



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



26th April 2024



After a splash in the lake last week, this week was back to normal at school for me!

My highlights of this week have been Maple Class' magnificent assembly, seeing the success of new lunchtime and afterschool clubs such as Cheerleading Club, and watching as plants spring to life around school ready to be planted in our raised beds.



This week we also attended the final round of Local Netball Tournaments; check out next week's issue for a full recount from the school's netball team!

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

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Gardening Club Success!

On Monday (Earth Day), we heard from the school's Gardening Club and our gardening volunteer, Alison Giles, about the club's recent successes and ambitions for the future in our whole school assembly. Alison, who works as part of Girton's local nature recovery plan, explained how her and her team are working to improve Girton's green spaces, making these nicer for both people and animals - including improving our very own pond and wildlife area!

Our dedicated Gardening Club have been busy weeding since Spring began, in preparation for planting flowers and vegetables for the children and creatures (such as butterflies and other bugs and small animals) to enjoy. They have already planted a row of potatoes and can't wait to see how these turn out!

The children of Gardening Club shared with the school their best and worst parts of being gardeners, as well as what they have learned about growing plants and what they are growing at home. Some of the best things about being part of Gardening Club were: watching things magically grow from a seed;

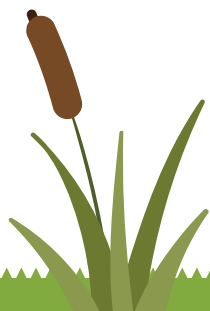
helping nature to thrive; and feeling calm and relaxed while outside. Lydia told us, "I love gardening with my best friend beside me while I'm making room for nature to roam." The downsides of gardening shared in assembly were getting mucky, being stung by nettles and the British weather! Well done to all of the members of this club who are not only helping to improve the school's garden, but growing plants such as raspberries, sunflowers, spinach, tomatoes, kale, mint, rosemary and bluebells at home, too!

Alison also shared with the school the club's recent success at earning the RHC's School Gardening Award Level 1: this required getting outside and planting something. In order to achieve Level 2, Gardening Club are keen to get more people involved and to hear our pupils' opinions, recommendations and suggestions for the school garden in the future. Following this assembly, Gardening Club plan to plant sunflowers, waterlilies, peonies, peas and herbs, as requested by children from around the school!

A HUGE thank you to Alison for all of her hard work, time and dedication to improve our pond area!



Elsewhere in school, classes are preparing their raised beds, filling these with plants such as pumpkins, sunflowers, courgettes, verbena and much more, all grown from seed and nurtured in classrooms before being planted out in our class allotments. Watch this space to see who will win Girton Glebe's first ever Golden Trowel Award this Summer!





WILLOW'S WEEK AWAY!

Last week, after lunch on Wednesday, Willow class set off on a coach to the beautiful Norfolk Lakes, about an hour and a half away from Girton. Lots of us had packed suitcases so big that many teachers wondered if we had brought the kitchen sink!

Once we arrived at Manor Adventure in Norfolk, we settled into our rooms and claimed our bunk beds before having a tour of the site and starting some adventure activities, with some people playing 'Among Us' in the caves whilst others shot for the bullseye in archery. We had some brilliant and funny instructors to support us in all of our activities and make sure we were safe and happy.

On the second day, after a very exciting and sweet-filled sleepover, we all headed out onto the lake for canoeing and kayaking and Mr Butler



joined us for a surprise visit. After Mr Warren and Mr Smart suggested that he take his own canoe as he was deliberately rocking the boat, Mr Butler set sail alone before almost immediately capsizing and spending the rest of the morning soaking wet: a highlight for us all!

Over the three days, we took part in exciting activities such as canoeing, kayaking, paddleboarding, climbing, fencing, archery, caving, the 'blind trail' and lots of team games and resilience-building tasks. Many activities tested our strength, balance, agility and bravery. The food was delicious, the staff were amazing and we had a really memorable first residential trip away.

Mr Warren, Mr Smart and Miss Bates would like to say a huge well done to Willow class for persevering, showing respect and kindness and for behaving so brilliantly. You were all excellent representatives of Girton Glebe. Well done!

We would also like to say an even bigger thank you to all of the staff who supported with the planning and preparation, who accompanied the children, and who worked hard to ensure that Willow's first trip away was enjoyable and full of great memories! Exciting news about our new Year 6 residential that this class will get to experience next year will be coming home soon!





Celebration Assembly

A huge well done to those who earned a certificate in Celebration Assembly this week:

Ash - Ali & Darius

Maple - All of Maple Class!

Birch - Lucy & William

Lime - Mia & Nico

Cherry - Dominik & Sarah

Willow - Whole Class

Oak - Cristina & Dhruv

Well done!

Last chance to sign up for IB Parent Workshop!

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up for one of our IB sessions which we are hosting this half term! There is still time to sign up to one of sessions:

Session 1: Tuesday 7th May 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Session 2: Friday 10th May 8.30am - 9:00am

Both sessions will be led by our Trust IB Lead, Jo Sale. During these sessions you will find out what the Primary Years Programme will look like at Girton. This will include information about curriculum content, what this will look like in class and how this links to the National Curriculum.

Please follow [this link](#) to let us know which session you wish to attend.

The deadline for completing the form has been extended to Sunday 28th April at 15:00.



Upcoming Dates

30th April

Ash Class School Trip: South Angle Farm

2nd May, 15:00

Year 6 Wales Information Session

6th May

Bank Holiday

7th May

Class Photos

7th May, 15:30

IB Information Session with Jo Sale

8th May, 15:30

Year 5 Residential Information Session
(For Year 6 Residential 2025)

10th May, 08:30

IB Information Session with Jo Sale

13th - 16th May

Year 6 SATs Week

17th May

Year 6 Party in the Park

20th - 24th May

Year 6 Residential: Wales

21st May

Reception Children Vision Screening

27th - 31st May

Half term



House Points

Congratulations to this week's House of The Week: **Red House!** Here are this week's totals:



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