

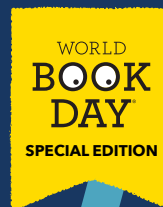


Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



15th March 2024



Another busy week done and dusted!

I have been incredibly proud of every child's resilience this week, in what has been a tricky assessment week with tests on Maths, Reading Comprehension and Grammar and Punctuation in all classes.



At Girton Glebe, we are passionate that school is not all about results and the academic progress of our children, and the week has also been filled with lots of opportunities to celebrate talents, promote well-being and explore other aspects of education than those that are learned in the classroom. This week, lots of classes have visited our 7 chicks before they return to their home on a rare-breed farm; we have celebrated the musical talents of all of the pupils who are learning piano with Annie Daniels; our World Book Day workshops have allowed children to explore their story-telling and illustration talents; and our brand new Musical Ensemble ventured out to be inspired by an orchestral performance!

Read on for lots of exciting goings on this week...

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Pirates of The Curry Bean!

Ahoy! It's almost time to showcase our wonderful Year 3&4 Spring Production of The Pirates of The Curry Bean! The children have been working incredibly 'aaarrd, rehearsing singing, dancing and acting and cannot wait to share this production with you!

On Tuesday 26th March (2pm) and Thursday 28th March (9:30am) Lime and Cherry classes will be taking to the stage. Look out for ticket information early next week.

Celebration Assembly

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

Ash - Margot & Owen
Maple - Ilyas & Mia
Birch - Luca & Orla
Lime - Defne & Jayden
Cherry - Finley & Harriet
Willow - Laurie & Lilly B
Oak - Arjun & Rowena

We have loved celebrating lots of your achievements, both in and out of school, recently! Last week, it was a joy to share Eleanor's diving certificate - Eleanor proudly told the school how she had mastered the back dive, the last criteria for her to earn her diving award. Well done, Eleanor!

We also saw Margot shine in last week's assembly, telling the school all about her incredible award as Razzmatazz Dance Student of The Year; keep up the super work, Margot!

Mr Butler was also impressed to see SO many Platinum and Emerald Athletics certificates - you are all working incredibly hard at home! This was also the first week where Diamond certificates were awarded: Well done Joon Joon & Eleanor!



Red Nose Day – Still Time To Donate!

Today the children have been dressed in red as we celebrated Red Nose Day to raise money for Comic Relief! If you are yet to donate and would like to, please [click here](#) to access our Just Giving Page!

Many thanks for all of your generous donations so far!

WORLD
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Wonderful World Book Day!

Last Thursday, the school was buzzing with excitement and looking incredibly colourful as we celebrated one of our favourite days of the year! Kicking off with a whole-school assembly, we discussed the theme of "Read Your Way" and how wonderful it was to see so many children dressed up as their favourite characters. We also had readings from Phoebe, Felix F, Francis, Lilly B and Jacob D, who shared snippets from their favourite books and explained why these books were important to them all.

Following this, classes engaged in a wide range of reading and writing activities, including a great big Booky and Footy Quiz for Key Stage Two; we even got a special shout out from teacher and author Kit Brown, which went out live to hundreds of schools from all around the country!

Other activities enjoyed by the children included our themed lunch and paired-reading sessions with buddy classes from across the school. All in all, we had such a fun day and it was great to celebrate the joy of reading and the things that make each and every one of us unique!



Costumes Galore!

From Dog Man to Black Beauty, Harry Potter to Hunger Games, The Tiger Who Came To Tea to Super-Tato, the whole school looked fantastic in their costumes!



Competition Winners!

An enormous thank you to every child who entered our Creative Writing and Hat-Making competitions! We had a great time judging your wonderful short stories and beautiful head-wear; both were super tricky competitions to judge! Winners were announced in last week's assembly. Here they are along with some of the beautiful hats that were entered!

Creative Writing Winners

Gibson, Lewis, Caleb, Lena, Dorothy and Cristina.

Hat Winners

Amelia R, Jen Nah, Rex, Eilidh, Masha, Clara and Valerie.

Visit from An Author!

Finally, we ended our celebrations with a visit from author and film-maker, Matt Dickinson, on Tuesday this week. Matt led a whole-school assembly, taking us on a journey from the foot of Mount Everest to the very summit as he told us all about his interesting career as a mountain climber and film-maker before becoming a children's author. Matt was inspired as a young child by his great grandfather and developed a love of mountains and the outdoors. He went on to create lots of TV shows and films about mountains - including working with Bear Grylls on many of his shows!

Following his assembly, our visitor then led writing and story-telling workshops for Years 1-6. The children had a great time exploring which book characters they would like as their 'camp mate' if climbing Everest, and writing postcards home from the summit of the tallest mountain in the world. Thanks so much for your visit, Matt!





Exciting Trip for Our GG Ensemble!

On Monday, 13 of our talented musicians travelled to West Road Concert Hall to enjoy a fantastic performance of music hosted by the University of Cambridge Wind Orchestra. They were treated to a medley of music composed by John Williams, which included some favourites such as Harry Potter, ET and Star Wars. Through the telling of the story 'Peter and the Wolf' the children were introduced to the musical instruments and learnt more about the role of the conductor.

A highlight for many of the children was the performance of the 'Mission Impossible' theme tune, which included some very impressive solo performances.

Throughout the performance, and the journey there and back, the children were brilliantly behaved and an asset to our school! Well done to those children who have been selected to be part of our Musical Ensemble; we can't wait to take you to your own performances in the near future!

Piano Performance

On Thursday morning, the whole school were treated to a lovely piano assembly, hosted by Annie Daniels and her pupils. Annie showcased the talents and hard work of children from Years 2-6, with a range of solo and duet performances. For some children, this was the first time they had ever performed in front of an audience!

This involved performances of classics such as Mary Had A Little Lamb; less well-known but equally catchy tunes such as The Dancing Penguin and The Waltz of The Toad; and a favourite amongst the teachers: Lay All Your Love On Me by Abba!

A huge well done to Zara, Yuvraj, Rafi, Amelia, Lois, Thea, Kikki, Delilah, Adeline, Mia, Darcey, Eleanor, Emma and Lucy! You all performed with great confidence and pride and our first ever piano showcase was a great success due to your efforts! Thank you Annie for organising this!





Birch Class Update

Birch class have had a lot of learning packed into this short half term!

We enjoyed lots of book-related fun last week. On World Book Day, we dressed up as a range of book characters; our costumes were wonderfully creative and showcased the wide range of texts we are now reading! Our other challenge was to bring in our favourite book – a tricky decision! In class, we shared our favourite stories, explaining what made them great. It was fantastic to see a buzz around the classroom with our love of reading being shared and lots of interesting book recommendations!

Inspired by two of our favourite class texts, *Traction Man* and *Dog Man*, we created our own graphic novels. Firstly, we imagined our own interesting place names inspired by household locations, from the Ragged Ricketty Staircase to the Fearsome Flowerpots. We then created heroes to go on exciting adventures through the house in the style of *Traction Man*. Visit our book corner if you would like to have a read through!

We also had a special mission on World Book Day – a variety of fairy-tale characters helped us to escape the magical forest – although not before we had answered their maths problems! Finally, the week came to a close as we met up with Cherry class to read together with our buddies.

Our learning has been just as exciting across the curriculum. In our project lessons, we are learning about significant figures from throughout history and have made fossils out of salt dough to imitate those found by Mary Anning. In Science, we paid a visit to the tiny chicks in Ash class! Watching the chicks up close, we were able to put lots of our science learning to the test – we discussed how they are being looked after, their diet and life cycles.

Finally, in Art, we have been learning all about William Morris' artwork. We started by sketching outside, using nature as our inspiration. Then, we have used these sketches to create repeating patterns, imitating William Morris' style. Now we have started experimenting with printing techniques to use for our final pieces – coming soon!



IB Update



In our weekly staff meeting this week, we focused on the IB 'Key Concepts'. In the PYP, there is a commitment to a 'concept-driven curriculum' as a way to support our learning inquiries. There are 7 key concepts (form, function, causation, change, connection, perspective and responsibility) which allow teachers (and students) to develop these concepts in the form of learning questions. These questions will shape the unit and give it direction and purpose.

During the staff meeting, we looked at key concept-driven questions related to Science, the Arts, Geography and History, and working in small teams we matched them to 7 key concepts. Example questions included: 'How do you think this flower would look if you were the size of an ant?' (perspective) and: 'In what ways have conflict and its resolution shaped society?' (causation).

There was a competitive element to this, which made for a very engaging meeting!

Upcoming Dates

19th March

Folk Band Concerts in School

19th March

Parents' Evening

20th March

Year 5 Easter Cracked @ Girton Baptist Church

21st March

Parents' Evening

25th March

Easter Assembly

26th March, 14:00

Year 3&4 Production

26th March, 15:30

Year 5 Norfolk Lakes Information Session

27th March, 09.00

School Choir Performance

27th March

Year 5 Easter Cracked @ Girton Baptist Church

28th March, 09:00

Year 3&4 Production

28th March

FOGG Break The Rules Day

28th March

Cherry Class Cake Sale

28th March

Last Day of Term



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Date: Monday

13/05/2024-03/06/2024

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10/06/2024-24/06/2024

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