



What a busy and brilliant week it has been – the sun has been a welcome visitor and the school has been bustling with lots of fun activities as we round up this half-term's projects and prepare for the final half-term of the academic year!

The week was kicked off with a whole-school assembly on our core value of Respect. We have looked as a school at what respectful behaviour looks like and how it feels to be respected. It was great to celebrate lots of children who have been showing this core value around school this week in this morning's celebration assembly, always one of my favourite parts of the week!

We have lots to celebrate this week, so read on for lots of class updates from around the school and some exciting upcoming events.

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break!

Mr Chris Butler
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

This week's assembly celebrated our core value of Respect. Well done to all of the children who have been displaying this value around school this week. Here are this week's certificate winners:

Ash
Alfred & Ilyas

Maple
Alfie & Zach

Birch
Gavin & Ruby

Lime
Finley & Grace

Cherry
Delilah & Rafi

Willow
All of Willow Class

Oak
Ersan

Ash Class Caterpillars

The children in Ash Class have enjoyed having real caterpillars in their classroom over the past few weeks as we watch them grow and change!



They have been so caring towards them and have enjoyed watching as they develop. All of the caterpillars have now turned into chrysalises, so the children carefully transferred them to the chrysalis station this week. We are now waiting patiently for them to turn into butterflies! Miss Yarwood is so impressed with how compassionate and kind the children have been towards them. Well done Ash class!

Brilliant Birch Class!

An enormous well done to all of the children in Birch Class this week. Year 2 have been working hard both this week and last to complete their end of Key Stage One SATs tests. Mrs Knowler and Mrs Fitch are incredibly proud of the children's determination and perseverance with these tests; very well done to all of you!

Year 6 Wales Information Evening

A reminder that our Year 6 information evening about our upcoming residential to Wales will be held on Tuesday 6th June, from 3.30 – 4.00pm. This will take place in Oak Classroom and parents and children are invited to hear more about this exciting trip, as well as to ask any questions that you may have. We are looking forward to seeing lots of you there!

Amazing Amphorae!

Over the last few weeks, Year 5 have been working incredibly hard to design, plan and create their own Ancient Greek amphorae. Using the coil and pinching methods, the children created their pots from scratch using terracotta clay, each choosing different shapes, sizes and styles.



Willow class then created motifs based on their Greek mythology research and painted the pots using orange and black paint. We finally finished them off using some PVA to give them a brilliant shine. From tiny and intricate to big and bold, don't they all look amazing!

Bright Lights Big City Project

As part of our "Bright Lights, Big City" topic, this week in Maple we have begun to build our own ambitious toy buses, based on the traditional London red buses. First, we designed what we wanted our buses to look like before discussing how we might make their wheels roll. We carefully measured out the right amount of plywood and started to saw, with the children showing great care and accuracy! Soon we will have some of our wonderful buses to show, so watch this space and keep your eye on our social media for updates!





Sports Roundup

Competitions

On Thursday, we ran athletics trials for upcoming the Year 4, 5 and 6 Small Schools Quadkids Athletics Competition on the 8th June. Congratulations to Pattie, Gael, John, Hagen, Chester, Max, Tess, Izzy, Zara and Alicia who were chosen to represent Girton Glebe at this exciting competition at Wilberforce Road.

We will also be entering a Year 3 and 4 girls' football competition for girls new to football. Mr Holt and Miss Childs have been running practices, ably assisted by several talented girls who already play football. This competition will be on the 16th June in Cambourne and we are looking forward to celebrating the progress of these girls at this event!

On 27th June, Girton Glebe will also be taking a team to compete in a Year 3 and 4 cricket competition! The Dynamo Cricket Event will be held in Caldecote and children for this competition will be selected soon.

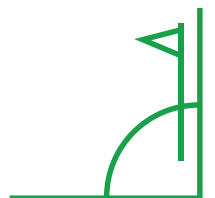
Our PE Lead is Miss Karrie Childs (Lime Class Teacher). Please get in touch with Miss Childs if you have any questions about PE.

School News

As many of you may be aware, we are lucky to have our very own swimming pool here at Girton Glebe which we look forward to using each Summer. Many thanks must go to the ELA site staff and our caretaker, Robert, who have been busy re-painting our pool this term, as well as Maple Class parent, Richard Reeves, who has been preparing it for swimming lessons and our family swim sessions and will be maintaining the pool over the next half-term. Swimming lessons are one of our favourite parts of the year and class teachers will be sending more information about timings and what to bring to school in their What's Next updates at the end of this week.

Local Sport Opportunities

Girls' football at Girton is growing and we would like to see if we can form an U13 Girls team for next season, 2023-24. Girls currently in Year 6 and Year 7 are eligible and we welcome girls of all experience levels! If you are interested, please come to a free training session at 10.30am on 10th June at Girton Recreation Ground CB3 0FH. Feel free to invite any local friends who are footballers and are looking for a team, too! If you have any questions or require any further information, parents can email rothedavid@gmail.com. Many thanks!





News Splash – Saturday Swim Sessions!

Our Saturday Swimming Sessions at Girton Glebe, starting 3rd June, are open for booking!

These family friendly swimming sessions will be operated by ELA Active and will run with qualified RLSS Lifeguards at every session. Family tickets (up to 4 people) are £16 and must be purchased online in advance of attending. Please note that at least one member of the family must be 18 or over.

Come and enjoy our newly-refurbished pool with friends and family! Please come “swim-ready” as no changing, shower or toilet facilities are available. Water toys and floats are welcome, but please note that fins, snorkels, masks that cover the nose and rubber rings are not permitted for safety reasons. Our school pool rules apply (no diving is allowed and jumping is permitted from the deep end only). We look forward to welcoming you to our wonderful pool!

To book for Saturday 3rd June, please click below:

11am <https://tinyurl.com/GirtonPool1>

12pm <https://tinyurl.com/GirtonPool2>

For further information or booking queries, please email sportscentre@ivc.tela.org.uk

Upcoming dates

5th June

First Day of Summer Term

5th – 9th June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks

6th June

Maple Class Trip To Wandlebury

6th June

Oak Class Residential Information Evening (15.30 – 16.00)

8th June

Birch Class Assembly

8th June

Quadkids Athletics Competition (Years 4,5,6)

9th June

Ash Class Cake Sale

12th – 16th June

Phonics Screening Checks

15th June

Sports Day

16th June

Ash Class Policeman Visit

16th June

Girls' Football Competition (Years 3&4)

19th – 23rd June

Year 6 Residential to Wales