

This has been a really busy, but productive half term at Girton Glebe! We have had our first residential of the school year, parents in for Harvest Assembly and a very successful afternoon. On top of that, we are incredibly proud of the children this half term. They have worked exceptionally hard and thrown themselves into everything!

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

Mr Chris Butler Headteacher

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!

Alex Read Co-Opted Governor

Pupil Premium/LAC, Equality Link Governor aread@gg.tmet.org.uk

Alex has been a Governor for 4 years and is Pupil Premium Link Governor. He and his wife (Helen) have two daughters, the youngest is in Year 5, the eldest is now at IVC.

Alex works for Siemens Software as Vice President of Industry Strategy for their Simulation & Test business.

Girton Glebe is 'Good'!

Last week, we were delighted to be able to share with you the report written following our recent Ofsted inspection. We are proud to say that the inspection team fully recognised the excellent practice in place at Girton Glebe, and has rated us as 'Good' in all categories.



The current Ofsted framework places huge emphasis on schools planning and delivering an ambitious, knowledge rich curriculum which demonstrates both breadth and depth in its scope and coverage. We are pleased that the exceptional hard work of our dedicated teaching staff has been recognised in this area, with the report stating that "leaders have designed an ambitious curriculum that clearly sets out the knowledge and skills leaders intend pupils to learn. This high expectation is for all pupils, including those pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Teachers demonstrate strong subject knowledge of the curriculum they are teaching.

We would like to thank every member of staff for their hard work and dedication over the past year to ensure this successful outcome, as well as the support from our parents and carers.

The report states: "Girton Glebe Primary School is at the heart of the village community." We feel privileged to be working at a school serving such a wonderful village, and look forward to continuing our journey together with you.

Please do keep an eye out for the full report, which should be available on the Ofsted website on Friday 21st October 2022. We also recently held our Open Afternoon at Girton Glebe, but if you missed this and you would like to visit the school for a tour; please do call the school office on 01223 276 484 to arrange a date and time that suits you.

Black History Month

As well as each class looking at a significant Black figure and their contribution to people and the world, we have worked as a school to reproduce a piece of artwork by Uzo Egonu. Uzo Egonu was a Nigerian-born artist who settled in Britain in the 1940s. The children learnt about Uzo before recreating a section of this painting, 'Northern Nigerian Landscape', which he created in 1964. All classes from Year 1 – 6 had a section of the painting to recreate using their choice of art. There was a mixture of painting, collages and pastels, and – as you can see – the children did a phenomenal job of this task!

Ash class also had a go reproducing a piece of art by the artist Uzo Egonu. The children looked carefully at the colours and shapes in his artwork and created their own versions. Miss Yarwood was very impressed with their wonderful pieces of art. Well done Ash class!

Year 5 to Norfolk Lakes written by Elsie

It all started on Wednesday 12th October 2022, probably the most exciting day of school!

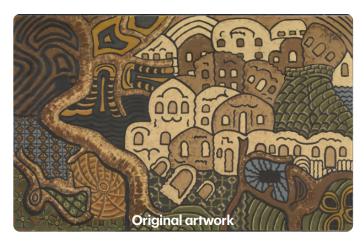
We arrived on a coach getting to choose who we sit with and the coach was so fancy and comfortable I almost fell asleep!

The dorms were so nice and settling and the activities were amazing - like canoeing! On Wednesday we did a blind trail. It was so fun, we linked in a line all blind! We had to follow the teacher who was clapping with no idea where we were going. Then we had to lead the blind person through an obstacle course! We also did a treasure hunt which was so fun!

On Thursday we did water sports! We did raft building, canoeing and teamwork obstacle courses. So much fun!

On Friday we did stand up paddle boarding which was my favourite! And camping and we got hot chocolate if we made a tent.

This trip was so much fun and I hope when the Y4s become Y5s they have fun too!







Young Carers Champion

We are excited to introduce **Sharon Howlett** as Girton Glebe's new Young Carers Champion.

Sharon will be working in conjunction with **Centre 33** to run a fortnightly Young Carer's group here at the school on a Wednesday after school from 3.20 to 4.20pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th November.

What is a Young Carer?

Young carers are children and young people aged 18 and under who care for a family member who, due to illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction, cannot cope without their support.

A young carer may support a number of different family members, parents, siblings, even grandparents. Caring includes practical support such as cooking and cleaning, looking after siblings, as well as emotional support, for example talking things through, listening to and making a family member feel calm and safe.

The Young carers group will provide an opportunity for anyone identified as a Young Carer to come along and spend some time taking part in some fun activities, whilst enjoying a relaxed space which is just for them.

If you feel that this group could be beneficial to your child (as a young carer) then please contact Sharon by e-mail at **SHowlett@gg.tela.org.uk.**

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 'Responsibility'.

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 **Emma and Zachary**

Birch

Gavin and Mia

Lime
Peter C and Liam

Cherry **Dorothy and Theo**

Willow **Yuvraj and Phoebe**

Oak **Tess and Wilf**



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