



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



1st December 2023



Hello, December!

Due to last week's Inset Day, we didn't have a newsletter – so this one is a bumper edition, full to the brim with news from around school.



From assessments to nativities, it has all been happening this week, and the school hall is beginning to look (and sound!) a lot like Christmas. The stage is set for our first Key Stage performance of the year, with Key Stage One kicking off with their production of "**The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All**". More details below. Ash Class have also been busy rehearsing for their Christmas play, and we have enjoyed lots of whole-school singing practice in preparation for our visit to St Andrews' Church, our Christmas Concert and the choir's visits to local care homes & community centres, too! There are lots of opportunities for you to get involved in our festive celebrations; check out the Events section to find out more.

Read on to see what we've been up to...

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Guess The Teacher!

Did you guess? Last week's teacher was **Mr Butler**, our Head Teacher who has taught in Uganda and supports Watford Football Club (The Hornets). Here are this week's clues:

I grew up in Cambridge before moving away to university and have been teaching at Girton for almost a decade!

I once drove 3500 miles across America following Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles.

My son is named after one of The Beatles.

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: Ali & Margot
Maple: Jensen & Orla
Birch: Lucy & Zachary
Lime: Jacob & Kylie
Cherry: All of Cherry Class!
Willow: Lilly B & Ruben
Oak: Florence & Francis

Fundraising – A BIG Thank you!

Thanks to your generous donations in the month of November, we raised **£104.27** for The Poppy Appeal and **£138.78** for Children In Need! These donations, alongside the wonderful shoeboxes that lots of children put together for The Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal, will help to make a difference to people's lives both near and far.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to any of the above!





Snacks – A reminder

A polite reminder that we are a **healthy-eating and nut-free school**. We encourage all break time snacks and packed lunches to contain healthy options such as fruits, vegetables, yoghurts and cereal bars, and kindly ask that items such as sweets, chocolate, biscuits and other unhealthy treats are not brought into school. Please also remember to carefully check the ingredients in shop-bought products. For the safety of all of our staff and children, we are a nut-free school. Thank you!

Festive Drumming Fun!

This Thursday, we were treated to lots of Christmassy drumming solos from Paul and his band of students who have been having drumming lessons! The whole school enjoyed Christmas classics from Shakin' Stevens to Mariah Carey and sang along to favourites such as Jingle Bell Rock, Rocking Around The Christmas Tree and Step Into Christmas. We were even treated to Jazz and Rock renditions of some of classic Christmas songs and thoroughly enjoyed Francesco's performance to the backing track of Last Christmas sung by cats!

It was great to see everybody so engaged and to see lots of air-drumming in the audience, and wonderful to see so much talent at Girton Glebe! A huge well done to: Nico, Eddie, Dhruv, Kyle, Valerie, Emily, Francesco, Griffin, Rafi, Peter CT, Brooklyn, Paloma, Lewis, Alex, Shiloh, Heath & Livia!



Year 1 & 2 Nativity: The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All!

Join us for an enchanting performance at our upcoming KS1 nativity play! We are thrilled to invite all KS1 parents to our festive production, featuring the heart-warming tale of the Angel Chorus and their important mission. Our young stars have dedicated countless hours to rehearsals, ensuring a magical experience for all. To reserve your tickets, please check the Microsoft Form link sent via your class's Dojo Page. We can't wait to share our production with you all on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 5th December @ 2pm**
- **Thursday 7th December @ 9am**

IVC Admissions - Feedback Please

Parents will have received a letter from Executive Headteacher, Victoria Hearn, regarding a proposed change to IVC's admissions policy which prioritises the children on roll at Girton Glebe. For more information, click [here](#).

We invite positive feedback from Girton families on the proposal via admissionsconsultation@ivc.tela.org.uk or via post to **Impington Village College, New Road, Impington, CB24 9LX**.

The consultation will be running until **Friday 22nd December 2023**. Many thanks!

International Assembly – Parents Welcome

Dr Senay Aydin, our EAL Coordinator, would like to invite you to our international assembly on the **4th December at 9am**. This assembly is about showcasing our wonderful EAL children and their achievements as being a child with an international background and their learning using the English language. You are also warmly invited to stay after the assembly for a chat and coffee/tea and biscuits with Dr Aydin.

We are looking forward to this special morning with you soon.



Author of The Month

After a short hiatus in November, our Author of The Month is back! December's chosen author is nominated by parent of Andre (Ash) & Guy (Lime), Lorraine, and is **Amy Jeffs**. Lorraine nominated this author because she wanted to celebrate the young author's first children's book, adapted from her bestseller. "**Storyland**" is about keeping stories from medieval Britain alive, and all of the illustrations in the book are Amy Jeff's own artworks!

A huge thank you to Lorraine for this nomination. She has also kindly donated a copy of Storyland to our school library, so come in and have a look!

Join us at **Open Library every Thursday from 3.20** to read and borrow books by lots of our favourite authors. Open Library is hosted by a different member of our teaching team each week; come along to chat to us about reading at Girton Glebe and to see our beautiful mural of all of the children's favourite authors. We look forward to seeing you there!

Upcoming Dates

4th December, 09:00
International Assembly

5th December, 14:00
KS1 Production

6th December
Year 5 Visit Baptist Church (Christmas Unwrapped)

7th December, 09:00
KS1 Production

7th December, 16:00
Choir Singing at Dovehouse Court

8th December
Christmas Jumper Day

11th December
Christmas Church Visit

12th December, 09:00
Violin & Viola Christmas Assembly

12th December
Choir Signing at William Collyn Center

13th December
Christmas Dinner

13th December
FOGG School Disco

14th December, 09:00
Ash Class Nativity

18th December, 17:30
Christmas Carol Concert

19th December
Last Day of Autumn Term

Coming Up Next Half-Term

4th January
First Day of Spring Term

7th January
FOGG Christmas Tree Shred

8th - 11th January
Year 6 Bike Ability

18th January, 09:00
Lime Class Assembly

25th January, 09:00
Oak Class Assembly

26th January
FOGG Ceilidh

1st February, 09:00
Willow Class Assembly



House Points

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



342



295



278



252



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**Author of
the Month**

Amy Jeffs

nominated by Lorraine
Parent of Andre (Ash) & Guy (Lime)



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Hakuna Matata

READING
MORNING
World War One (a disastrous event known as "the Great War") occurred between the years of 1914 and 1918. This was a time when soldiers were killed and injured in large numbers. The fighting took place across Europe, and it was very hard to win. Many people died, and the world was changed forever.

No Place Like Home
Home is a special place where we feel safe and loved. It is where we spend most of our time, and it is where we go when we need a rest or a place to relax. Home is also where we have our family and friends, and it is where we create our memories.

Polka dot gift box

Snowflake gift box

Floral gift box

Rainbow gift box

Peter Storm
Peter Storm

THANK YOU!