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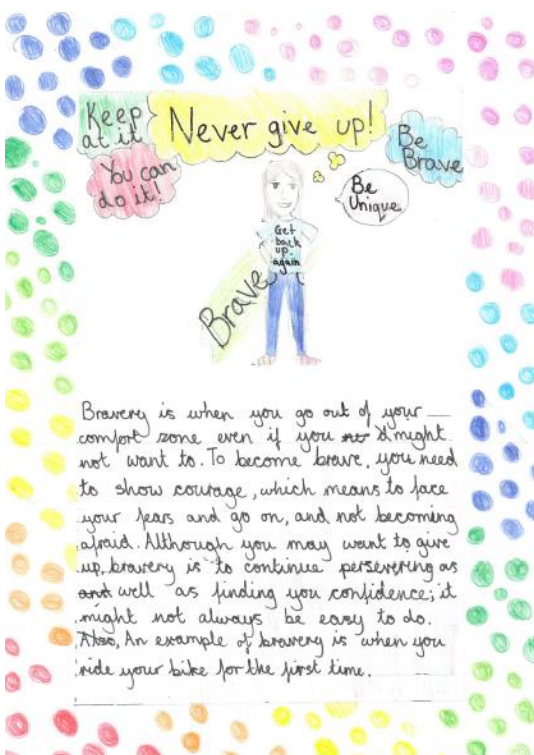
We have had a range of exciting themed activities and visitors in school over the last couple of weeks that have enriched the wonderful work which has been taking place within the classrooms at Girton Glebe Primary. Please read on for a round-up of the last fortnight's news and events...

Staffing Update

On Wednesday, we said farewell to Mrs Cawley who has been part of our teaching team whilst Mrs Knowler was on maternity leave. Mrs Knowler has spent a few days in school over the last month and will join Willow class on Monday 24 February.

At the end of the spring term we will also bid a fond farewell to Mrs Watkinson who, after six years' service at Girton Glebe, is leaving us to pursue an incredibly exciting role outside of primary education. We wish Julia well in her new role and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her tireless dedication to our school over the last six years.

Find Your Brave



Last week our children took part in a range of activities to support Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. You may recall that the theme of this year's event was *Find Your Brave*, and across the school our pupils spent time considering what it means to be brave and how they summon their bravery during day-to-day tasks.

The children created their own definitions of bravery and completed a Hands of Safety task where they drew around their hand before writing the names of the people that they trust on the fingers.

The work completed during this week will soon be on display in the school hall.

Drumming Workshops

On the 4th and 5th of February our children took part in drumming workshops led by professional drummer, Malcolm Smith. All year groups watched Malcolm perform in an assembly and then had the opportunity to learn some drumming skills themselves, playing African drums called djembes and dun-duns.



Malcolm played some rhythms for the children to copy and gradually, each class built up a full piece of music. They learned how to create different sounds with the drums and how to hold and look after them.

They also had a go at singing some traditional African songs alongside the drumming rhythms.

Many thanks to Malcolm for an inspiring and exciting workshop. We hope to see him again next year!

Year 4 Art Scapers Project

On Monday 10 February, our Year 4 pupils walked to Storey's Field Centre to take part in their first Art Scapers project, in conjunction with children at Mayfield Primary.

The children have been charged with the task of creating settings for the Hansel & Gretel play that will be performed during the summer. During their first day, the children familiarised themselves with the story and then designed trees on large sheets of paper, which will form the basis of their designs to later be transferred to textiles.

School Development

During last week's staff meeting, teachers spent time reviewing curriculum provision and answering the question, *How do we know that our children are becoming better geographers?* We compared samples of work from across the school and compared these with the expected standards for each year group.

P4C

24.2.20: Who decides what is art?

2.3.20: Would you rather be a child forever or an adult forever?

Willow Class Dance Share

On Thursday 13 February, Willow Class travelled to Impington Village College to take part in a Dance Share event with other local primary-aged pupils.

Throughout this half-term, Willow have been rehearsing a dance with Lois Drayton from IVC and took part in this showcase on stage in front of an audience of parents, teachers and pupils. The children danced to Timber by Pitbull and performed magnificently.

Our children were the youngest group taking part and were first to take to the stage – they did a fabulous job and we are incredibly proud of them! Well done, Willow!

Many thanks to all who accompanied the children on this visit and thanks to parents for supporting them with their costumes.

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

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 2 SATS Information Meeting: Monday 9 March (1815) in Willow

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