



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



2nd February 2024



Happy National Story Telling Week!

It has been lovely to see lots of reading around school this week, and especially to see classes buddying up with younger year groups to support with word reading and comprehension skills. Want to read more stories at home to celebrate the week? Visit our **Virtual Library** to access interactive nursery rhymes, traditional tales and children's favourites on your phone, tablet or computer. Adults can read these with children, or children can select the **"Read To Me"** option to hear audiobooks at home. How many can you read this term?



We also had the pleasure of watching Willow Class' Assembly this Thursday: Year 5 were full of knowledge, confidence and humour and it was great to see lots of parents enjoying this showcase of all of their recent learning! A full Willow Class update will follow in next week's issue.

Read on for a round-up from around school this week...

Chris Butler
Headteacher

With a new month, it's time to celebrate a new author! **Delilah from Willow Class** (Year 5) would like to nominate the author **M.G.**

Leonard as February's author of the month, because she has really loved reading the 'Twitch' series of books and says, "The 'Adventures on Trains' series in collaboration with Sam Sedgman is full of lots of gripping action and adventure."

M. G. Leonard writes mostly about animals, fantasy and magic. She has made up stories since she was a little girl, but back then adults called them lies or tall tales and she didn't write them down. As a grown up, she has written stories about fantastical beetles, beautiful birds and thrilling train rides. Her books have been translated into over forty languages and won many awards. She is the vice president of the insect charity Buglife, and a founding author of Authors4Oceans. Some of M. G. Leonard's bestsellers include: Beetle Boy, The Ice Children and

The Tale of a Toothbrush. Delilah highly recommends her writing to everyone!

“Author of the Month





Celebration Assembly



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

Ash - Amelia & Theo

Maple - Frankie & Joseph

Birch - Eleanor & Thomas

Lime - Defne & Arhtur Wi

Cherry - Bethany & Vera

Willow - Olesia & Joon Joon

Oak - Francesco & McKinley

Maple Class Update

Maple Class has kicked off the year with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm, creating an atmosphere of genuine excitement in our classroom! Here's a sneak peek into some of the fantastic activities that have captured our attention so far this term:

English Adventures: Immersed in our English lessons, Maple Class has been captivated by the enchanting world of "Lost & Found." In celebration of National Storytelling Week, the children are currently weaving their own imaginative tales inspired by the adventures in the book. It has been wonderful to witness their creativity and storytelling skills flourish!

Geography Exploration: Embarking on a fascinating journey through our planet Earth, Maple Class has delved into understanding both human and physical features, exploring maps, and mastering directional language. Each child has also taken on the task of designing their own maps, envisioning and shaping their dream cities.

Artistic Expressions: In Art, Maple Class has been learning all about printmaking, experimenting with different techniques. The children have showcased their artistic talents and cultural appreciation by creating stunning Rangoli-inspired prints and, in the coming weeks, we will be turning our sights to other cultural patterns from around the world. We're all very excited to see all the masterpieces that will be created.

IB Update



This week, the focus of our staff meeting was to start developing the '**Central Ideas**' to our half-termly themes, or projects. Each theme has a summary, which includes the key elements which need to be covered across the school; this helps us to create our Central Idea. A Central Idea is a statement which will provide guidance for the learning over each theme, or unit of inquiry. Whilst they need to be broad and timeless, we are also keen for these to be engaging for students and be globally significant.

Some examples of Central Ideas linked to the theme of 'How the World Works' so far include: 'Forces and movement can cause a process of cause and effect' and 'Our local area is influential in the world's use of technology'.

As we continue to develop our curriculum, we will constantly reflect on these Central Ideas and adapt them if needed.



House Points

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



217



206



190



168

Shake, Rattle and Roll



Shake Rattle and Roll: Interactive Live Music Session for Families

This event is supported by HI Library Friends

Histon Library . 17th February . 2pm - 2:45pm

Suitable for ages 7 and under (0- 6months are Free)

1 child + adult £6

Additional children £2 each

Additional adults £4 each

Booking is essential. Please visit the library or email
BarHill.Referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Payment is required at the time of booking to confirm your place.

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Great Fen Half-term Adventures

Bird Box Building

Celebrate National Nestbox Week by building your own bird box to take home at the Ramsey Heights nature reserve. Saturday 17th and Monday 19th February, 10.30am | £10/£12.50 per family ticket

Tree Planting Party

Help us improve the Ramsey Heights nature reserve for wildlife by planting new native trees. Crafts, refreshments and lots of nature play included.

Wednesday 21st February, 10.30am - 2.30pm | FREE

Youth Rangers

Age 11-17? Take action for wildlife and learn practical conservation skills at the historic Woodwalton Fen NNR. No experience necessary.

Wednesday 21st February, 1pm- 3.30pm | FREE

Book online:
wildlifebcn.org/events



The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, The Manor House, Broad Street, Cambourne, CB23 6DH Tel: 01954 713500 Email: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org Registered charity No. 1000412

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Upcoming Dates

6th February

Year 5&6 Girls' Football Competition

12th February

St Andrew's 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

26th March, 15:30

Year 5 Norfolk Lakes Information Session

28th March, 09:00

Year 3&4 Production

28th March

Last Day of Term