France

Before the half-term break, our Year 6 pupils spent an action-packed week in France accompanied, by Mr Austin, Miss Jolly, Ms Mansfield and Mr Simpson.



The coach left school just after 0815, with pupils and parents waving a fond farewell before the children made the journey to Criel-sur-Mer. Here they spent the week staying in the gorgeous Château de Chantereine.

The itinerary for the week included a trip to Nausicaa (the National Sea Centre), a visit to WWI battlefields and Vimy Ridge, a guided tour of Rouen, and trips to an orchard & chocolate factory.



For the most part, the weather held out although it was very wet the day they visited Dieppe. Here, the children were given a guided tour of the city and its port, before spending 30 minutes on the beach skimming stones in a momentary lull in the downpour!

Huge thanks to Mr Austin, Miss Jolly and Ms Mansfield for accompanying the children on this trip! The pupils were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe whilst they were in France and, during their stay, we received glowing feedback from Kingswood staff about their behaviour. Well done!

Year 5 Grafham Residential

Between 30 October and 1 November, our Year 5 pupils visited Grafham Water Centre for three days of action-packed outdoor adventuring! Accompanied by four members of school staff, the children took part in a range of challenging activities designed to both push them outside of their comfort zones and to develop their teamwork skills.

During their visit, children and staff completed high-wire climbing activities, kayaked across the lake, built rafts, enjoyed a morning of stand-up paddle boarding and completed a 6-mile bike ride.

At the time of writing this newsletter, the children are halfway through their final day but we have received glowing reports from staff in attendance regarding the children's team spirit and behaviour, whilst representing Girton Glebe. Photos will follow on their return!

Many thanks to Miss Evans, Mrs Tate, Mr Smart and Ms Mansfield for accompanying the group on this residential.

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4.11.19: Are numbers real objects?

11.11.19: What counts as a good reason?

School Development

This week's staff meeting focussed on preparations for next week's open event and World Children's Day which takes place on November 20.

Open Events – Thursday 7 November

A reminder that we will be hosting an open afternoon and evening on Thursday 7 November.

The sessions will showcase the fabulous work that our children are involved in from Foundation Stage to Year 6 and will give you the opportunity to tour classrooms and take part in the activities on offer around school. Each of the sessions will open with a short presentation in the school hall before the classrooms are open to visitors.

If your child would like to volunteer to return for the evening session, please complete the permission slip circulated earlier this week by Monday 4 November.

Girton Youth Project

Please see the following message regarding Girton Youth Project from the club's manager, Frances Roach:

**Monday Youth Group – Cotton Hall
4:30pm – 6pm 8-11 year olds**

The evenings give young people the chance to meet friends, play games or just relax in a comfortable atmosphere. We also arrange regular events and trips for all the project members. The club does also encourage the young people to voice opinions and concerns, so if you want to have your say about something in the village, this is the place. We are keen on community projects and have some great activities in the pipeline.

There is no charge to come to the club, we will just ask each person to have a parent or guardian fill out a permission form to say they are happy for them to attend. For more information email: frances.roach@ymcatrinity.org.uk

Exciting news... We have hired exclusive use of Activity World in Peterborough for our end of year treat on Monday 16th December. This would be a great opportunity for newcomers to meet everyone in a fun environment and get a feel for the group. If you're interested, please email for a form.

Mission: Impossible?

Further to the parentmail circulated earlier this week, I would like to take this opportunity to signpost this half-term's Mission: Impossible? challenges. The deadline for these challenges is December 17 and the tasks are as follows:

1. Bring in the largest crisp you can find!
2. Photograph yourself in the emptiest place you can find!
3. Build the tallest tower out of milk cartons
4. Estimate Mr Austin's weight to the nearest kilogram
5. Create the best Christmas decoration made out of one carrot
6. Make Miss Pyle say the word "jelly" without using the word yourself

Diary Dates

Autumn Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Cherry: 8 November

Maple: 22 November

Birch: 29 November

Autumn Term Events

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