



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



16th February 2024



Happy Friday and Happy Half-Term!

It has been another busy & exciting week this week, celebrating Shrove Tuesday with pancakes and sharing lots of hot chocolates with the pupils that have earned over 100 house points, and it feels as though this half-term has come to a positive end.



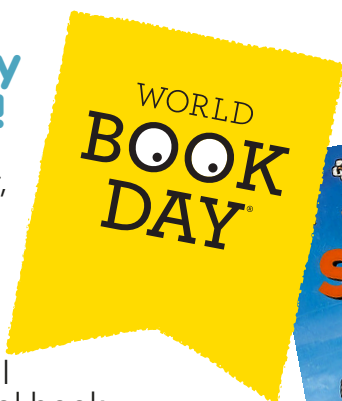
We have been looking forward this week to lots of future trips & residentials and were delighted to welcome staff from Inside Out Bushcraft and Adventure into school on Thursday for a taster session with our current Year 4s, ahead of their first residential next year when they join Year 5. Having visited the campsite and sampled some of the Forest School & survival activities on offer earlier in the week, myself and Mr Smart are excited about this new outdoor opportunity for our Key Stage Two children!

Read on for a round-up of this week's news in school....

**Chris Butler
Headteacher**

World Book Day – Book Signing!

Award winning Author, Matt Dickinson, will be visiting our school on **Tuesday 12th of March as part of our World Book Day Celebrations.** Matt will be doing an afterschool book signing in the school library; if you would like Matt to sign one of his books for you, please complete the order form (found on Class Dojo) and return this, with the correct money, to the office by **Tuesday, 5th of March.**

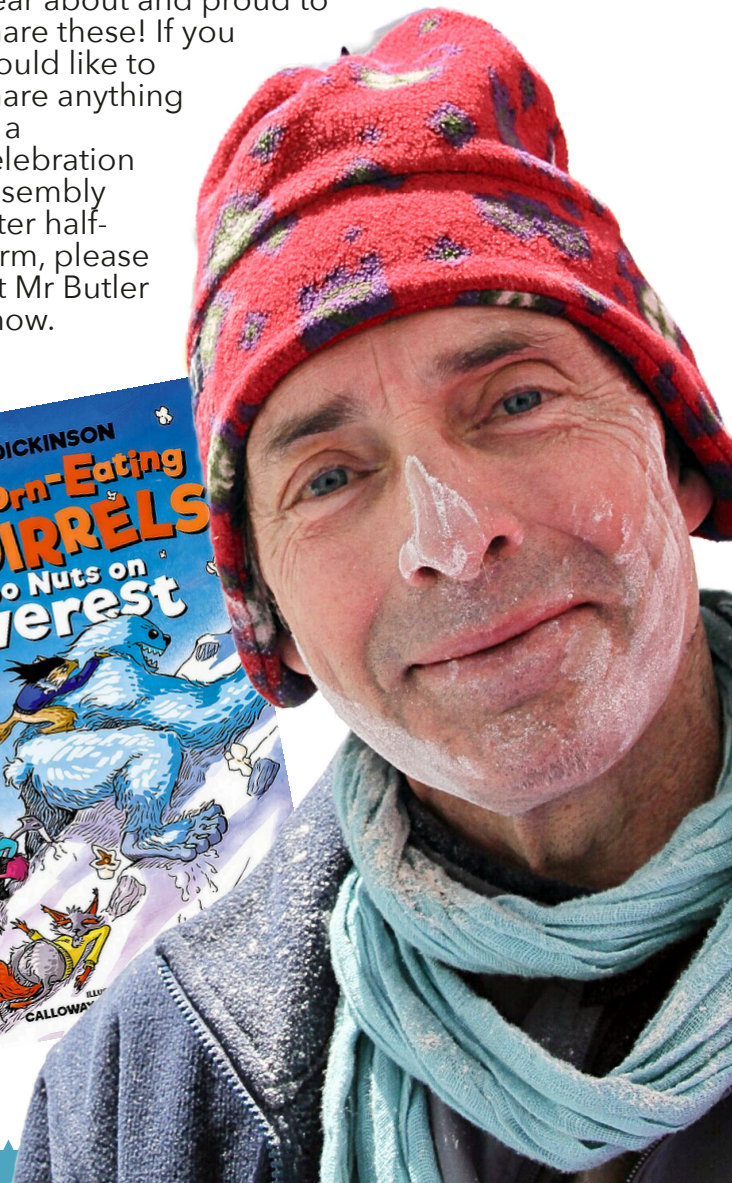


Celebration Assembly

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

Ash - Ali & Katherine
Maple - Eleanor & Ethan
Birch - Ella & Rex
Lime - Jacob & Kylie
Cherry - Katie & Ted
Willow - Ashley & Lily S
Oak - Alicia & Flo

We have loved celebrating all of your wonderful achievements in and out of school this half-term – from swimming badges to musical grades, Athletics achievements to sporting successes, we are always happy to hear about and proud to share these! If you would like to share anything in a celebration assembly after half-term, please let Mr Butler know.





IB Update



This week, staff have begun to think about and develop our school mission statement so that it aligns with the IB. The mission statement will link our school's core values to the aims and ethos of the IB and is a requirement of all IB schools. Once staff have developed and worked on some examples, these will then be shared with school council so they can share their input before this is confirmed and shared with the community.

Miss Pyle has been busy working alongside Mr Butler and Mrs Sale on our Application for Candidacy. This is a document sharing information about the school's history, attributes, context and staff and student populations with the IB so that we can be supported and guided through the authorisation process.

Charity Work In Year 5: A message from Thea

I am Thea and I am working with my friends Madeline, Sophie, Megan, and Ruben to raise money for the NSPCC (the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children).

One reason why it is such a good charity to donate to is because it helps children that are in bad situations. On the website N. S. P. C. C. you can find stories of bad things that have happened to children and how N. S. P. C. C. have helped. Every Wednesday after school I will come round the playground with a collection box at school pick up if you would like to donate.

Thank you! Thea, Year 5

Coming Soon.... GG Ensemble!

We are pleased to announce a new Girton Glebe Ensemble forming, led by our music specialist teacher Mrs Hamilton. The Ensemble is an arrangement of invited key stage 2 Gifted and Talented musicians who rehearse together with their instruments to provide otherwise limited opportunities to play their instruments alongside their peers.

We have been fortunate to have already had many an opportunity for our Choir to perform at local events, so we hope you will see our musicians playing together in the not too distant future - including an aspiration to play at the Girton Feast! Watch this space.

Special Lent Assembly

On Monday this week, friends of the school Reverend Michael and Eona from St Andrew's Church delivered an informative assembly about the true meaning of Lent. Sharing the contents of her shopping bag (oil, flour, milk, eggs, lemons & chocolate spread) with the school, Eona asked the children if they could guess what this week's assembly would be about...

The pupils were very excited to know all about "**Pancake Day**" and to hear about Tuesday's Pancake Party at the church, but Eona wanted to spread the true meaning of Shrove Tuesday and why this day is celebrated by Christians around the world.

With the help of some very excited Year 5 & 6 pupils, Eona discussed the ways in which you might prepare for an important event such as a marathon or long race, including why this might be difficult and the self-discipline you'd need to show to not put things off or avoid the challenge altogether.

Eona then shared the story of Jesus spending 40 days and 40 nights preparing for the hard challenges that he had to face, focusing on fighting temptations and making good choices. She explained how some people may give up things, such as chocolate or social media, during the period that Christians call Lent, while others may take up new challenges. Sharing her own challenge of a daily "**Blessings Jar**" in which Eona plans to collect one good memory from each day during Lent, she challenged the children to consider what they could take up to form positive habits in the run up to Easter.

Thank you to St Andrew's Church for this lovely assembly; we look forward to your next visit before the Easter holidays!



Cherry Class Update

This half term has been a busy one for us, from forest school to a Bushcraft Adventure workshop afternoon, to reading and writing with our buddies AND completing Maths Day activities... but we have loved and enjoyed it all.

In Maths, we have been looking at finding the perimeter of rectangles and polygons. We have also continued to work on our multiplication skills and have worked on ensuring we can answer our daily 10 (multiplication tables up to 12×12) in under 5 seconds for each question to help with our upcoming MTC.

In English, we have finished 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' which we loved and have learnt so much about how to look after each other. We also learnt lots of facts about Buckingham Palace and enjoyed writing non-chronological reports to share with the younger classes. We have now started to read 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. During our lessons, we have learnt how to write a balanced argument about sailing around the world with our family and have looked at creating suspense in our writing.

Our Project for this term is called 'Misty Mountains, Winding Rivers'. We have learnt the journey a river takes from its source to the sea and have started to look at the features of a mountain.

This update was written by Charlotte & Grace.



Sports Roundup

We have had a busy half term this Spring culminating in the fantastic effort and achievement by our Year 5 and 6 girls football team in the recent Girls' Football Competition we entered. Club participation continues to be at an all time high, with the Netball Club run by Miss Twedde getting ready for their next round of competition after half-term.

Our wonderful Year 6 Play Leaders are continuing to run sports activities at lunch times for the children in other year groups to join in. We are meeting together with School Council to look at adding even more active opportunities on the playground after half term. Watch this space to see what fun ideas we have in store!



Parent/Carer Online Safety Workshops

There is a parent/carers online safety workshops delivered by the NSPCC are taking place on 20th March 2024. These 45 minute workshops are FREE and can be accessed by Zoom and are designed to help parents/carers to:

- Understand how children and young people access the online world
- Explore a range of resources and tools that can be used to help keep children and young people safe online
- Have informed, constructive and positive conversations about online safety

The next event is:

Wednesday 20th March 2024 – 6pm to 7pm

Further details about the Kids Safety Net Campaign across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can be **found here**.

Upcoming Dates

19th - 23rd February
Half-Term

29th February
FOGG Leap Day Event

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, inc. Book Signing After School (Matt Dickinson)

14th March, 09.00
Piano Assembly

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
FOGG Break The Rules Day

28th March
Last Day of Term



House Points

Well done to this week's House of The Week:
Yellow House!

These totals mean that **Blue House** are this week's house of the half-term! Well done to everyone in **Blue House** for demonstrating our core values and being great role models around school!



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Thursday
21 March

19:00 -20:00

FREE



FREE SESSION

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Behaviour - Screens, gaming,
drugs and more

Tuesday
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance
and Commitment Therapy

Thursday
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



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**May the fourth
be with you
on the 11th**

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interstellar
adventure
at our final
public opening
of the academic
year.



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24th, 25th &
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Girton Glebe Weekly Menu

W/C 26th Feb, 18th Mar, 22nd Apr, 13th May.

| Week 1 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Meat Main Course | Chicken Burger served with Potato Wedges | Beef Bolognaise served with Garlic Bread | Roast Gammon served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Cowboy Hotpot served with Mashed Potatoes | Fish Fingers served with Chips |
| Vegetarian (V) | Vegetarian Burger served with Potato Wedges (V) | Quorn Bolognaise served with Garlic Bread | Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V) | Quorn Sausage Cowboy Hotpot served with Mashed Potatoes (V) | Vegetarian Fish Fingers served with Chips (V) |
| Vegetables & Salad | Daily selection of Salad or Vegetables served with main meals to include; Peas, Carrots, Green Beans & Sweetcorn | | | | |
| Pasta & Jackets | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. | Jacket potato served with a variety of toppings. | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. | Jacket potato served with a variety of toppings. | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. |
| Dessert of the Day | A daily selection of desserts to be chosen on the day. | | | | |

Vegan options available daily.





Girton Glebe Weekly Menu

W/C 4th Mar, 25th Mar, 29th Apr, 20th May.

| Week 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Meat Main Course | <u>Pasta & Jacket Bar</u> Choice of either Pasta or Jacket Potato served with a choice of toppings, including meat and vegetarian options. | Chicken Korma Curry served with Rice | Butchers Sausages served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Chicken Goujons served with Herby diced Potatoes | Breaded or Battered Fish fillet served with Chips |
| Vegetarian (V) | | Quorn Korma Curry served with Rice (V) | Quorn Sausages served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy (V) | Vegetarian Goujons served with Herby diced Potatoes (V) | Vegetarian Nuggets served with Chips (V) |
| Vegetables & Salad | Daily selection of Salad or Vegetables served with main meals to include; Peas, Carrots, Green Beans & Sweetcorn | | | | |
| Pasta & Jackets | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. | Jacket potato served with a variety of toppings. | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. | Jacket potato served with a variety of toppings. | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. |
| Dessert of the Day | A daily selection of desserts to be chosen on the day. | | | | |

Vegan options available daily.





Girton Glebe Weekly Menu w/C 11th Mar, 15th Apr, 6th May.

| Week 3 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Meat Main Course | Pepperoni Pizza served with Herby Diced Potatoes | Sausage Pasta served with garlic Bread | Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy | Beef Chilli served with Rice | Sausage Roll served with Chips |
| Vegetarian (V) | Cheese Pizza served with Herby Diced Potatoes (V) | Macaroni Cheese served with Garlic Bread (V) | Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy (V) | Quorn Chilli Served with Rice (V) | Vegan Sausage Roll served with Chips (V) |
| Vegetables & Salad | Daily selection of Salad or Vegetables served with main meals to include; Peas, Carrots, Green Beans & Sweetcorn | | | | |
| Pasta & Jackets | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. | Jacket potato served with a variety of toppings. | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. | Jacket potato served with a variety of toppings. | Pasta served with a variety of toppings. |
| Dessert of the Day | A daily selection of desserts to be chosen on the day. | | | | |

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