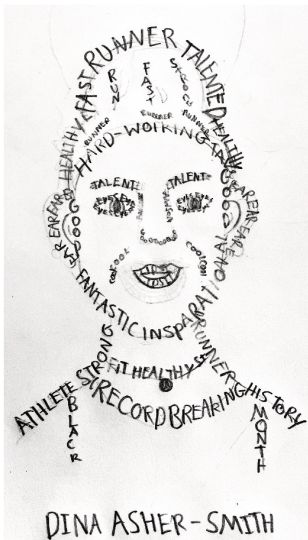




**What a busy week!** We have reached the end of Week 6 and our penultimate week of this half-term. Throughout the week, I have visited lots of classrooms and been blown away by the mathematical thinking I have seen, the creative writing I have read and the



curiosity I have witnessed in each class. From a horse in school, to an exciting delivery of new Chromebooks, and lots more wonderful Black History Month inspired work around school (like this beautiful inspirational quote portrait of Dina Asher-Smith from Oak Class), we couldn't possibly fit everything into this week's newsletter! You'll have to wait to see more in next week's issue or join us in school for our



Open Day next Thursday to see all of our brilliant learning for yourselves!

Here are this week's headlines...

**Chris Butler**  
Headteacher

## Celebration Assembly

Another week coming to an end means we have had lots more to celebrate! Well done to all of the children who received a certificate in today's assembly. Here are this week's winners:

- Maple:** Ethan & Giorgio
- Birch:** Ella & Alexander
- Lime:** Adeline & Gavin
- Cherry:** Felix & Sarah
- Willow:** Laurie & Scarlett
- Oak:** Alex & Emily

## Open Afternoon

Will you be joining us in school next week? **From 1.30 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October**, our doors will be open to new and existing parents as we once again showcase our wonderful learning environments, lessons and outdoor areas here at Girton Glebe.



Join our Year 6 House Captains for a tour of the school; meet our Senior Leadership Team and learn more about the IB Curriculum; see learning in action with our teaching team leading lessons on their specialist subjects; visit our newly-painted school library for a Greater Depth reading workshop and watch a masterclass in Forest School, all while enjoying a complimentary hot drink and sweet treat from local businesses.

Can't make this one? Our next Open Afternoon will be held **from 1.30 on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

## Guess the teacher!



Did you guess? Last week's teacher was **Miss Roddy**, our Year 4 teacher, RE Coordinator, and Pupil Premium and EAL Champion, who has taught almost every year group and comes from a family of talented Irish dancers! Here are this week's clues:

**In my spare time, I like to grow vegetables and would love to get an allotment one day.**

**One of my favourite places to be is on top of a mountain, surrounded by snow.**

**My garage and loft are full of sports equipment for sports I hope to take up again in the future (such as white water kayaking and golf)!**

**Read next week's newsletter to see if you've guessed correctly!**



## Get Involved!

With lots of different competitions, charity appeals and ways to get involved throughout the Autumn Term, we thought we'd list these all in one place. Take a look at the ways you can be a part of our Girton Glebe community and take part in wider-reaching opportunities this term:

**BHM Colouring Page Competition:** One for the artists! Get your inspirational people colouring page designs completed this week! More information can be found on last week's newsletter.

Deadline: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Operation Christmas Child:** Feeling generous? All the information you need to create a Christmas Shoebox can be found here: [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child)

Deadline: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**BBC 500 Words:** Calling all writers and readers! This one's for you! Information on how to enter and all of the fabulous prizes on offer can be found here: [www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words)

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## Girton Parish Council Visit

On Monday, the whole school were treated to a guest assembly from Ann Muston and Yvonne Murray, Vice Chair and Clerk for Girton Parish Council.

Ann and Yvonne revealed the parish council's beautiful new logo, cleverly designed by Year 6 pupil, Alicia, as part of a local competition earlier this year. Well done Alicia; we love the new design! Alicia and all of the Girton Glebe children who entered this competition were awarded certificates and prizes of seeds to plant AND a free Jack's Gelato ice-cream! Well done to Amelia, Eleanor, Ella, Flo, Livia, Rowena, Rafi and Thea for entering!



Following this, our visitors then taught us a little about what parish councils do (including funding Girton Colts and other teams, improving the recreation ground, litter picking and fixing pot-holes to make cycling to school safer). They also spoke about the different roles on Girton Parish Council and how they would like our help to change and improve our village.

The parish council currently have exciting plans to update the children's play area in Girton, and, as part of the Everyone's Playground competition, children of Girton Glebe are invited to submit their ideas for how this could be improved. Please email a picture of one piece of Play Equipment you would like to see on Girton Recreation Ground to [clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@girton-pc.gov.uk) or pop your picture through the post at Girton Recreation Ground pavilion.

In addition, the council would like YOUR views on what to name the team of people who look after our local community. Please click this link to have your say: [forms.office.com/e/h2LTTbJpi9](https://forms.office.com/e/h2LTTbJpi9)

Thank you to Ann and Yvonne for an informative and engaging assembly! These ladies reminded children that suggestions for improving the village are always welcome, inviting children to write letters with any concerns or improvements and promised that all letters will be read and responded to. It's great to get involved with our local community and to be a part of the changes that we see around Girton, helping to reinforce our PSHE theme of Being A Global Citizen!



## Chromebooks for Year 6!

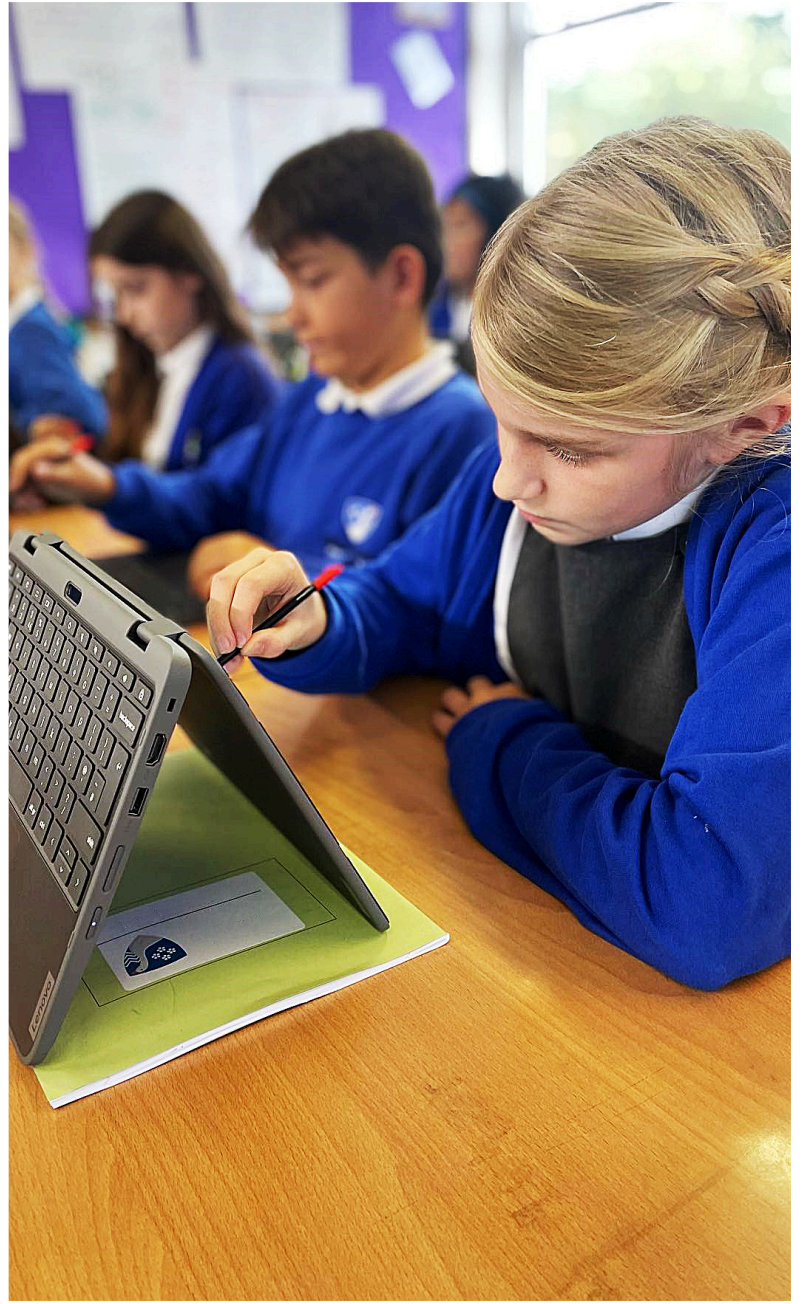
On Wednesday, Year 6 had a VERY exciting delivery of 31 brand new Chromebooks to use in class. Funded by the Eastern Learning Alliance, these new laptops will give our Year 6 pupils the opportunity to develop their cross-curricular learning and improve their interactivity in all lessons.

We were fortunate enough to receive both staff and pupil training on how to get the most out of these exciting additions to the classroom; a huge thank you to Mr Gee and his team from IVC for setting this up!

We are excited about the way in which these machines will not only improve teaching at learning while at Girton Glebe, but will support our students with their transition to secondary and the regular use of these computers at IVC.

## Cherry Class Dream Catchers

With Halloween fast approaching, and as part of their Road Trip USA project, Cherry Class have been busy designing and creating beautiful Dream Catchers in their Art & DT lessons. Year 4 discovered that Native Americans would hang these to protect sleepers, especially children, from bad dreams, nightmares and evil spirits. Aren't they beautiful?!





## House Points

Congratulations to **Red House** for earning the most House Points this week! Our House Point tubes are filling up quickly; only one more week to get earning ahead of next week's final House of The Week of this half-term!



400



378



324



302



## Upcoming Dates

**Please note new FOGG events added in red!**

**19<sup>th</sup> October, 13:30 - 15:00**

Open Afternoon

**20<sup>th</sup> October**

Lime Class Cake Sale

**20<sup>th</sup> October**

Last Day of Term

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Half Term

**30<sup>th</sup> October**

Term starts

**2<sup>nd</sup> November, 15:30 - 17:30**

Parents' Evening

**6<sup>th</sup> November**

Flu Jabs

**7<sup>th</sup> November, 15:30 - 19:00**

Parents' Evening

**9<sup>th</sup> November, 09:00**

Oak Class Assembly

**10<sup>th</sup> November**

Oak Class Cake Sale

**12<sup>th</sup> November**

FOGG Sunday Afternoon Film

**13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Anti-Bullying week

**14<sup>th</sup> November, 13:30 - 15:00**

Open Afternoon

**17<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need Day

**18<sup>th</sup> November, 14:00 - 16:00**

FOGG Christmas Fair

**23<sup>rd</sup> November, 09.00**

Cherry Class Assembly

**24<sup>th</sup> November**

Inset Day

**5<sup>th</sup> December, 14:00**

KS1 Production

**7<sup>th</sup> December, 09:00**

KS1 Production

**11<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Church visit

**13<sup>th</sup> December**

FOGG School Disco

**14<sup>th</sup> December, 09:00**

Ash Class Nativity

**18<sup>th</sup> December, 18:00**

Christmas Carol Concert

**19<sup>th</sup> December**

Last Day of Term

## Job Vacancy – Family Support Worker

The Eastern Learning Alliance are looking for a Family Support Worker who will provide an intensive support service to pupils and/or their parents, identified by the schools within the trust as 'vulnerable' or 'in need.' The post holder will provide a link between home and school to help resolve difficulties at an early stage.

**We are looking for a candidate who can:**

- build positive partnerships between school/s and parents in order to improve attendance and behaviour and support children's development and learning
- identify and tackle difficulties at an early stage and link families to more specialised help and support when necessary
- organise, plan and run groups as deemed necessary to support families and achieve the objectives of the project, such as parenting, self-esteem and coffee mornings

This post is based at Impington Village College but working with Girton Glebe as part of the IB cluster. For more information, please visit: <https://tela.org.uk/vacancies/family-support-worker/>



# We are recruiting!

We require a Specialist Teaching Assistant to work with an amazing year 1 pupil who has ASD as part of our Special Needs Team under the direction of the SENCO.

Head over to [tela.org.uk/vacancies](https://tela.org.uk/vacancies) to find out more and apply today!



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