



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter

22nd September 2023



How have we reached the end of another week already?!

Girton Glebe has been buzzing with the lovely sound of excited children this week as we reintroduced our wonderful offer of afterschool and lunchtime clubs, with old favourites such as Magic Club and Art Club returning as well as popular new clubs such as Lunchtime Gardening and Lunchtime Football. It's great to see so much extra-curricular learning happening around school and to hear the children's positive feedback on these clubs.



With our school hall back in full use, I have also enjoyed listening to the children singing together as we prepare for next week's Harvest Assembly. Our whole-school singing assemblies are always one of my favourite times of the week - we find these an excellent way to start the day and spread positive energy amongst staff and children for the day ahead.

In classrooms, our class projects are all well-underway and positive learning routines have been established; it's great to see our children so enthused in their learning and eager to share what they have learnt and what they are proud of in our Friday Celebration Assemblies!

Read on for a round-up of this week's news...

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Parents' Evening – Change of Date

To avoid a ghoulish clash with Halloween, our Autumn Parent's Evening dates have been changed. These will now take place on **Thursday 2nd November** (as planned) and **Tuesday 7th November** (instead of 31st October). All other details remain the same and information on how to book an in-person appointment with your child's teacher will be available nearer the time.

IB Primary Years Programme

As many of our families are already aware, from September 2024 we are proud to announce that we will begin teaching the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) as a candidate school.

The PYP is a transdisciplinary curriculum framework that offers deep, balanced and connected learning in authentic contexts. Our curriculum will continue to cover all of the requirements of the National Curriculum while offering our children so much more in terms of their development as active, compassionate and lifelong learners.

There are several unique aspects to the PYP curriculum. For more information, join us at one of our Open Day events or visit our school website:

girtonglebe.com/curriculum/pyp/





Harvest Donations

Next Friday (**29th September**) we will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly, in which classes will share poetry and songs to celebrate Harvest and to reflect on all of the things we are grateful for as we consider those in need of food. We are looking forward to welcoming our new Ash Class parents to this special event.



As always at this time of year, we are inviting families to donate surplus or unwanted food to our Harvest Food Bank collection, which our Year 6s will deliver to St Andrew's Church for distribution. Any donations of dry, non-perishable foods would be most welcome (cereals, soups, pasta, rice, tinned food etc.), and can be brought into classes from Wednesday 27th - Friday 29th September. Let's see if we can top last year's generous collection! Many thanks in advance!

Open Library

Don't forget to visit our Open Library sessions every **Thursday from 3.30 - 4.00pm**. Join us in our beautifully painted school library to borrow books, read with your children and get to know our teaching team. We look forward to welcoming familiar and new faces to share the joy of reading!

Sports Round-Up



Year 6 Play Leaders Training

On Monday 18th September, 22 members of Oak Class took part in Play Leaders training. These Play Leaders will facilitate collaborative games and competitions with younger members of the school at break and lunch times, helping to keep everyone active and celebrate our core values of Responsibility and Empathy.

Sports Clubs

We are pleased to offer a great range of sports and games clubs, run by a mixture of members of Girton Glebe staff and specialist external providers. As well as music, computing, magic, gardening and other fun clubs both in and out of school time, check out the sports we currently have on offer:

Monday

Indoor & Outdoor Games

Tuesday

Running, Triathlon, Netball, Football

Wednesday

Taekwondo

Thursday

Acro Dance

Friday

Street Dance, Football

Upcoming Competitions

This academic year, we are also looking forward to carrying on the success we had last year with attending Inter-School Sports competitions and have so far confirmed places at:

Year 5 & 6 Netball Competition

31st October

Years 3-6 Cross Country Competition

15th November

More information on trials, preparations and the event itself will be available nearer the time.



FOGG Class Reps

We are pleased to announce this year's FOGG Class Representatives – these are parents in each class who can be contacted for any FOGG event or fundraising questions

Ash: Tamara Fitters, Victoria Willis
Maple: Ayla Andrews, Claire Dickens
Birch: Victoria Reeves, Kate Collings
Lime: Francesca Peachey, Chelsey Wing
Cherry: Jen Goodwin, Lauren Hatton
Willow: Kate Hawksworth
Oak: Angie Vidler

House Captains

This week we elected our new Year 6 House Captains, who will collect & count house points each week and announce the House of The Week in our Friday assemblies. Year 6 wrote application letters to Miss Jolly & Mr Butler and the following children have been chosen as great role models and team captains for their house. Congratulations; you are all wonderful ambassadors of all of our core values and should wear your new badges with pride!



-  **Cristina & Michael**
Deputy: Phoebe
-  **Francis & Elsie**
Deputy: Marcell
-  **Mark & Zara**
Deputy: Valerie
-  **Livia & Yuvraj**
Deputy: Francesco

Upcoming Concert

Please see the attached poster for a marvellous, musical, family adventure! Excitingly, three of our pupils: Sophie, Eilidh and Orla (as well as their big brother) all feature on the track "I Just Want Ice Cream!" and were invited onto BBC Radio Cambridgeshire last week to talk about this musical event! Exciting news, girls! Thank you for sharing this with us.

(If you would like to share any achievements or local news, please contact Miss Jolly or the school office.)



Celebration Assembly

Well done to the following children who were selected as Celebration Certificate winners this week.

- Maple:** Frankie & Joseph
- Birch:** Eleanor & Lewis
- Lime:** Eddie & Heath
- Cherry:** Davi & Mariika
- Willow:** Lois & Timothy
- Oak:** Liberty & Rowena



House Points

A huge well done to everybody in **Blue House** this week for displaying all of our core values around school and earning the most house points, making **Blue House** our first House of The Week this academic year! Congratulations **Blue House**!



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Upcoming Dates

27th September, 15:30 - 16:00
Ash Class Phonics Workshop

29th September, 09:00
Harvest Assembly

30th September, 10:30 - 12:30
FOGG Jumble Sale

2nd - 6th October
Black History Week

19th October, 13:30 - 15:00
Open Afternoon

23 - 27 October
Half Term

30th October
Term starts

2nd November, 15:30 - 17:30
Parents' Evening

6th November
Flu Jabs

7th November, 15:30 - 19:00
Parents' Evening

9th November, 09:00
Oak Class Assembly

12th November
FOGG Sunday Afternoon Film

13th- 17th November
Anti-Bullying week

14th November, 13:30 - 15:00
Open Afternoon

17th November
Children in Need Day

18th November, 14:00 - 16:00
FOGG Christmas Fair

23rd November, 09.00
Cherry Class Assembly

24th November
Inset Day

5th December, 14:00
KS1 Production

7th December, 09:00
KS1 Production

11th December
Christmas Church visit

14th December, 09:00
Ash Class Nativity

18th December, 18:00
Christmas Carol Concert

19th December
Last Day of Term

Launching in September 2024!

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Girton Glebe will become the first state primary school in the East of England to deliver the IB Primary Years Programme. In partnership with Impington Village College, one of the UK's leading IB providers for more than 30 years, Girton pupils will benefit from a unique educational experience and a state IB education through to 18. On the outskirts of Cambridge, pupils benefit from excellent facilities, specialist teaching (including music, modern and classical languages) and on-site wraparound care.

The launch of the PYP builds on firm foundations at Girton Glebe which is at the heart of the village community; a glowing Ofsted report in September 2022 and excellent SATs outcomes for year 6 in summer 2023 which saw over 40% of pupils achieve 'greater depth'.

Attend our Open Events

Thursday 19th October
Tuesday 14th November
1.30 - 3.00pm



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