



**Week 3 has ended with lots of colour and smiles, as this week was all about Anti-Bullying Week and today we celebrated Children in Need with our Spotacular Non-Uniform Day!**



It has been great to see a focus on our school values of respect and responsibility throughout the week and to see children enjoying special workshops and assemblies on this topic, which also links brilliantly with our PSHE learning on Celebrating Difference this half-term!

It has also been lovely to welcome more families into school and to share our current learning, as well as look forward to the introduction of the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme, at our second Open Afternoon event this week. Teaching staff are delving into training on how we will deliver our new curriculum in our Monday night CPD sessions; we can't wait to share more about how this will look at Girton with parents and families once our training is complete!

Read on for a bumper edition of news from around the school this week...

**Chris Butler**  
Headteacher



## Guess The Teacher!

Did you guess? Last week's teacher was **Miss Kirby**, our Year 3 teacher and SENDCo, who loves baking and running and has worked on archaeological digs before becoming a teacher! Here are this week's clues:

**I have taught in many places, but the furthest from Cambridge is Uganda.**

**My very first job was in a record store called HMV.**

**My favourite sports team are known as the Hornets.**

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

## Celebration Assembly

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

**Ash:** Darius & Logan

**Maple:** Avaline & Mia

**Birch:** Jen Nah & Luca

**Lime:** Jayden & Mia

**Cherry:** Jacob & Masha

**Willow:** Amelia & Rafi

**Oak:** Elsie & Livia





## Remembrance

Last Friday, to commemorate **Remembrance Day** and pay our respects to those who have sacrificed their lives for their country, Year 6 and the school choir visited St Andrews' Church for a special Remembrance Service. We were greeted by Eona at the church, who talked about the importance of remembering loved ones and how personal belongings can help us to bring back special memories of those who are not with us anymore. After a reminder of the importance of Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies on this day, the children performed the song 'In Flanders Fields', beautifully filling the church with their harmonies. We then placed the school's wreath on the war memorial outside, where we held a two minutes' silence to remember those who have sadly lost their lives, as well as those they left behind.

This visit was not only an important part of our work to be global citizens, but also links with Year 6's current learning on the two world wars; following our visit, Oak Class reflected on their morning and created these beautiful poppy artworks.





## An Exciting Visit from Break's Mini G!

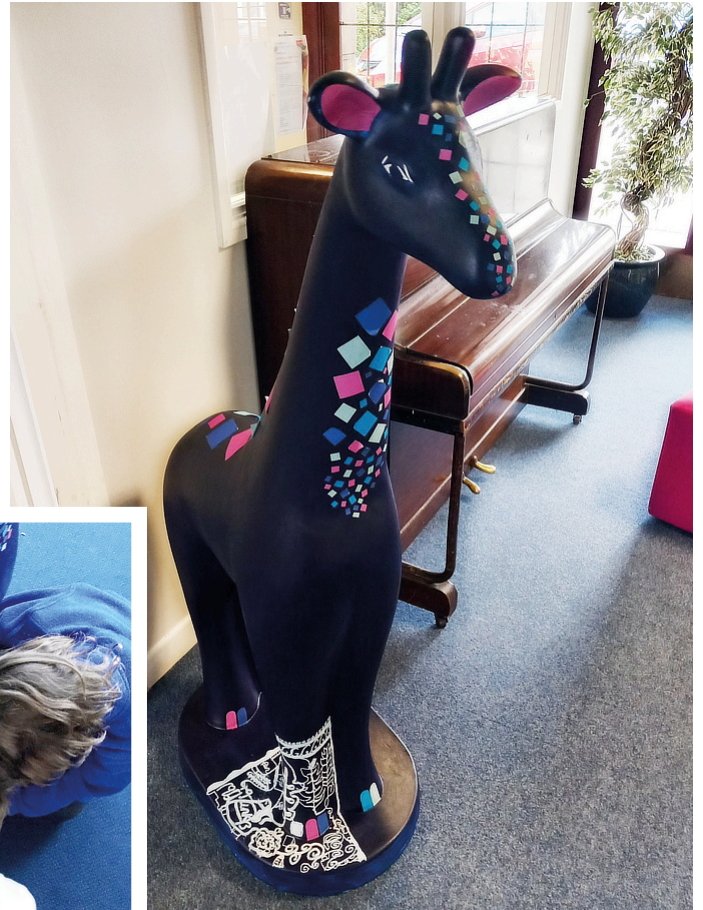
**Break, an organisation that supports young people in care, leaving care, and on the edge of care across East Anglia, has some thrilling news for Cambridge!** Next spring, a magnificent herd of giraffe sculptures will be installed, towering over the city. This fantastic initiative follows the success of the Cows about Cambridge trail in 2021.

Local schools, including those in the Eastern Learning Alliance, have been given the exciting opportunity to be a part of decorating these Mini Gs, beautifully crafted giraffe sculptures that will roam the streets of Cambridge for an incredible 10 weeks in March 2024.

Here at Girton, we had the privilege of being the first school in the trust to decorate our Eastern Learning Alliance giraffe, Ela. A group of dedicated art enthusiasts from Years 5 and 6 took on the challenge alongside Miss Giraldo-Perez (our Arts co-ordinator) and transformed the front right leg and base of our Mini G. Their creation showcased stunning continuous line drawings inspired by Girton Glebe. From feathers to books and even a nod to the year 1951 (if you know, you know!), their artwork was truly a sight to behold.

We cannot wait for the whole city to experience the awe-inspiring sight of these Mini G giraffes! It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to not only showcase their artistic talents but also be a part of this exciting city-wide event, supporting the important work of Break charity while spreading some joy around Cambridge.

We encourage everyone to keep an eye out for these magnificent sculptures when they grace the streets of Cambridge next spring; see if you can spot Ela and find Girton Glebe's designs!



## Christmas Concert

We are thrilled to invite all parents & family members to a festive concert on the evening of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Join us in the school hall to share Christmas songs performed on the piano, violin, recorder and ukulele and sung by both our student body and the school choir. Festive refreshments will be on sale, with all proceeds going to FOGG, who help to fund opportunities for our children such as workshops, trips & visits, school resources and our end of term productions.

**Tickets will be on sale soon. Please note the change of time for this event - this will now begin at 5.30 pm. We can't wait to see you there!**



## Anti-Bullying Week!

This week we have learnt about, celebrated and put into action lots of tips and advice from visitors spreading the word of Anti-Bullying. This year, we were lucky enough to have themed performing arts workshops for Years 1-6, delivered by Perform For Schools and kindly funded by FOGG. These workshops reminded children of the definitions of bullying, helping them to identify four different types of bullying (physical, verbal, social and cyber) and spread the message of this year's theme: Make Some Noise! The children explored the different ways to prevent bullying around school and who to tell or how to react if they notice any unkind behaviour, whilst also working on building skills such as confidence and collective responsibility.

Later in the week, we were also joined by Tim from Cambridge United, who delivered an assembly about speaking out about bullying and launched CUFC's Make Some Noise Competition. See the attached flyer for how to enter this competition at home!

## Cross Country Champions!

On Wednesday, we were pleased to take a very strong team for the local Cross Country competition this year, with at least 4 children running in each category from Girton Glebe. The children were very determined in their races, and all made us very proud to be part of the Girton Glebe community with their perseverance and fantastic attitude towards taking part and trying to excel themselves. There was a big field in each category with 70+ finishers in some of races.

We are waiting hopefully for the team results.

We are excited to announce that we had 4 top-three finishers: well done to Ashley and Delilah for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in their races, Peter S for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and Alicia for winning her race! We also had top-ten finishes from Masha, Nico and Dhruv and couldn't be more proud of all of the runners that took part. A nearby parent from another school remarked that we must be doing a lot of running at school to have so many top finishers! The children had a lovely morning. We would like to send a big thank from both children and staff to all the parent volunteer helpers, without whom it would not have been possible to enter this event.





## Maple Class Update

### A Whirlwind of Music, Art, and Interstellar Adventures!

Maple Class has been buzzing with excitement since returning from half term. We've had a jam-packed schedule, filled with musical workshops, art projects, and an out-of-this-world mission to help an alien friend named Sporkle. Grab a cuppa and let us fill you in on all the fun and learning we've been experiencing!



### The KS1 Production

Maple Class has been diligently rehearsing for our upcoming KS1 production, **"The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All."** This humorous tale revolves around a perpetually tardy angel who encounters mishaps at every turn. Will she finally arrive on time to meet Mary and Joseph and join the Angel Chorus in celebrating the most important event of all? Be sure to mark your calendars for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of December, when our talented Year 1 and Year 2 students will delight parents with their performance.



### From Picasso to Van Gogh - Unleashing Our Artistic Talents

Art has been a thriving passion for Maple Class as well. Before the half term, we immersed ourselves in the world of Pablo Picasso, drawing inspiration from his famous Portrait of Dora Maar. Our self-portraits dazzled with vibrant colours and innovative techniques.

Upon returning, we delved into the enchanting world of Vincent Van Gogh. Armed with oil pastels, we created a magnificent poppy wreath in honour of Remembrance Day. This week, we challenged ourselves even further, exploring Van Gogh's distinct style and painting our own mesmerising landscapes inspired by his infamous "Starry Night." Our classroom is now adorned with a collection of awe-inspiring masterpieces.

### The Sporkle Mystery - Adventure Awaits!

The recent weeks have been a rollercoaster of interstellar intrigue in Maple Class. Just last week, fate dropped a mysterious parcel right onto Mr Butler's head. With wide-eyed curiosity, we eagerly opened it to find a letter from an alien named Sporkle. It turns out that our little extra-terrestrial friend is on a mission to learn about the solar system, with a special focus on Planet Earth.



Driven by our insatiable hunger for knowledge, we have embarked on an exploration of the planets and the wonders of our own planet. We will combine our understanding of humans, the universe, and Planet Earth to create a unique documentary for Sporkle. But first, we need to reassure him that he will be welcomed with open arms by the "big humans." We are currently decoding a book left behind by Sporkle to uncover his worries. Once we understand his concerns, we will craft heartfelt letters to convince him that our world is a place of warmth and friendship.

Who knows, perhaps Sporkle will join our lively Scootability sessions when he returns!

With so much excitement in store, Maple Class is bursting with creativity, curiosity, and a whole lot of fun (soon to be very festive, Christmassy fun!). Keep an eye out for our next update as we continue to explore, learn, and make memories together.



**Until next time,  
Maple Class**



## House Points

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



129



108



103



85

# Festive Fun Day

21st December  
St Philips Primary School  
22nd December  
Clay Farm Centre,  
Trumpington

9:00am-16:00pm Ages 4-11  
£30.00 Per Day Sibling Discount

## Activities

CRAFTS  
DANCE  
GAMES  
MOVIES  
PRIZES

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### To Book:

[https://www.kpaschool.co.uk/  
holiday-workshops/](https://www.kpaschool.co.uk/holiday-workshops/)

**KPA**  
**SCHOOL**

**Cambridge United Foundation**  
**'Make a Noise' competition**  
**Anti-Bullying Week 2023**

How could **you** show the importance of making a noise to stop bullying?

Cambridge United Foundation are running a fantastic competition for local schools as part of Anti-Bullying Week this year. We would like you to get **creative** and show just how important it is to **make a noise** to stop bullying.

Your entry can be as a class, in groups or as individuals and can take any form that you choose.

**You might create:**

- A poster to remind people to make a noise
- A story that shows how making a noise helps
- A poem with a powerful message
- Artwork, a comic strip or drawings that show people making a noise
- A short film
- A dance

These are just some of our ideas. You can enter the competition in **any way that you choose**. We know that you will have brilliant ideas to show why we need to make a noise!

Please send your entries **by email** to [timw@cambridgeunited.com](mailto:timw@cambridgeunited.com)

**Or by post to:**

Tim Walker  
Cambridge United Foundation  
Abbey Stadium  
Newmarket Road  
Cambridge  
CB5 8LN

The closing date for entries is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. There will be wonderful CUFC prizes on offer to the three winning entries and we will publish a selection of entries on our social media channels.

We hope that you enjoy the competition and we look forward to seeing your wonderful ideas!







## Upcoming Dates

**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

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

Drumming Assembly

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

KS1 Production

**6<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 5 Visit Baptist Church - Christmas Unwrapped

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

KS1 Production

**8<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day

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

Christmas Church visit

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

Christmas Dinner

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

FOGG School Disco

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

Ash Class Nativity

**18<sup>th</sup> December, 17:30**

Christmas Carol Concert

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

Last Day of Term