



Girton Glebe Primary School

# Newsletter



1<sup>st</sup> March 2024



## Pinch punch, welcome back and welcome to March!

We have had an incredibly busy and exciting first week back at school. To celebrate the Leap Year, classes have been hopping, skipping and jumping around the hall and playground to see how far we can leap as a school! Watch this space to hear from FOGG about the results of our accumulative leap.



We were lucky to be visited by Girton Musical Theatre earlier in the week who shared an exciting performance of their current show, "Mikado", and are also busy preparing for our own upcoming Year 3&4 production, "Pirates of The Curry Bean!". Our new topics are all underway and it has been a productive week in classrooms, too! From fractions and decimals to word classes and expanded noun phrases, and lots of time in the forest too, the learning never stops at Girton Glebe!

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

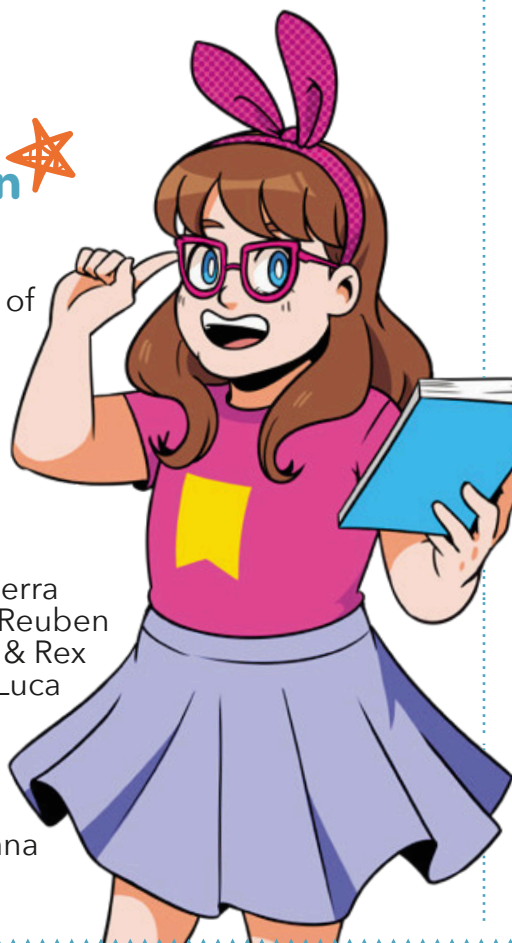
**Chris Butler**  
Headteacher

## Celebration Assembly



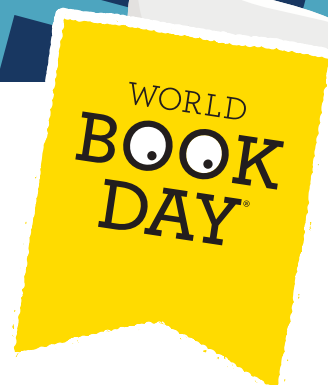
Well done to all of the children below who earned a certificate in this week's celebration assembly!

**Ash** - Sahib & Sierra  
**Maple** - Orla & Reuben  
**Birch** - Jen Nah & Rex  
**Lime** - Gavin & Luca  
**Cherry** - Charlotte & Ted  
**Willow** - Sophie & Theo  
**Oak** - Alex & Anna



## World Book Day!

**As many of you will be aware, next Thursday (7<sup>th</sup> March) is World Book Day!**



We are looking forward to seeing children (and staff!) dressed as their favourite book characters and for all of the fun activities that we have planned for the day. Classes will be participating in reading and writing workshops throughout the day, as well as reading with buddy classes in the school library throughout the week, and a Great Big Booky & Footy Quiz in Key Stage 2. Check out the poster attached in this week's newsletter for our special World Book Day lunch menu, too!

Parents, don't forget to join us for one of our two Open Library sessions on Thursday - we will be opening our library to parents and families from 8.15 - 8.45 and again from 3.20 - 3.50pm. Come along and read with your child or borrow books to take home.

We will be joined by children's author Matt Dickinson on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March; Matt will lead a whole school assembly as well as story-telling workshops for each class. He will be signing pre-ordered books in an additional Open Library session on Tuesday (3.20 - 3.50pm), too! Please pre-order books for this using the form posted on Class Dojo. The deadline for orders is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

## Get involved @ home

Want to get involved with World Book Day at home? Children will have brought home this year's whole-school homework challenge today; choose from a piece of creative writing or a reading-themed hat to enter our World Book Day competition!

Visit these websites for more fun ideas and reading recommendations at home, too:

■ [www.worldbookday.com/families/](http://www.worldbookday.com/families/)

■ [www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/](http://www.worldbookday.com/reading-recommendations/)



## All About Ash Class

In class over the last half-term, we helped Solomon Crocodile to learn about other animals he might be able to chase. We read and wrote our own version of "Dear Zoo" and then drew and painted pictures of the animals before writing all about them to help Solomon learn about different species. We also learned about Chinese New Year and made our own paper dragons!

We have been really enjoying cooking in Forest school over the last term. We have made stew, bread, healthy tortilla wraps and this week we tried a "delicious and spicy" Sri Lankan Daal curry! We have also been learning different forest school skills which recently has meant whittling small logs to make our own hedgehogs, learning how to safely use knives to remove the bark and shape our sticks.

While these skills are progressing, we have also been story making and investigating nature. We are incredibly excited for the arrival of our eggs which we will be looking after for the next 2 weeks. FOGG have very kindly agreed to fund this egg to chick project which will help us to learn about the life cycle of a chicken. Watch this space!

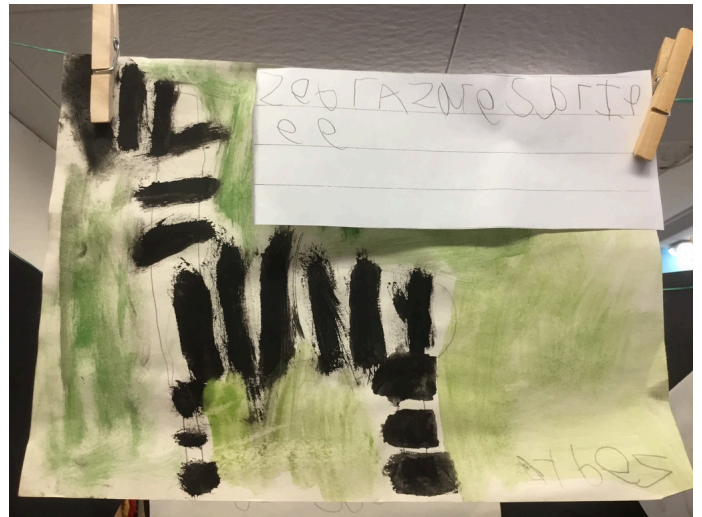
## IB Update



This week, Miss Pyle has continued filling out our Application for Candidacy. She has also been busy planning whole school assemblies linked to IB and the IB Learner Profiles, which will be delivered throughout this half term.

**IB Drop In: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3:30pm - 5:00pm**

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, Miss Pyle and Mr Butler will be available in the school entrance foyer (3:30pm- 5:00pm) to answer any IB related questions that you may have. If you have time before, after, or in between parents' evening appointments and want to find out more about the PYP at Girton, please come and find us!



## Year 3&4 Production

Roles have been allocated, lines are being learned and rehearsals have started for Lime & Cherry Classes' Spring Production of The Pirates of The Curry Bean! Performances will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March; more information about tickets will follow soon.





## Bushcraft in Cherry Class

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, Cherry class enjoyed a workshop from Inside out Bushcraft and Adventure as an introduction to what to expect when they go to visit them in Norfolk for their Year 5 residential in October.

They were introduced to the team who will be looking after them, who answered all the questions the children had about where they would be sleeping, what they would be eating and if there would be any bugs around. We can't wait to take them to adventure, cook, eat and sleep under the stars for a 2-night trip of a lifetime next academic year!

After their discussion about what to expect, the children were given the opportunity to look at different tools they would be using when they attend the centre and what they would use them for. They were also able to have a go at throwing flint spears and looked at how to create a fire from scratch.

The children had a wonderful afternoon and are very much looking forward to their trip in the next academic year! Check out [@insideouted](#) on Instagram to see for yourselves all of the fun Year 5 will be experiencing next year!

## “ Author of the Month

March's Author of The Month has been chosen by Liam & Peter S in Cherry Class. The boys have selected talented author and illustrator Matty Long, who is based in Cambridge. His debut picture book **SUPER HAPPY MAGIC FOREST** was published internationally, shortlisted for the Waterstone's Children's Prize, and won the Read it Again! picture-book awards, which are voted for by 12,000 school children.

Liam & Peter chose this author because, *“his books are funny and he is local.”* Their favourite titles of his include: Slug of Doom, Humungous Fungus, Salty Dogs and Portals of Panic.

**Thank you for your nomination boys!**



# World Book Day Quiz!



**Can you work out which favourite children's book belongs to which class teacher?**

All 7 class teachers, Mr Butler, Miss Pyle and Mrs Kirby have chosen their favourite titles – can you match them up? Answers will be revealed in next week's newsletter.

- **Matilda – Roald Dahl**
- **The Giant Jam Sandwich – John Vernon Lord**
- **A Little Princess – Frances Hodgson Burnett**
- **Peace At Last- Jill Murphy**
- **Winne-the-Pooh – A.A Milne**
- **Anne of Green Gables – L.M Montgomery**
- **Murder Most Unladylike – Robin Stevens**
- **The Rhythm of the Rain- Grahame Baker-Smith**
- **I Want My Hat Back – Jon Klassen**
- **Peepo – Janet and Allan Ahlberg**



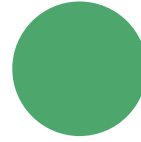
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## House Points

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



174



158



141



131



## Upcoming Dates

### 5<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5&6 Careers Fair @ Cambridge Regional College

### 5<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 Trip to Sedgwick Museum

### 7<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day



### 11<sup>th</sup> March

Musical Ensemble Trip

### 11<sup>th</sup> March - 15<sup>th</sup> March

Assessment Week

### 12<sup>th</sup> March

Author Visit, inc. Book Signing After School (Matt Dickinson)

### 14<sup>th</sup> March, 09.00

Piano Assembly

### 14<sup>th</sup> March, 15:30

Year 6 SATs Information Session

### 15<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day

### 19<sup>th</sup> March

Folk Band Concerts in School

### 19<sup>th</sup> March

Parents' Evening

### 20<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 Easter Cracked @ Girton Baptist Church

### 21<sup>st</sup> March

Parents' Evening

### 25<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Assembly

### 26<sup>th</sup> March, 14:00

Year 3&4 Production

### 26<sup>th</sup> March, 15:30

Year 5 Norfolk Lakes Information Session

### 27<sup>th</sup> March, 09.00

School Choir Performance

### 27<sup>th</sup> March

Year 5 Easter Cracked @ Girton Baptist Church

### 28<sup>th</sup> March, 09:00

Year 3&4 Production

### 28<sup>th</sup> March

FOGG Break The Rules Day

### 28<sup>th</sup> March

Last Day of Term

## Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?

Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by  
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE  
**THURSDAY MARCH 7th. 7-9PM £24**

Available to book now [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Are you or your children struggling  
to get a decent night's sleep?



## Supporting Healthy Sleep

**5th March 7-9pm £24**

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE  
giving a two hour online talk on what interferes with  
healthy sleep and how we can make small changes to  
reduce insomnia and sleep disturbances.

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

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# Read Your Way

- Dress Up As Your Favourite Character!
- Book Buddies With Another Class
- Open Library  
8.15 – 8.45 and 3.20 – 3.50
- Book Themed Lunch
- Author Visit  
Matt Dickinson – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March
- KS1 Story Corner
- KS2 Footy & Booky Quiz + other  
themed lessons & activities  
throughout the week

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
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# Menu

■ The Witches' Fingers (Chicken Goujons)

■ Superworms (Veggie Chicken Strips) <sup>V</sup>

■ Where's Wally's Wedges

■ Jack's Magic Beans

■ Gangsta Granny's Green Peas

■ Supertato's Jackets with Super Toppings

■ Charlie and The Chocolate's Goopy Brownie

■ Paddington Bear's Jam Doughnuts

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
March**

