



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 7

Friday 13 December 2019

As the autumn term draws itself to a close, Girton Glebe Primary has been its usual hive of activity with many exciting things happening in and around school in the lead-up to Christmas. Please read on for a round-up of our latest news...

FOGG Events

On Saturday 30 November, Friends of Girton Glebe (FOGG) held their annual Christmas Fair. This was an amazing success, with the hall filled with festive stalls and activities to raise money for the school.

Amongst our stalls, we had Santa's Grotto, a mystery tombola, mulled wine and mince pies from our Governors, festive games and an array of beautiful homemade arts and crafts to purchase. The event was incredibly well attended and visitors were treated to two wonderful carol performances by the Girton Community Choir and the school choir, who sang 'Must be Santa'.

We must extend our gratitude to FOGG, who raised just over £2300 for the school at this event. This is a new record! Girton Glebe is so incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive parent body and the work that FOGG do is an invaluable support to the provision we offer in our classrooms.

Huge thanks to all staff, pupils, parents, carers and members of the community who came out in support of this event: we could not have done it without you.

The next big FOGG event will be the tree-shredding fundraiser on Sunday 5 January. In addition to tree-shredding, there will be also be wheelie bin-cleaning, a repair café, allotment society refreshments and children's activities on offer. This will be held at Girton Glebe between 1200 and 1400. Please come along and support us!

Library Books

A gentle reminder to return all school library books before the end of term. Children should put all returned books on the blue trolley in the library. Thank you in advance for your support in returning these books.

DDMix Dance Event

After two weeks of rehearsals for the DDMix Dance Competition, thirty-five children from Years 5 and 6 travelled to The Stephen Perse Foundation on Friday 29 November to perform their line dance in front of five other schools and a panel of judges, including Dame Darcey Bussell! Darcey led a group warm-up with the children, congratulated them on their hard work and even joined us for a school photo.



Every child who attended the competition showed fantastic sportsmanship and represented Girton Glebe beautifully. The children danced brilliantly and should be very proud of their hard work and commitment. Their performance was very professional and a joy to watch!

Nativity

Well done to our children in Ash Class who performed their Christmas Nativity this week. The dress rehearsal on Thursday was superb and this was followed by a fabulous performance on Friday 13.

Our children told the Nativity story with enthusiasm and they did a fantastic job remembering their lines and all the songs. A huge well done to all of them, and to the EYFS staff, for putting together such a wonderful and enjoyable performance!



Swimming Success

Tuesday 3 December saw a team of dedicated swimmers from Years 5 and 6 head to IVC to compete against Histon, Milton and Oakington in the swimming gala. Competitors battled it out across individual races and relays, including the famous T-Shirt race. We finished in Bronze Medal position, narrowly missing Silver by just two points.

Well done to all competitors: you showed outstanding perseverance, particularly during those long 50 metre races! Many thanks, as always, to the wonderful staff who accompanied our swimmers to this event.



Hey Ewe!

Congratulations to our children in Years 1 & 2 who performed their Christmas production, *Hey Ewe*, last week. Both performances were superb!

The performance saw our pupils retell the traditional Christmas story through the eyes of excitable and curious sheep. The children performed it with humour and charm and with several very catchy songs!

Our children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and rehearse the wonderful songs. Over both shows, they performed fantastically and should be incredibly proud of themselves! Well done to all of our children and many thanks to our Key Stage 1 staff for their hard work in putting the show together.

Carol Concert

On Thursday 19 December, we will be holding our annual Christmas Carol Concert in the school hall. This will begin shortly after 0900 and will see pupils from across the school performing a range of contemporary and traditional carols and poems.

The concert is open to all parents and carers, although we must limit attendance to an audience of no more than fifty

adults. If you would like to attend this concert, please contact the school office by phone or email and staff will reserve a space for you (limited to a maximum of two seats per family on a first come, first served basis).

Christmas Unwrapped and Abbeyfield

On Wednesday 11 December, our Year 5 pupils spent the afternoon at Girton Baptist Church for their Christmas Unwrapped session. Throughout the afternoon, the children completed a range of arts & crafts activities and learnt about the significance of the Christingle orange and the meaning of Advent.

On Thursday 12 December, our choir went to Abbeyfield to sing a selection of festive songs to the residents there. The children represented Girton Glebe fantastically and put on a great show. Well done!

Choir, guitars and some soloists will be performing on Monday at our Carol Concert at 1800. Please speak to the school office if you would like a ticket.

Staffing Update

After six years at Girton Glebe, Mrs Fitch sadly will be leaving us at the end of this term. During her time with us, Mrs Fitch has had many roles, including being a member of SLT and KS1 Lead. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to Girton Glebe and our children here. We wish her the best of luck in her next endeavour!

Diary Dates

Christmas Concert: Monday 16 December (1800)

KS1 History off the Page: Tuesday 17 December

Christmas Jumper Day: Wednesday 18 December

Carol Concert: Thursday 19 December (0900)

KS2 Trip to Cambridge Junction: Thursday 19 December (1000)

Inset day: Monday 6 January

Christmas Wishes

As this will be the final issue of the school newsletter before the end of term, we would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of everyone at Girton Glebe Primary School, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and to thank you for your amazing support this term.

Miss Joanne Pyle, Mrs Erica Tate and Mr Tom Austin (SLT)