



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



15th December 2023



This is it - the final newsletter of 2023 and what a Christmas spectacular we have for you!

Like last week, the week has been filled with Christmassy crafts, activities, events and learning as we wrap up this term's projects and look ahead to our new learning in the New Year.



From church visits to choir performances, the nativity to Christmas dinner, and even our very first Christmas Disco, it has all be happening this week! Our class trees are decorated, ready for the return of Edwin the Elf who will judge these and award a prize to the winning class on Monday, and we are all excited to share our Christmas Carol Concert with you on Monday evening too; this is a sold-out event and we will only be able to allow entry for those with tickets.

Ahead of the Spring Term, these are the new Projects that we will be learning in each class. More information will follow in our Curriculum Organisers in January.

- Ash** - Animals (At Home & Around The World)
- Maple** - Our Wonderful World
- Birch** - Movers & Shakers
- Lime** - Rocks, Relics & Rumbles
- Cherry** - Misty Mountain, Winding River
- Willow** - Sow, Grow & Farm
- Oak** - Hola Mexico!

Wishing all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the winter holiday - we look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 4th January!

Chris Butler
Headteacher

FOGG School Disco!

Once full up on roast turkey, it was time for the FOGG Christmas Disco on Wednesday evening!

DJ Dave returned from previous discos and the children all enjoyed dancing to their favourite songs. They were especially excited about the dance competition and the end of the night and had a great time in the foam!

Thank you to FOGG for organising another wonderful end of term event for the children!

House Points

Congratulations to everyone in **Blue House** who are this half-term's House of The Half Term; a huge well done to all Blue House members for your hard work over the last 7 weeks!

Celebration Assembly

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

- Ash:** Felicity & Owen
- Maple:** Blessing & Ethan
- Birch:** Jude & Violet
- Lime:** Harry & Liam
- Cherry:** Lena & Teddy
- Willow:** Benedek & Kikki
- Oak:** Alicia & Dhruv



Stone Age Day in Year 3!

Last week Lime Class had a fantastic Stone Age Day! It was an opportunity for the children to dress up and share some of the experiences of these pre-historic hunter gatherers. The activities included: learning how to use a flint and steel to create fire, mock teeth and bone jewellery-making and creating their own Stonehenge using biscuits.

Fun was had by all and this was a great way to consolidate our learning and finish our topic of Through The Ages.



Christmas Unwrapped for Willow Class

On Wednesday last week, Willow Class took a stroll down to Girton Baptist Church for the annual 'Christmas Unwrapped' celebration hosted by the Rev. Nick Lowe. The children learned all about the true meaning of Christmas and the Christmas story, learning some interesting facts along the way. Did you know that it is actually very unlikely that Jesus was born on December 25th?

There was some advent crafting as well as some very yummy refreshments. A huge thank you to Rev. Lowe and everybody at Girton Baptist Church for their warm welcome; the children had a brilliant time and were buzzing throughout the afternoon!



Christmas Dinner

Wednesday was an exciting day, with our mid-week Christmas Dinner for children and staff! As is tradition at Girton Glebe, children were waited on by their teachers and served Christmas Lunch with crackers, festive music and lots of cheer and laughter in the school hall.

Everybody had a great time and we are now well and truly in the Christmas spirit!



School Visit to St Andrews' Church

This week started off with a heart-warming church service, hosted by Reverend Bigg, at St Andrew's Church! The children loved learning about the Nativity story and why we light candles during Advent - some even got to light this week's candle themselves!

Key Stage One were first to visit the church, where Reverend Bigg led a nativity service and the children performed songs from their Christmas productions. Following this, Key Stage Two walked to St Andrew's for a further service, this time with readings from selected children and a performance of some of our favourite Christmas Carols. It was lovely to also hear the Key Stage Two Choir singing their versions of Love Shone Down and Tell Me A Story, Shining Star, which sounded beautiful under the arched roof of the church.

Thank you to Reverend Bigg and everybody at the church for having us, and to all of the parents and family members who attended to watch this service; this was a great way to start another week of festivities!



New Family Support Worker



Hi, my name is Amanda and I am very much looking forward to working with everyone at Girton Glebe as the new Family Support Worker.

As a mum of 3 myself, I am joining the Girton team with a wealth of lived and professional experience, especially in areas of special educational needs (SEND). I understand that raising a family is not an easy task and that every family faces different times of need for many different reasons; I am here to support with difficulties in the home such as: challenging behaviour, sleep difficulties, mental wellbeing and SEND, to name just a few.

Should you need any support or advice, please do get in touch either via the school office or by emailing me at ashepherd@ivc.tela.org.uk. I will be based at Girton on Tuesday mornings, but please feel free to reach out any day of the week. I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully meeting some of you in the near future!



Choir Performance

Tuesday saw our talented Key Stage Two Choir sharing yet more Christmas Carols, this time for the older members of the Girton Community, at the William Collyn Community Centre. After a short walk through the village in their Christmas jumpers, 48 children accompanied by our Music Specialist Kate Hamilton, performed songs such as Frosty The Snowman and, Alicia's favourite, We Wish You A Merry Christmas, to a large audience from around the local community.

Alicia (Year 6) said, "The audience all joined in with the last song which I thought was really nice". The children commented that this trip was good fun and that it was nice to perform to an audience from all around Girton. The choir have worked so hard this half term to learn all the words and many residents commented on how beautiful they sounded.

Thank you to Mrs Knowler and Mrs Hamilton for organising this! Our choir will be performing Christmas classics one last time at Monday's Carol Concert.

Ash Class Nativity

On Thursday, Ash Class performed their Christmas Production, "Shine, Star, Shine", in front of the rest of the school and their parents! This production followed a big star who must show the way to the stable where a special baby has been born. The problem is, he just can't shine! Ash Class retold the story of this troubled star helping the shepherds and kings to find their way, and all was well in the end.

The children, dressed beautifully as stars, shepherds, wise men and Mary and Joseph, shone with confidence and it was great to see them enjoying themselves on the big stage. Mr Holt was incredibly proud of the children's efforts in both the dress rehearsal and final performance and thought that their acting and singing both looked and sounded amazing. Well done Ash Class!

Donations from family & friends raised **£77.88**, which will go towards future productions!





Upcoming Dates

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

23rd January, 09:00
Violin & Viola Assembly

25th January, 09:00
Oak Class Assembly

26th January
FOGG Ceilidh

1st February, 09:00
Willow Class Assembly

6th February
Year 5&6 Girls' Football Competition

15th February
Year 5 Bushcraft Adventure Visit

16th February
Last Day of Half-Term

19th - 23rd February
Half-Term

