



It's been yet another week of good weather and lots going on at Girton Glebe! We've had a busy hall this week with preparations full steam ahead for Year 5 & 6's production of **The Lion King**, as well as rehearsals for both Cherry and Ash Classes' assemblies – a big well done to Year 4 for their wonderful performance this week (more news on this next week!). We're looking forward to Reception's first ever class assembly next week and to hopefully seeing lots more parents and families there to support!

This week, we have seen the beginning of Work Experience season and are delighted to be joined by lots of older children from both local schools and some of our ELA Trust secondary schools over the next few weeks. We've had lots of other visitors in school this week too which has been lovely to see! From Reverend Bigg teaching some RE in Year 4 to parent volunteers designing props and teaching coding in Year 6 and even next year's Ash Class and their parents visiting for Stay and Play sessions, it's been a busy week to be at Girton!

Birch Class also set off on their Summer Term school trip to Hunstanton on Wednesday as part of their Coastline project; more information and photos from this fabulous day out will follow in next week's newsletter!

For now, here's a round-up of the latest news and what's coming up...

Mr Chris Butler
Headteacher

Summer Reading Challenge

Looking for ways to encourage your children to continue reading outside of school this summer? The Summer Reading Challenge is here and all the information you need can be found [here](#).

Follow the link and sign up at your local library by **8th July** for a chance to collect 6 special stickers and win a certificate and medal!

SENDCo News

As many families are already aware, we will soon be saying goodbye to our wonderful SENDCo and teacher **Laura Fitch**, who leaves us for maternity leave at the end of the Summer Term. We are sure you'll join us in wishing Laura the very best with her third child and her time away from school. Laura will be returning to her post as SENDCo next academic year. In the meantime, we are delighted to announce that **Meg Dinig** will continue to support our SEND provision as the ELA's SEND Coordinator and will be joined by current Year 1 teacher, **Cesca Kirby** and our Assistant SENDCo **Chrissy Childerley** to complete our SEND team in the interim.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

September Piano Lessons

Is your child looking to learn a new musical instrument? Annie Daniels is a professional pianist and experienced piano tutor who currently tutors a number of pupils at Girton Glebe. Annie will be offering further piano lessons at school starting in the Autumn term. The lessons will be during term time and during the school day. Spaces will be limited so please contact her directly for further information.

Email: mylivepianist@gmail.com
Telephone: **07361 361148**



The Lion King
Tickets still
available

Not got your tickets yet? Click [here](#) to request tickets!

Oak Class Residential to Wales!

Last week, Year 6 spent the week in the small town of Abernant, North Wales, where they enjoyed a four night adventure break in Manor Adventure's Abernant Hotel.

Oak class embarked on an exciting six hour coach journey through the Welsh country side on Monday morning and enjoyed mostly sunny weather throughout their adventure (with only one torrential storm!). The children eagerly participated in a range of challenging activities, including abseiling, climbing, kayaking, canoeing, mountain biking up steep hills, a long hike through breath-taking scenery, and some skilful archery and rifle shooting. Each activity pushed their limits and tested their strength, balance but most of all perseverance. Everybody demonstrated the Girton Glebe core values brilliantly throughout the week and had a very fun (but tiring!) time. A huge well done to all of Oak Class for your resilience and sense of humour throughout the week, and an ever bigger thank you to Miss Roddy, Miss Tweddle and Mr Warren who looked after the children wonderfully while they were away!

Information on next year's Year 5 & 6 residential will be released to parents over the coming weeks; keep your eyes peeled for letters on these exciting opportunities!



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Author of the Month

We are excited to announce that July's Author of The Month will be Elif Shafak, as nominated by Ash Class parent, Ayla Andrews. Ayla chose this author because she has always enjoyed her novels, which combine detailed historical research with interesting characters. Ayla told us, Shafak promotes compassion: "Stories bring us together, untold stories keep us apart." **Thank you, Ayla!**



Elif Shafak
nominated by Ayla Andrews
Ash Class parent



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Sports Roundup

Dynamo Cricket Competition

Mr Holt and Miss Bates wanted to say congratulations to Our Year 3 & 4 cricket team who attended the South Cambs small school Y3/4 Dynamo Cricket competition on Tuesday the 27th June. It was fantastic to see the team's progress through the competition. We have been beginning to learn about how to play cricket during our practices and the pupils put everything they had learned into practice as well as really gelling as a team through the day's play. One of the many impressive things was our dynamism in the field and that, towards the end of the day, we began responding to how our opposition were batting, stopping countless fours through good field placement.

As well as the team's fantastic spirit through all the games, there was a fantastic attitude towards enjoying the game whatever the score. We came very close to winning in 2 of the 5 matches and we were all very proud when the whole team celebrated each other's successes. Very well played and a huge well done to Katie, Liam, Peter S, Shiloh, Delilah, Jacob D, Laurie, Louis, Matthew and Selim!

Try out Athletics in Girton next week!

Who: **Key Stage Two Children**
When: **Tuesday 4th July at 16:30**
Where: **Girton Rec**

George Ball from Kickstart Active Life will be running an introduction to Athletics on Girton Rec next Tuesday afternoon from 4:30 until 5:15. This class is for all KS2 children but children from KS1 are also welcome. Try your hand at a range of running, jumping and throwing events! Some of you might know George from his coaching work with Girton Colts, or the regular athletics class that he runs in Histon.

The cost per child is £3.00 which you can pay on the day - George has a card machine if needed. Just turn up, bring your friends and be ready to have fun! Parents are welcome to stay and watch.



Family Swim Sessions

Sign up below for our Saturday Swim Sessions in our newly-refurbished school pool!

Saturday 1st July 2023

11am **Book now!**
12pm **Book now!**

Saturday 8th July 2023

11am **Book now!**
12pm **Book now!**

Saturday 15th July 2023

11am **Book now!**
12pm **Book now!**

- Operated by *ela*active
- A family friendly swim session with qualified RLSS Lifeguards.
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- Tickets must be purchased online in advance.
- Come "swim-ready", no changing, shower or toilet facilities are available.
- Pool rules apply: strictly no diving; jumping is permitted from the deep end only
- Water toys and floats are welcome – no fins, snorkels/masks that cover the nose or rubber rings, please
- All children aged 7 or below must be accompanied into the pool by an adult

Celebration Assembly

This week's assembly celebrated our core value of Excellence. 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 **Ilyas & Patrick**
Maple **Ella & Honey**
Birch **Arthur Wi & Josephine**
Lime **Sarah & Shiri**
Cherry **Lois & Theo**
Willow **All of Willow Class!**
Oak **Ersan & Sofia**

Upcoming dates

3rd July
Cherry Class Trip to Mountfitchet Castle

5th July
Singing Assembly (9.00am)

5th July
International Coffee Morning (9.00am – 11.00am)

5th July
Ash & Maple Class First Aid Workshop

6th July
Ash Class Assembly

7th July
Move Up Morning

11th July
Violin Assembly (9.00am)

11th July
Year 5&6 Production (4.00pm)

12th July
Oak Class SRE Lesson with IVC Teacher

13th July
Drumming Assembly (9.00am)

13th July
Year 5&6 Production (2.00pm & 5.30pm)

14th July
End of Year Reports Home

19th July
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (9.00am)

19th July
Year 6 Leavers' Party (3.00pm)

19th July
Last Day of School Year