



This week has been full of colour and excitement as the Spring Term comes to an end and classes wrap up their Spring projects. We have seen lots of Easter celebrations around school and the final week of term has also seen our Year 3 & 4 production of Peter Pan take to the stage, celebrating the incredible performing arts talent that we have in school whilst also raising money for FOGG through your generous donations.

It has also been refreshing to see our local area looking much tidier after lots of litter picking around Girton this week; well done to everyone who has been involved in our #BigBagChallenge, both in and out of school. Well done in particular to Theo in Cherry Class for collecting SIX big bags of rubbish from around the local area this week! Our Great British Spring Clean challenge continues over the weekend, ending on Sunday 2nd April, so get your binbags, litter pickers and gloves out and help to **#KeepBritainTidy!**

Today we end this successful Spring term with another fun and fabulous FOGG event, concluding with a whole-school Easter Egg hunt around the school grounds. Wishing everyone a cracking Easter!

Here is the news from around school this week...

Mr Chris Butler
Headteacher

Peter Pan The Musical!

This week saw our first ever Spring production take to the stage! Performed by Years 3 and 4, Peter Pan The Musical was a huge success, with over 200 parents and family members attending to watch Lime and Cherry classes shine in the spotlight.

Look out for more detail on this spectacular show after the Easter holiday! Our next production will be the Year 5 and 6 Summer production, on 11th and 13th July.

Open Library – Day Change

After the Easter holidays, our Open Library sessions will move to a Tuesday afternoon from 3.30-4.00pm in the school library. We look forward to welcoming lots of families back to these popular sessions.

Celebration Assembly

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

Well done to all of those celebrated in our assembly. This week's certificate winners are:

Ash
Reuben & Ethan

Maple
Eleanor & Luca

Birch
Heath & Liam

Lime
All of the Lime Class

Cherry
All of Cherry Class

Willow
Valerie & Zara

Oak
Samuel & Max

House Points

This week's winning House of The Week is **Robinson** once again! The breakdown of House Points for this week is as follows:

Robinson **53**

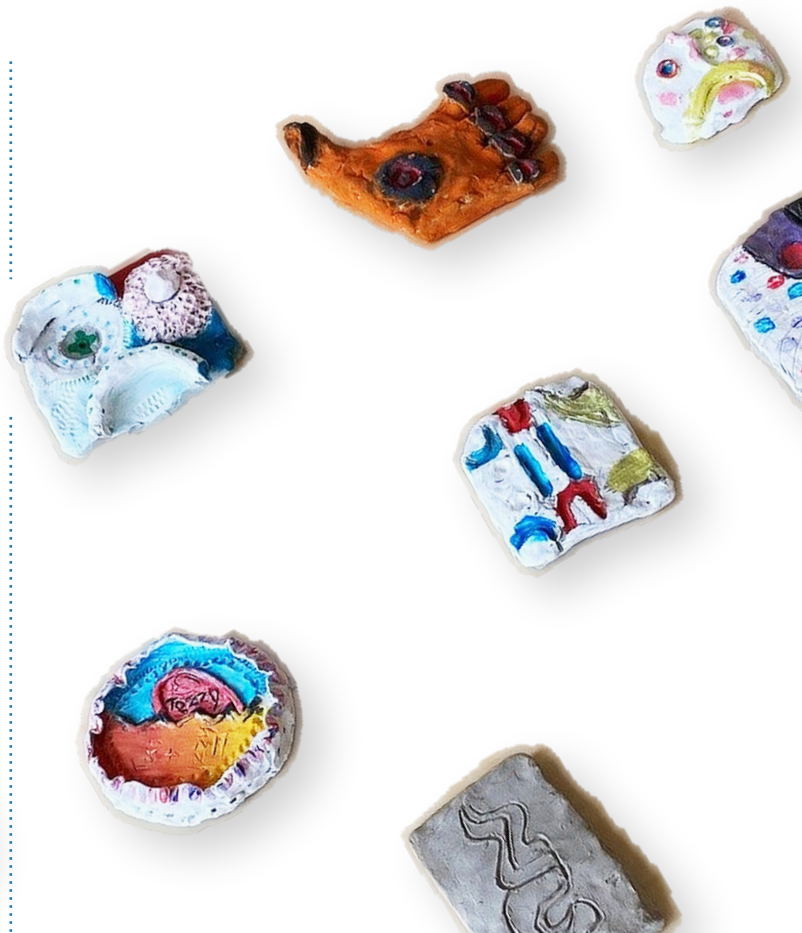
Trinity **50**

Newnham **48**

Churchill **47**

Oak Class: Hola, Mexico!

To conclude our project on Mexico & the Ancient Mayans, Year 6 have been busy creating their own Mayan inspired Logograms to depict a word or phrase of their choice and ended the term with a Mexican feast! The children enjoyed following recipes to create Mexican guacamole and salsa before sitting together for a delicious afternoon treat. Look at our happy faces as we took a break from SATs revision to work collaboratively on this end of term surprise!



A large, detailed portrait of Anna Sewell, a woman with dark, curly hair, wearing a dark dress with a white lace collar. She is looking slightly to the right.

“ Author of the Month

Our next Author Of The Month, chosen by Megan in Birch Class, will be Anna Sewell. Megan chose this author because she is currently loving reading Black Beauty with her family at bed time!



Anna Sewell
nominated by Megan
Birch Class Pupil



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Lime Class Pysanky Eggs

This week, Lime have had the privilege of working with Mariika's mum, Anna, to create Pysanky Easter Eggs. This looked (and smelled!) like great fun and Anna had this to say about their beautiful creations:

"We made Ukrainian Easter Eggs, Pysanky, with raw eggs which can be kept for a long time until they crack. The technique we used is unique, using fire, wax and paints. This is our Ukrainian tradition which has stretched for centuries. The children and I discussed that every symbol on these eggs has a special meaning and purpose and that each region of Ukraine has its own special style of Pysanky.

Pysanky eggs were once gifted like cards are nowadays and instead of words, we would make meaningful patterns on the egg; we still decorate our Easter baskets and tables with Pysanky and the museum of Pysanka still exists in Ukraine.

In Soviet times, people could be fired or even arrested for creating Pysanky, and teachers at school were made to check children's hands to see if they were coloured or not from creating these. It is an important message today to remember that the egg is the symbol of new life, that Easter brings hope and that resurrection reminds us that life always wins."

Thank you very much for your time and expertise, Anna!



Book Swap – Books Wanted!

All of us at Girton Glebe – adults and children – love reading and want to spread the joy of reading through our new Book Swap initiative. If you have any finished books in good condition that others might like to read, please consider donating these to our Book Swap shelves. We have two new bookshelves at the front of school – one for children and one for teachers & parents. Feel free to come and borrow a book from either of these shelves any time, and if you can bring a book or two to add to our collection in return, even better!

Both shelves are open to adults and children within school opening hours – just ask at the office if you'd like to bring or borrow books.



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Bring a book. Take a book.



Maple Class Poetry

Maple class have been reading, writing, practising and performing a lot of poetry over the last few weeks as part of their English work this half-term. Over the past few weeks, the children have written acrostic nature poems and senses poetry, emulated Kit Wright's 'Magic Box' and finished with some wonderful Nonsense Alphabets inspired by Edward Lear. Here are just a few examples of their fantastic work! Well done Maple Class!

Kodi

Tree under soil

Wet on the tip

It is windy

GROWING!

Lydia

I will put in my box

The whoosh of the wind

A sip of water

The tiniest crack in the earth

Red fire from the four elements

A shark's bite just on your pinky

Easter Assembly

On Monday, the whole school was treated to an Easter themed assembly, delivered by Reverend Michael from St Andrew's Church. The children thoroughly enjoyed being a part of this exciting assembly, acting out the Easter Story and learning about the true meaning behind all of those chocolate eggs at Easter. Well done to all of the children involved in piecing together the Easter Story, and thank you to Reverend Michael for putting on such a show for us!

For more Easter themed activities with the local church, including an Easter egg hunt, fire pit, story-telling and hot cross buns, please visit <https://www.girton.church/easter-2023/>

A Message From Abbeyfields

We had so much fun at our Nature Hunt last year that we are setting a new Nature Hunt for 2023! Pop along any time between 10.00 and 12.30 on Sunday 16th April and join us at Long Meadow, Histon for a day of fun. Entry for the nature hunt is £3 per child and we will also have a free Activity Tent with Playdoh for younger children.

As well as this, we have a nature poetry challenge for the whole family, starting now! We are looking for acrostic nature poems using the initial letters of the words ABBEYFIELDS or LONG MEADOW. Can you help us by creating your own poems and bringing these along with you on the day or emailing these to hello@abbeyfields.online?

We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Upcoming dates

17th April

Summer Term starts

20th April 15.30 – 16.30

Ash Class Reading Workshop

21st April

Lime Class Cake Sale

22nd April

FOGG Spring Jumble Sale

1st May

School Closed (Bank Holiday)

5th May

School Street Party for King Charles' Coronation

8th May

School Closed (Bank Holiday)

9th – 12th May

Year 6 SATs Tests

12th May

Willow Class Church Visit

19th May

Cherry Class Cake Sale

19th May

FOGG Live Music Evening

23rd May

Class Photos

25th May

FOGG School Disco

26th May

Last Day of Half-Term