



This week has been another busy and productive week, for our children but also all of our staff!

Always looking to improve our provision for the children we have here at Girton Glebe, our teaching team meet weekly for regular CPD and training. This Monday, teachers and support staff began looking in more depth at strategies and resources to support those children with Dyslexia and literacy difficulties. This training will continue over the next few weeks as we continue to endeavour to better our provision not only in core subjects, but across the curriculum.



For the children, it's been full steam ahead, too! From Science experiments to Art masterclasses, Performing Arts lessons to learning Latin, I have seen it all in classrooms this week and, as ever, am proud of the thirst for learning that Girton children display every day. While we didn't have our Friday assembly this week, there was still lots to celebrate across the school.

Read on for this week's news...

**Chris Butler
Headteacher**

Guess The Teacher!



Get to know our teaching team a little better as we give you 3 clues to guess a mystery teacher each week. This week's clues:

I grew up in Norfolk and love long walks in the countryside.

My favourite sports are Gymnastics and Korfball.

I love dogs but am a little scared of birds!

Find out this week's teacher in next week's newsletter!

Cherry Class: America Artwork

As part of their Road Trip USA project this half-term, Cherry Class have been looking at famous landmarks in America, conducting their own research before creating beautiful posters about the sights they had found.

Our other topics across the school this half term are:

Ash: **All About Me**
Maple: **Memory Box**
Birch: **Land Ahoy**
Lime: **Through The Ages**
Willow: **Pharaohs**
Oak: **Britain @ War**

More information on all of these topics, and our learning across the curriculum in each year group, can be found on our Curriculum Organisers, [here!](#)





500 Words Competition

"Write a story you would love to read."

BBC's 500 Words Competition is back! The UK's largest children's story writing competition is open for anyone aged 5-11 and you have until 8pm on Friday 10th November to enter your story. This year, the competition is split into two age groups: 5-7 and 8-11 year olds. Don't worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar - it's the story that matters!

Stories will be judged by renowned authors Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson, Malorie Blackman and Lenny Henry and the winners will be featured in a special 500 Words programme with The One Show, on World Book Day on 7th March 2024. Prizes include visiting Buckingham Palace, receiving Lenny Henry's height in books and book bundles and wall-art for the school, too!

In school, we will celebrate entries from each class, with class teachers choosing extracts to be read in our Celebration Assemblies across the month of November. We can't wait to read your entries!

Click [here](#) for more information on how to enter, the awesome prizes, and tips and tricks for getting started!

New Music Room!

Over the past few weeks, every class has been enjoying their weekly Music lessons with Mrs Hamilton in our new fit-for-purpose Music Room! Instead of music in our usual classrooms, we have been loving making lots of noise in this new space. With musical instruments from ukuleles to keyboards, and a whole host of percussion instruments, we are finding there's lots more space to explore the magic of music and having a designated area for these sessions makes music lessons feel like a real treat!



"All about Harvest!" in Maple Class

On Monday, Maple Class had an incredibly enriching day delving into the vibrant spirit of Harvest! Our journey began with a special visit from Mrs. Eona Bell, the Children and Families Minister at St. Andrew's Church. Together, we embarked on a "Goldy Play" session, which this time focused on the Christian creation story, told through some beautiful visuals. Following this engaging storytelling, the children were able to create their own creation-story-inspired arts and crafts, which they absolutely loved!

After our Goldy Play session, Maple continued to explore the different ways in which Christians give thanks, by immersing ourselves in some Christian hymns. This allowed us to discuss not just what Christians are thankful for, but what we personally are thankful for in our lives. In response, Maple fashioned their very own gratitude leaves as a way to show their appreciation for the things and people around them.

In the afternoon, we delved into yet another compelling Bible story, this one retelling how Jesus miraculously fed 5,000 people. This tale ignited an interesting discussion on the importance of sharing, instilling within our students the value of generosity and community.

And the icing on the cake, or should we say, the dough on the bun: we wrapped up our splendid day by creating our own gluten-free, yoghurt bread buns to share with our loved ones at home. The results were nothing short of amazing, a testament to the budding chefs in Maple Class!

Our Harvest day was a heart-warming journey of learning, creativity, and compassion. As we carry the lessons of sharing and gratitude forward, we can't wait to see how they'll bloom in our everyday lives. Harvest truly is a time for giving, and Maple Class is ready to embrace it with open hearts and open hands.



Ash Class Phonics Workshop

Thanks to those who came to the EYFS Phonics Workshop on Wednesday evening. The slides from the presentation are available on Class Dojo for Ash class for those who couldn't make it. Do come and see Mr Holt if you couldn't make it and would like to know more about how we help your children learn to read.

Celebration Assembly

Due to our annual Harvest Assembly, we had no celebration assembly this week. Watch this space for more winners of celebration certificates next week, when we will also be awarding two Readers of The Week in each class as well as celebrating Bronze, Silver and Gold Athletics awards, too!

More information on our Harvest Assembly will follow in next week's newsletter. Thank you for all of your generous donations.

Pinpoint Survey & Conference

For families of children with additional needs.

Pinpoint, SENDIASS and the Local Authority have worked together to create a short questionnaire for parents and carers to tell us what you think about the support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Cambridgeshire. We will use the information to develop, improve and celebrate good support for children with SEND. We will share the survey results with parents, carers, schools and settings twice a year. **Click here if you would like to complete this quick and easy survey.**

Come along to Pinpoint's in-person Conference 2023! Discover a world of knowledge, support, and inspiration as parents, caregivers, and professionals unite to champion children with additional needs. Don't miss this remarkable opportunity!

Save the date: 10.00 - 14.00, October 3rd, Burgess Hall, St Ives.

Tickets are FREE, reserve yours now [here!](#)

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Annual Conference



Together we are stronger



3rd October 2023
10am-2pm
Burgess Hall, St Ives





Sports Round-Up

New Football & Netball Training



With two new sports clubs starting this week (lunchtime football and afterschool netball), we thought we'd get some children's and parent's thoughts on what clubs like these mean to them:

Football:

"George is amazing! He helps me with my football skills. I love playing at lunchtime because otherwise we wouldn't get the chance."
- **Lilly B**

"I like the opportunity to be active at lunchtime!" - **Felix F**

"I like the football club because George lets the girls and the boys play together and it's lots of fun and enjoyable." - **Rowena**

Netball:

"It's great for the children to have wonderful activities and options to be active and have fun with their classmates." - **Zara's Mum**

"I enjoyed trying something different; it is really fun!" - **Clara**

"I personally enjoy the competition." - **Zachary**



Sports Monitors

Well done to the following Year 6 children, who have been chosen as this year's Sports Monitors:

Alex, Marcell, Rowan, Felix, Harisshan & Marcus

These children will support adults around school with setting up and tidying away PE lessons, as well as helping to organise sports equipment at break and lunchtimes, alongside our 22 Play Leaders.

An Exciting Visit!

We are very lucky to be hosting a visit from **Danny Aldridge**, UK and World Champion Inline Skater on Tuesday 3rd October. Danny will be performing a showcase assembly for the whole school, and Years 5 and 6 will also be fortunate enough to take part in an Inline Skating Masterclass with Danny himself! Look out for photos of this fun event in next week's newsletter.





House Points

This week's House of The Week are **Red House!** At the end of each week, Dojos are converted into House Points, with 3 Dojos earning you 1 House Point. Well done to everyone in **Red House** for working hard to earn Dojos; you must have been impressing in lessons and around the school this week!





Upcoming Dates

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