



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 9

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The last fortnight has been an incredibly exciting time at Girton Glebe Primary School and the classrooms have been their usual hive of activity. Please read on for a round-up of our recent highlights...

Staffing Update

Following her maternity leave, Mrs Knowler will return to Willow class on Monday 24 February after the half-term break. This means that we will say a fond farewell to Mrs Cawley who will leave us on Wednesday February 12.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Cawley for all of her hard work and dedication in the time that she has been part of the team at Girton Glebe.

From February 24, Willow class will be taught by Mrs Knowler and Mrs Cook.

I would also like to inform you that this week Mr Cates, our caretaker, left employment at Girton Glebe. We are currently advertising for this role.

Academisation Update

Following the Governing Body's formal decision to merge with the Morris Education Trust in the summer term, our Chair registered our intentions with the Regional Schools Commissioner and a joint application was made by Girton Glebe and MET to the DfE.

Such applications are then scrutinised by a DfE-appointed group of headteachers to assess the validity of the merger. Our application was heard at panel this week and was granted permission to proceed.

Over the coming months Girton Glebe will work alongside the Local Authority and MET to complete due diligence tasks and complete transfer agreements, which will include personnel contracts, premises and finances.

It is anticipated that this transfer will take the remainder of the academic year and the aim is for Girton Glebe to begin the 2020-2021 year as a MET school.

I will continue to keep you updated as this transfer progresses.

Letters to the Queen

In recent weeks, Maple Class have been working exceptionally hard on writing letters to members of the Royal Family. They have been inspired by an idea in their class book: 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q. Rauf.

Some children chose to write to the Queen, some to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and some to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.



The children worked really hard on their writing and even added their own decorations and drawings to their letters as a finishing touch.

Last week, the children took a walk to the post box to send their letters and are now eagerly hoping for replies.

School Development

Last week's staff meeting was spent considering the impact of teaching on the wider curriculum. This week subject leaders were afforded time to complete a number of additional tasks relating to their areas of responsibility.

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week we will be supporting Place2Be's Children's Mental Health week for the second year running. This event will support the work we currently do in school to help our pupils develop their mental resilience.



This year's theme is Find Your Brave and is designed to help children find their bravery in taking small steps each day in order to challenge themselves. Throughout the week, our pupils will take part in a range of classroom activities to facilitate this theme, whilst augmenting the great work that is already taking place within classrooms to encourage positive mental wellbeing.

More information about this event can be found via the following link:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

P4C

3.2.20: Am I always responsible for my actions?

10.2.20: Is it possible to have a bad friend?

Diary Dates

Half term: Monday 17 – Friday 21 February

Final day of term: Friday 3 April

Inset: Monday 20 April

First day of summer term: Tuesday 21 April

Spring Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Oak: 20 March

Willow: 27 March

Ash: 3 April

Spring Term Events

KS1 Drumming Workshops: Tuesday 4 February

KS2 Drumming Workshops: Wednesday 5 February

Year 4 Art Scapers Project: Monday 10 February (all day)

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11 February

Parent Consultations:

Tuesday 11 February (1530 – 1900)

Thursday 13 February (1530 – 1800)

Year 2 Dance Share Event: Tuesday 11 February (1530 – 1700)

Year 4 Art Scapers Project: Monday 24 February (all day)

Mike Mullen BMX Academy: Tuesday 25 February (all day)

Author Workshops with Mark Lowery: Monday 2 March (KS2)

World Book Day: Thursday 5 March (Dress up as your favourite book character)

Author Workshops with Pippa Goodhart: Friday 6 March (KS1)

Year 4 Art Scapers Project at Girton College: Friday 6 March (all day)

FOGG Spring Jumble Sale: Saturday 7 March

Science Week: 9 – 13 March

Year 4 Art Scapers Project at Storey's Field Centre: Monday 9 March (all day)

Sing Big Event: Wednesday 18 March

Vision Screening Checks (EYFS): Thursday 19 March (am)

Cross-Country Competition (Y4 – Y6): Tuesday 24 March (am)

Year 5 Easter Cracked at Girton Baptist Church: Wednesday 25 March (pm)

FOGG Easter Event: Friday 3 April (after school)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher