



Girton Glebe Primary School

# Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023



**Welcome back!** We have had a very wet and rainy first week back, but a hugely busy and enjoyable one! Despite the weather, there have been lots of smiling faces around school this week, particularly during our Dance and Music workshops – a huge thank you to parent governor Hawa and our fabulous FOGG for organising these fantastic experiences for Girton children this week! Read on to find out all about Oddey, our wonderful dance teacher this week, and check back next week for more information on our **“Travelling by Tuba”** workshop, too.



Thank you to all of the parents that joined us for Parents' Evening yesterday; as always it was lovely to welcome so many families into school and to share the progress of our children. If you are yet to book an appointment, please book with the office ahead of Tuesday's parents' meetings.

## Here's a round-up of this week's news...

**Chris Butler**  
Headteacher

## Guess The Teacher!

Did you guess? Last week's teacher was **Mr Warren**, our Year 5 teacher who loves football and spicy food and has taught all around the world! Here are this week's clues:

**I have a dog called Bob who is a labradoodle; he is very playful and always looking for food!**

**In my spare time, I love reading poetry. I like discovering new poets and try to read a poem every day.**

**I can speak Polish as I have Polish family.**

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

## Afro Dancing Fun

On Monday, to complete our Black History Month celebrations, we were delighted to welcome Oddey into school for a whole-school Afro Dance workshop. Oddey, who performed on Britain's Got Talent with his dance group, Flawless, in 2009, showed us his awesome moves before teaching us about Afro Dance and teaching the entire school a fun and energetic routine. The lively atmosphere and great mood around school was felt by all for the entire day, with children commenting that this was the best Monday they had ever had and staff enjoying joining in with the dancing too! It was great to remind ourselves of the power of exercise and how being active can improve not only our physical health, but mental well-being as well. Thank you so much to Oddey for sharing your dancing with us!

If your child enjoyed this and would like to try more dancing with Oddey, he is a regular teacher at BodyWork Theatre School in Cambridge; all Girton children can access a free trial session by quoting **'Girton Free Trial'**! See the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information.





## Ash Class Update

### Forest School with Year 6

Last half-term, we enjoyed a lovely forest school session to finish our work on the Three Little Pigs. The Reception and Year 6 children worked in groups with their buddies to make dens which could withstand the Big Bad Wolf huffing and puffing; we focused on team work and communication skills as well as design and building.

The Year 6 buddies supported the Reception children very well, making sure they were included in the design and build process while also including their own ideas. It was interesting to see the younger children bringing excellent ideas such as swimming pools and slides to enhance their building projects and the older children making sure any discussions involved everyone. There was some great teamwork and really good listening from all involved. The atmosphere created by the collaboration between Reception and Year 6 was a privilege to witness.

When the dens were finished, the big bad wolf came round to try and blow them down but they were all too well constructed! Well done all!

### Black History Month Artwork

For Black History month, we looked at the work of Alma Woodsey Thomas and made two different kinds of circular art inspired by her paintings. Firstly, the children looked carefully at the colours and how Alma had used dashes and careful colour choice to make interesting circles. Then we tried our own using oil pastels, mixing the colours by smudging using our fingers and the oil pastels themselves. We hope you'll agree the results are quite striking! Well done Ash Class!

### Celebration Assembly

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

**Ash:** Amelia & Andre  
**Maple:** Orla & Reuben  
**Birch:** Freddie & Sophia  
**Lime:** Ece & Luca  
**Cherry:** Leah & Peter CT  
**Willow:** Delilah & Jacob  
**Oak:** Rowan & Zara





## Sports Round Up!

### Netball



A huge congratulations to our Year 5&6 Netball Team who won 3 out of 4 games at a local competition this Tuesday, putting them first in the A Team Division of the local Bee Netball League. There were 10 teams in total so this is a fantastic achievement. The movement on the court of our team was fantastic, especially in attack (and in defence in the last game in particular). We were very good at breaking down the court quickly and, with some fantastic shooting from different distances, we scored well in each game. Thank you to Miss Tweddle for coaching our team and congratulations on a great effort, fantastic team spirit and supporting each other. We are looking forward to the second round in March and hopefully progressing to the finals in April!

### Cross Country

This week we have had great attendance for both our Cross Country practice sessions and the trials held on Thursday. There was some great effort put into running extra laps and some really careful pacing in both the practice and the trials. Congratulations to all those who make the teams and to everybody who took part in the trials. We will be taking 48 runners from years 3-6 to a local Cross Country Competition on Wednesday 15th November and are looking forward to showing our talents and representing Girton Glebe. Going forward, all children are still welcome to the practices to support the teams in preparing and to continue to improve their running if they wish!

## Poppies on Sale

Poppies for Remembrance are now on sale. These will be sold in classrooms each afternoon by our Year 6 helpers until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Donations big and small are welcome. Thank you!

## Upcoming Dates

### 6<sup>th</sup> November

Flu Jabs

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

Parents' Evening

### 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

### 15<sup>th</sup> November

Years 3-6 Cross Country Competition

### 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



## House Points

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



320



297



277



248

# **AFROHOUSE**

**WITH ODDEY**

**FREE TRIAL FOR GIRTON GLEBE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS**

**TO BOOK  
A TRIAL  
EMAIL**

**THEATRESCHOOL  
@BODYWORKDS.CO.UK**

**AND QUOTE  
'GIRTON FREE TRIAL'**





**Christmas Lunch**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing,  
Pigs in Blankets and Gravy**

**or**

**Homemade Festive Vegetarian Pastry Slice**

**Roast Potatoes**

**Medley of Vegetables**

**Selection of Festive Cookies or Mince Pies**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS from Sarah and Julie**



# We are recruiting!

We require a Teaching Assistant to work with students as part of our Special Needs Team under the direction of the SENCO. As a school, we are innovative in realising the potential of all our students and we offer an excellent, supportive environment in which to work.

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



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