



This week, our Year 5 children set foot on their very first residential to Norfolk Lakes. Full of excitement, they headed off on Wednesday and are expected back later today. Lots has already been shared on Class Dojo and Twitter, but a full round up of their fun-packed week will be available in next week's newsletter.

Read on for a round up of other events from this week...

Mr Chris Butler
Headteacher

School Council

On Tuesday, our newly elected School Council met with Mr Butler to discuss the school and their roles and responsibilities as school council members. School Council will meet each half term with Mr Butler to discuss the school and this is their chance to share the opinions of their peers. The children will gather the views of their peers about the school and how to improve it. Together, they came up with the following questions to ask their classmates and collect ideas for before their next meeting with Mr Butler:

How can we improve our classroom experience (including homework)?

How can we improve lunchtime/ breaktimes?

How can we improve extra-curricular activities (clubs, events and trips)?

How can we improve the school building?

How we improve school council and for children's voices to be heard more?

School Council members will get their very own badges, which have been ordered and will be with us shortly!

Meet our Governors

Each week, one of our dedicated Governors will introduce themselves in the newsletter. Our Governing Body is made up of a mixture of people: co-opted (community) governors, elected parent governors and Girton Glebe staff. Please read to find out who our governors are, what they do, and how you can get in touch with them!

Kathryn Bigg
Parent Governor

Maths Link Governor
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Although a relative newcomer to the village, I have lived and worked in the Cambridge area for most of the past 20 years. I moved here in 2020 and my three boys are now in EYFS, Year 2 and Year 4.

I am the Maths Link Governor, and coincidentally a maths teacher by trade too! I joined the Governing Body in March 2021 and am passionate about supporting Girton Glebe to be the very best it can be, providing an outstanding education and community for all of our children.

Children in Need, 18th November

On Friday 18th November, it is Children in Need Day. To celebrate this, we will be going spotty! For a £1 donation to this charity, your children can come into school wearing something spotty for the day.



PSHE in Year 2 and Year 6

As a large focus of our PSHE lessons this half-term is our Rights & Responsibilities across the whole school, last week Oak Class (Year 6) teamed up with Birch Class (Year 2) to think about their goals and targets for the academic year, as well as which rights are most important to the children of Girton Glebe. During the lesson, the two classes collaboratively wrote what they believe should be the school rules, and how good behaviour should be rewarded around school. We also looked at the consequences of not respecting other children's rights and the importance of making our school a welcoming community. It was a joy to see the children working so well together, with the Year 6 children so compassionately helping their younger peers! We are hoping to hold more collaborative lessons within our PSHE curriculum in the future!

Open Afternoon

Last Thursday, it was lovely to have so many familiar and new parents in school to experience our Open Afternoon. The staff really enjoyed opening up their classrooms to parents to share their fantastic learning environments and the children were brilliant assets to the school. There was lots of fantastic feedback from parents, both familiar and those interested in sending their children here!

We would like to thank the Year 6 children, who did a brilliant job of showing parents around the school as well as thank The Rural Coffee Project and Cakes By Lexi for supplying us with delicious coffee and cake!



Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month, each class is having a lesson on a significant Black figure linked to an area of our curriculum. This can be linked to Science, English, Maths or our Project. The children will spend the lesson finding out about the significant figure and their contribution to that subject. Below is a list of the people each class is celebrating this month:

Ash - Marcus Rashford

Footballer and campaigner for free school meals

Maple - John Agard and Langston Hughes

Poets

Birch - Martin Luther King Jr

An American Baptist minister and activist

Lime - George Washington Carver

American inventor, agricultural scientist and university teacher

Cherry - Rosa Parks

An American activist

Willow - Katherine Johnson

Figured out the paths for the spacecraft to orbit Earth and to land on the Moon

Oak - Octavia Butler

Wrote the science fiction novels Kindred, Fledgling and Wild Seed

Celebration Assembly

A huge well done goes out to everyone in school for working so hard and demonstrating our core values this week. Our focus this week has been our Core Value 'Perseverance'.

Congratulations to all of those children who have already reached 10 house points and have – therefore – received a sticker!

Well done to all of those celebrated in our assembly.

Maple

Joel and Jen Nah

Birch

Caleb and Jacob

Lime

Katie and Dominik

Cherry

Lily S and Noah

Oak

Iris and Eren

Family Support Worker

Please read this message from our new Family Support Worker:

I am Michelle Dama and I am very pleased to have been appointed as Family Support Worker for Girton Glebe. I will be working across a cluster of primary schools within the local area. My aim is to work in partnership with children, families, the schools and other professionals to ensure that those in need of additional support - whether that be as a family or as an individual - will benefit from a variety of services catered to meet their needs. My focus is to ensure that I promote both equality and diversity, as well as building positive working relationships. This will be achieved by a child centred and parent/ carer focused approach.

If you would like to discuss anything or would like to arrange a time to meet with me please do not hesitate to email me on **MDama@ivc.imet.org.uk** or call me on **07845 556639**. Alternatively, you can speak to the school office who can arrange a convenient time.

Upcoming dates

24th – 28th October
Half Term

1st November 15:40 – 17:30
Parents' Evening

3rd November 15:40 – 19:00
Parents' Evening

10th November
Lime Class Assembly

14th November
Individual photos

15th November
Year 5 Flu Vaccinations

18th November
Children in Need

24th November
Willow Class Assembly

Saturday 26th November
FOGG Christmas Fair

6th December at 14:00
KS1 Production

8th December at 09:00
KS1 Production

12th December
Visit to St Andrew's Church

14th December
Christmas Jumper day and lunch

15th December
EYFS Nativity

16th December
last day of term