



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



19th January 2024



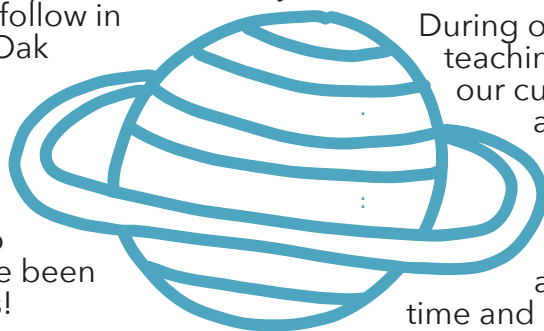
We have reached the end of another busy - and very chilly - week!

This week, our school assemblies have focused on the school value of aspiration, linking to our ongoing PSHE work on Dreams & Goals this half-term.

Together, we have looked at a range of celebrities who have worked hard to achieve their dreams and thought about our own aspirations and hopes for the future.



We also saw our first class assembly of 2024 this week, with Lime Class kicking us off with a unique and uplifting showcase of their work on Thursday morning! It was great to welcome so many parents to this impressive assembly- a full round-up of this will follow in next week's newsletter. Oak and Willow both have class assemblies in the coming weeks; please do join us from 9am if your child is taking part in these; we can't wait to show you what they have been learning in recent weeks!



Read on for more news from around the school this week...

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Celebration Assembly

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

Ash: Nate & Sierra
Maple: Iona & Jackson
Birch: Honey & William
Lime: Caleb & Nane
Cherry: Finley
Willow: Mia & Noah
Oak: Elsie & Violet

We love to celebrate things great and small in celebration assembly. If you have something you'd like to celebrate, whether it's in school or out, please contact Mr Butler.

Open Library – New Day & Time

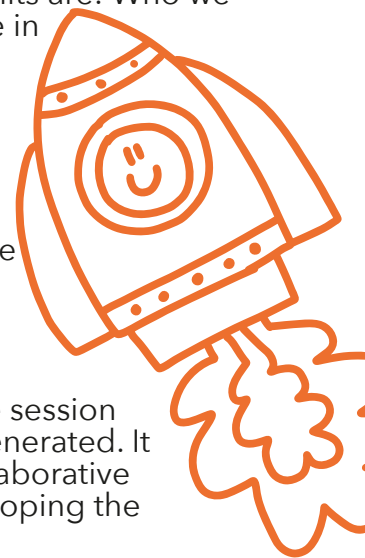
This term, our school library will be open to families on a Friday morning from 8.15-8.45am. Why not pop in to read with your child and borrow a book or two during school drop-off? If your child has a celebration certificate, join us in school a little early and spend some time in the library before joining in the celebrations in the school hall.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there from next week!

IB Update

During our weekly twilight training this week, teaching staff gathered to begin looking at our current curriculum and plotting this against the six Transdisciplinary Themes, which will be the units we will be teaching each half-term once we implement the IB in school. These units are: Who we are, Where we are in time and place, How we express ourselves, How the world works, How we organise ourselves and Sharing the planet. Using the descriptors of the themes, we were able to see how some of our current units of work can fit nicely within these topics.

This was a really productive session where lots of ideas were generated. It was a great start to our collaborative planning sessions for developing the PYP at Girton!





Cherry Class Update

Ash class have been very busy since the beginning of term. Firstly, we have completed our work on Kandinsky, looking at mixing colours and choosing either complimentary or contrasting colours in our own "Ash Class Circles", made first with coloured paper and then painted. Firstly, we learned how to draw around circular objects carefully and then how to move the paper when cutting and not the scissors! The children chose their colours carefully before using the same drawing skills to help with the painted versions and mixed the colours they wanted for each circle. We think these are quite striking!

We also started off the term by writing about our holidays: the children's writing is coming along really well and they are gaining more and more independence in their writing which is great to see. We have also been writing about our pets and favourite animals.

In Forest School, we have been thinking about animal homes and decided to make some using natural materials (including recycling the hay from the Nativity!). The children made some impressive homes and then some small clay animals to put in them. This inspired us to have a second go at making some clay models

and the children have made their own hedgehogs. We worked hard at getting the shape of the models as accurate as possible and pinched the noses carefully. Then, we chose which tools to use to make the spiky pattern on their backs to great effect.

As well as lighting fires to keep warm in Forest School, we have also been using these for cooking. This week, we made cinnamon apples which we held over the fire on long sticks. We were also very lucky to learn about the French "Fetes des Rois" (Festival of The Kings) as Andre's Mum came in to tell us all about it. We learned the song "J'aime la Galette" (I Love Cake) and listened to the story "Roule Galette" which is very similar to the Gingerbread man except with a rolling Galette! We also got to try some delicious Galette that Andre's Mum had baked. A huge thank you to Andre's Mum, Lorraine; what an exciting way to start the Spring Term!





Young Writers Success!

Just before Christmas, our wonderful Cherry Class entered a Young Writers' competition where they were tasked with writing an imaginative and creative 100-word saga about a fictional monster. When we returned to school in January, we received the incredible news that ALL of the entries from Cherry class would be published in a book called Crazy Creatures - Amazing Imagination. According to Grace and Charlotte in Year 4, "The whole competition was amazing, and we enjoyed writing our stories and can't wait to share the book with the rest of the school!"

The book will be displayed in our school library where all of our children can read Cherry Class' super stories! A huge well done to everyone that entered: the pupils all tried extremely hard and we are extremely proud of their efforts as only 60% of entries were selected to be published. We look forward to receiving the book and sharing it in the library in March!

Grassroots Funding – Getting Children Into Sport

The next round of the grassroots activity grant is now open and will close on the 23rd February. Grants of up to £250 per family are available.

Funded by the Community Fund at The Leys and administered by Cambridge City Council's Active Lifestyles Team, this grant aims to provide financial assistance to any families in receipt of income support or universal credit, to enable their children to participate in a sport or physical activity opportunity of their choice.

Further details and the application form can be found here: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/grassroots-activity-grant-to-help-children-access-physical-activity>

Please also see the attached flyer with more information, as well as some upcoming active family sessions.





House Points

Well done to this week's House of The Week:
Blue House! Here are this week's scores:



216



212



202



174



Parent/Carer Autism Online Workshops

Whether your child is awaiting a diagnosis or has already been diagnosed, these workshops are a great opportunity to learn more about Autism & ask questions within a supportive group of other parents & carers.

- **Monday 5th February - An introduction to Autism**

An opportunity to explore what Autism is, the many strengths and the differences that make each child so wonderfully unique.

- **Monday 12th February - Communication**

Identifying what communication is and the different communication methods that may be helpful for Autistic children.

- **Monday 19th February - Sensory Processing**

Explaining the 8 sensory systems, how the environment can impact on a child with sensory processing differences/challenges and strategies to meet an individual's sensory needs.

- **Monday 26th February - Pathological Demand Avoidance**

A look into the interesting subject of PDA, how this may present and what is the best approach to take to avoid conflict.

Workshops will be held 7:30-8:30pm via Zoom.

£25 per workshop for each family.

To book your place... Email enquiries@theautismtrainingnetwork.com

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ACTIVE FAMILIES

Affordable activities to
keep you and your
family active this winter

Family Glow Dance

15 Jan to 12 Feb

Mondays, 6:15 to 7pm

At Meadows Community Centre

Family Tickets

Just £4

Per Course

Family Indoor Bowls

4 & 11 Feb

Sundays, 9:45 to 11:45am

At Chesterton Bowls Club

Wellies in the Woods

28 Feb - 3 April

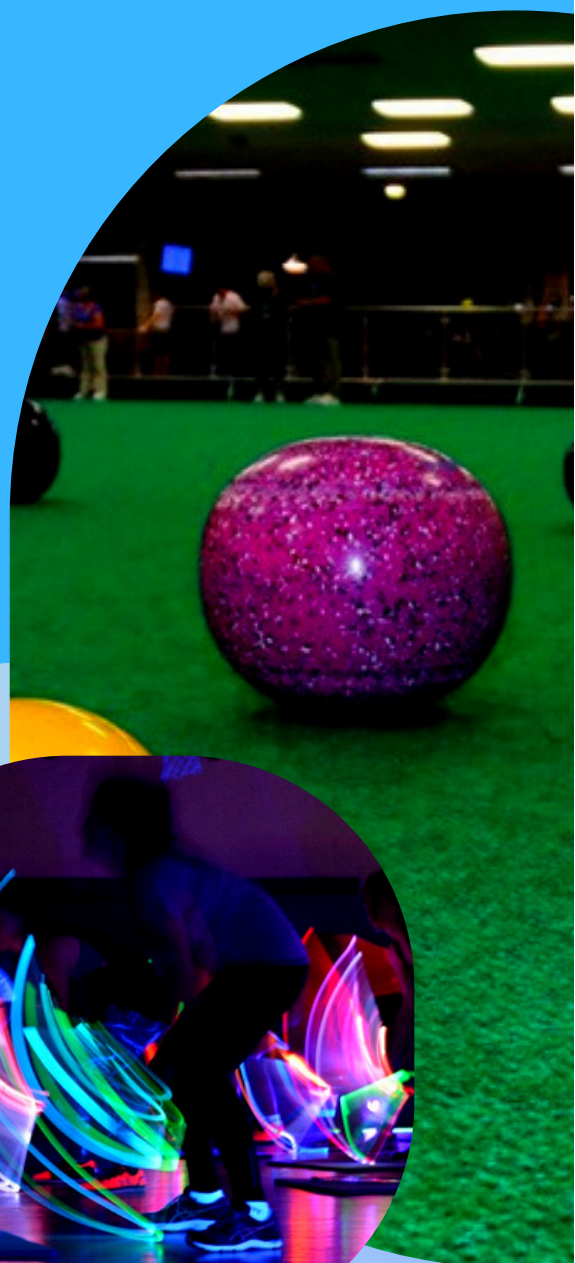
Wednesdays, 10 to 11:30am

At Cherry Hinton Hall

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Upcoming Dates

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

12th February

St Andrews' Church Assembly

15th February

Year 4 Bushcraft Adventure Visit

16th February

Last Day of Half-Term

19th - 23rd February

Half-Term

5th March

Year 5&6 Careers Fair @ Cambridge Regional College

7th March

World Book Day

11th March - 15th March

Assessment Week

12th March

Author Visit (Matt Dickinson)

14th March, 15:30

Year 6 SATs Information Session

15th March

Red Nose Day

19th March

Parents' Evening

20th March

Year 5 Easter Cracked @ Girton Baptist Church

21st March

Parents' Evening

26th March, 14:00

Year 3&4 Production

28th March, 09:00

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26th March, 15:30

Year 5 Norfolk Lakes Information Session

28th March

Last Day of Term