



Girton Glebe Primary School

# Newsletter

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023



## It's our final week of the half-term, and what a week it has been!

We kicked off on Monday with special assembly all about Operation Christmas Child, delivered by our Year 6 School Council. Our first Open Afternoon of the year yesterday also saw us open our doors to parents, old and new, as House Captains toured our visitors around the school to see exciting lessons in subjects such as History, French, Latin and even Forest School! Thank you to all of the families who joined us for this exciting event; we hope you enjoyed your visit and were able to learn more about our IB Curriculum, launching in 2024!

As it's our last issue of the half-term, here is a round-up of the best things that have been happening all around the school over this week and last...

**Chris Butler**  
Headteacher

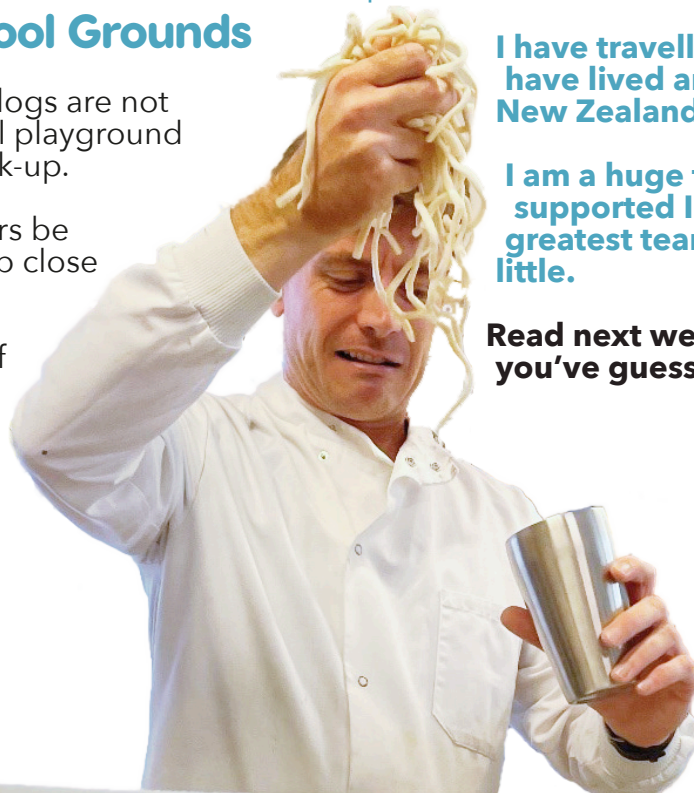


## No Dogs on School Grounds

A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school playground during drop-off and pick-up.

Please could dog owners be mindful of tying dogs up close to the school gates, to support those with allergies and phobias of dogs. Thank you!

■ Find out what Mr Warren has been up to on the next page!



## Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of the children below who earned a certificate in this week's celebration assembly!

**Maple:** Alfred & Amelia  
**Birch:** Emma & Kodi  
**Lime:** Megan & Thomas D  
**Cherry:** Dash & Grace  
**Willow:** Dorothy & Zachary  
**Oak:** Arjun & Felix

## Guess the teacher!

Did you guess? Last week's teacher was **Mr Holt**, our Early Years Lead who loves the outdoors, trying new sports and growing veg! Here are this week's clues:



**I love super-spicy food and have a growing collection of fiery chilli sauces in my fridge at home.**

**I have travelled all over the world and have lived and worked in Australia, New Zealand and South Korea.**

**I am a huge football fan and have supported Ipswich Town (the greatest team in Anglia) since I was little.**

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



## Member of Willow Class Mummified!

Last week, Mr Warren took Year 5 back in time to Ancient Egypt, where the class witnessed first-hand the mummification of one of the children! The experience began with a spin of the 'Wheel Of Names', selecting Laurie as the pharaoh to be mummified, Olesia, Amelia and Timothy as Mr Warren's assistants, and Joon Joon as the all-important scribe. Willow Class watched in horror as Mr Warren then removed Laurie's organs and brain before wrapping him in tissue paper, ready for the afterlife. This demonstration not only hooked the pupils, who were bubbling with interesting questions about the process, but fuelled lots of fantastic writing about this ancient occurrence, too. In case you'd like to try this at home, here are Clara's instructions on how to mummify a pharaoh:



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L.O: To describe the process of mummification

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### Mummification

<b>What is mummification?</b>	It is when they preserving a body, so it doesn't decay.
<b>Who was mummified?</b>	The important people were mummified. e.g. Pharaohs, nobles, etc. officials.
<b>Why were they mummified?</b>	To prepare the body for the after-life.

### The 5 Steps of Mummification

1	<b>Clean</b> Use the water from the River Nile to clean the body.
2	<b>Organs Removed</b> Cut the body and remove all the organs except the heart. Put the brain in the jar and the others in canopic jars.
3	<b>Salt</b> Cover the body in Natron Salt and leave it for 40 days so it can remove the moisture so the body doesn't decay.
4	<b>Stuff</b> Stuff the body with rags and plants so the body didn't look like a shrunken raisin.
5	<b>Wrap</b> Wrap the body in bandages and under the bandages put amulets to protect the body from in the after-life.





## Lime Class Cave Art

Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age and looking at cave paintings in their recent project work. They had some great ideas about how the pigments and marks may have been made in the cave artworks they explored. Then, they had a go at making their own cave art using oil pastels and scrunched up baking paper to create texture and an 'aged' effect. Check these out!



## A Horse visits Oak Class!

On Tuesday, as part of their WW1 topic, Year 6 were visited by local horse Bewley - who just so happens to look exactly like the main character of their current class text, War Horse! The children enjoyed meeting and feeding Bewley while practising their life drawing skills using their new Chromebooks. We also used this opportunity to ask Bewley's owner lots of questions about owning and caring for horses and collected lots of vocabulary to describe Bewley's appearance and personality, which we will use in our character descriptions of Joey from War Horse after half-term.

**Thank you Chrissy For bringing Bewley to see us. This was a lovely end of half-term treat after all of our hard work!**





## BHM: Ash Class learn about Zambia

As part of our Black History Week in Ash Class, we were very grateful to Ms Simuyandi who came in to talk to us about life in Zambia. With our visitor, we looked at the Zambian flag and learned what the different parts of the flag represent, before locating Zambia on a map and learning some interesting Zambian words and phrases. Then, we looked at some Zambian artefacts, including some beautiful materials and cooking utensils. The children loved using these in our home role-play area in the way that Ms Simuyandi had demonstrated and practised carrying the baby dolls as is the practice in Zambia.

**All the children loved learning about Zambia and sampling the plantain chips that Ms Simuyandi brought in for us to try; thank you for your visit!**

## Brilliant Boats in Birch!

Year 2 have been designing and making awesome pirate ships in their DT lessons! Linked to their 'Land Ahoy!' project about pirates and explorers, the children have been learning about the different parts of a ship and discussing which materials would be most suitable for building a boat in their science learning. This week, Birch have even made rafts using natural materials in Forest School and tested them to see if they could carry a figurine. The next challenge for Birch pupils is to work out how to make these float using their knowledge of materials and their properties. Great work, Year 2!





## House Points

Well done to all of **Green House** this week for being our House of The Week! Here are this week's totals:

With this half-term coming to an end, the house with the most points and therefore our **House of The Half-Term** are **Red House**. Congratulations and well done for all of your hard work over the last 7 weeks! Our House Point towers will now be emptied, ready for a new competition next half-term. Keep earning Dojos in and out of class to lead your house to victory!



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## 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:

**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 10th 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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**Everyone's Playground (GPC):** Help our Parish Council to design a new play area in Girton by emailing 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)

**Rename Girton Parish Council:** 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)

## Upcoming Dates

**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