



Girton Glebe Primary School

# Newsletter



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024



## Happy Friday Girton Glebe!

We have had a busy week - from school trips to SATS revision and lots of learning in between, we are all full of new knowledge and ready for a Bank Holiday Monday to rest and reset before we return on Tuesday 7th May. We hope all our GG families enjoy their long weekend - keep everything crossed for some sunshine!



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

**Chris Butler**  
Headteacher

## New Playleaders!

Last Friday, Mrs Osborne from South Cambs School Sports Partnership took 20 of us from Willow Class out onto the playground and taught us how to explain, set up and play a number of new games to show to the younger children at break and lunchtimes. In groups, we tried to improve the games to make them more active and remembered the STEPS (Safety, Time, Equipment, Play and Space) to help us. After a while, Maple Class came outside and we each chose a group to lead a game with. We loved teaching these games and we think they liked it too! We think being Playleaders can help the younger children make more friends and play lots of fun games - staying active and healthy during break and lunch times.



Our newly-trained Year 5 Playleaders will soon take over from the current Year 6s in this role, beginning their lunchtime roles from the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**By Clara, Delilah, Dorothy, Megan & Bailey**  
(Willow Class)

## Celebration Assembly

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

**Ash** - Amelia & Andre  
**Maple** - Alfred & Eden  
**Birch** - Griffin & Iona  
**Lime** - Harry & Kylie  
**Cherry** - Jacob & Katie  
**Willow** - Clara & Timothy  
**Oak** - Liberty & Marcell

Last week, we had lots to celebrate! Kicking off with attendance, we celebrated all of the children who have earned certificates for 100% attendance in the Spring Term (Christmas - Easter); well done to the many children who have been in school every day! It was also the first time we have seen Epic certificates for Mathematics. Following so many children being awarded Platinum, Diamond and Emerald in recent weeks, Mr Butler was very excited to learn that Epic certificates also exist! How many Epic certificates can we earn next week?!

We also love to celebrate pupils' achievements outside of school, and last week we had the privilege of congratulating three children on their musical and sporting achievements. First of all, well done to **Rafi** who performed on stage with a live band recently at The Portland Arms, playing the drums to a crowd of over 200 people in a fundraising event for charity. We are so proud of you, Rafi! We'd also like to celebrate **Mia** in Year 4, who has earned her Grade 2 in ballet after lots of dedication and weekly practice to improve her dancing. Keep it up, Mia! Finally, well done to **Pattie** for winning yet another medal in gymnastics - this time a silver medal at a competition for the whole East region. Well done, Pattie!

**If you would like to celebrate anything in our Friday assemblies, please let your class teacher or Mr Butler know.**



## IB Update



This week, Key Stage Two celebrated National Honesty Day in assembly and linked honesty to the IB Learner Profile characteristics. The children made links to being caring, reflective, principled, communicators and even risk-takers, as they explained that sometimes being honest is difficult but it is the responsible thing to do.

This week, staff have also continued writing their 'lines of inquiry' for our themes for next year. We had a very productive staff meeting, where we worked collaboratively to share ideas and develop these for each year group. The lines of inquiry are the statements which will guide our inquiry-based learning for each theme.



Example lines of inquiry for the theme 'How the World Works' include: 'How has local farming adapted to have a more positive impact on the environment?', 'How have scientific and technological advances developed in Cambridge impacted the wider world?' and 'Do we have a responsibility as global citizens to help those affected by natural disasters worldwide?'

**We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our IB Parent Workshops next week!**

## Girton Parish Council Have Your Say!



On Monday, we were joined by Girton Parish Clerk, Yvonne Murray, for our whole-school assembly. Yvonne shared with us Girton Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan and discussed the importance of all local residents having their say and being a part of making Girton **"a place you want to see in the future"**.

Yvonne demonstrated how the parish council are already working to make improvements that have been put forward by children of Girton Glebe, such as:

- Resurfacing the basketball court - which was completed just this Monday after children from GG wrote letters to the council suggesting that this could be updated and improved
- The new Parish Logo designed by a student of Girton Glebe
- £7,500 in GPBC 2024/2025 budget for play equipment suggested by the Children after they last attended a Girton Glebe assembly in October 2023

To make similar changes in the future, the parish council would like to hear from more of you, children and parents alike, by filling in their online survey by Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2iYFUv5Zg7>

In addition, Girton Parish Council will be holding a parish meeting, a chance to hear more views and opinions of local residents and those who use Girton's spaces, on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May. This event will begin at 3.30pm and will celebrate the new table tennis tables and the refurbished basketball court on the Girton Parish Recreation ground - these will be officially opened at 4pm. This is open for both adults and children and Members of the Parish Council will also be around at the time of this event, with some light refreshments. Both the meeting and survey welcome those who live in Girton as well as people who live elsewhere but feel that Girton matters to them.

Please help to support the improvement of our local area by completing the online survey and attending this meeting. Thank you!



## Maple Class Update

Maple has had a very busy and exciting start of term! Over the first two weeks, they worked incredibly hard on their Class Assembly, and since putting on their performance, they have been hard at work getting back into our learning routines. In Maths, the children have been very excited to start learning about multiplication and in English we have started to look at "Katie in London". The children have loved sharing what they already know about London, from it being Paddington's residence to also being home to "dungeons" and "big bridges" and we're looking forward to taking this learning forward to explore British landmarks in Geography and 'shelters' and other freestanding structures in DT (Forest School). Keep tuned for more updates later on in the term!

Last Thursday, Maple Class entertained the whole school with their fun and energetic class assembly, full of facts and lots of uplifting music to cheer up a rather grey morning! Year 1 began their assembly by teaching us about the human life cycle and stages of life. It was lovely to hear the children's aspirations and goals for when they are adults: Maple Class are hoping to grow up to be archaeologists, doctors, fire fighters, teachers, farmers and taxi drivers.

Following this, the children taught us all about the 5 senses by singing an incredibly catchy song. This had the whole audience and all of their parents smiling as we watched the children enjoying their performance. Maple have also been learning about important people such as Rosa Parks and Ella Fitzgerald, and performed a lively version of "It's a lovely day today", dancing with hand-made canes as they cheered up the school hall!

Finally, the class taught us about the planets in our solar system by recreating the order of the planets and teaching us some interesting facts. They ended the assembly with a fun game of guess the animal - a showcase of all of their knowledge about the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. This was a fun way to engage the audience and those that guessed correctly left assembly with beautifully hand-painted pictures of the animals in the game.

All of the children in Maple Class showed off their fantastic knowledge, and impressive memories, in what was a delightful class assembly. **Very well done Year 1!**

## Ash Class Update

Since our last Newsletter round up we have been very busy...

Before Easter, we had chicks in the classroom. The children were very excited and loved watching them, drawing them and holding them. We learned about the life cycle of a hen and named them all, including one called "Peekachick" and one called "Sparkle". Thanks to FOGG (and your donations and purchases from FOGG) for enabling this to happen.

Following on from this, we wrote our own versions of Rosie's walk which we were very excited to read to our Year 6 buddies.

This half term, we have continued learning about how things grow with a focus on plants. We continue to tend our raised bed during Forest School: we currently have carrots, broad beans and garlic growing in the raised bed and sunflowers and French beans in pots that we hope to plant later. If anyone has a smallish greenhouse/temporary greenhouse they no longer use, we would be very grateful for it!



This week we have been to South Angle Farm on a class trip. The children loved learning about and touching or holding a wide variety of animals, some traditional farm animals and some more exotic ones. We learned that a bearded dragon has a third eye, alpacas spit if they are cross and tortoises can feel through their shells! Thank you to all of the parents who accompanied us on this fun and educational trip!



# “ Author of the Month

It's back! May's Author of The Month, chosen by Alicia in Year 6 will be **Chris Colfer**, author of The Land Of Stories collection of books. The Land of Stories is a series of children's fiction, adventure and fantasy books suitable for children aged 6-10. Alicia chose these because they have incredible detail and description while being super easy to read and understand. The series has amazing aspects about it, like the blend of Fantasy and Adventure, which make it beautiful to read.



## Pinpoint Annual SEND Conference

Join Pinpoint on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 for the Pinpoint SEND Conference at Burgess Hall, St Ives! From 9:30am to 2:15pm, immerse yourself in insightful speakers, interactive workshops, and a vibrant marketplace featuring charities and services assisting you on your parent/carer SEND journey. Choose from a variety of workshop sessions tailored to your interests and needs. Plus, enjoy a delicious lunch on Pinpoint!

**Book your ticket here!** Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and support SEND inclusion. See you there!

## Upcoming Dates

**6<sup>th</sup> May**  
Bank Holiday

**7<sup>th</sup> May**  
Class Photos

**7<sup>th</sup> May, 15:30**  
IB Information Session with Jo Sale

**8<sup>th</sup> May, 15:30**  
Year 5 Residential Information Session  
(For Year 6 Residential 2025)

**10<sup>th</sup> May, 08:30**  
IB Information Session with Jo Sale

**13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 6 SATs Week

**17<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 6 Party in the Park

**20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> May**  
Year 6 Residential: Wales

**21<sup>st</sup> May**  
Reception Children Vision  
Screening

**27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May**  
Half term



## House Points

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



222



217



207



190

## Pinpoint's Annual Conference

Thursday 20th June '24

Join us at Burgess Hall in St Ives,  
PE27 6WU  
9:30am-2:15pm



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Tickets can be booked for free at  
[www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/pinpoint-  
events/](http://www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk/pinpoint-events/)



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BOOKING NOW OPEN!

Are you worried about how they are feeling?

## DECREASING DEPRESSION FREE TALK



May 14th 7-8pm

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE  
gives a one hour online talk explaining  
what we can do to reduce the symptoms of depression.

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) go to **PARENT** page

**Girton Parish Council  
Annual Parish Meeting  
15th May 2024**

**Invitation from Daniel Carney (Girton Parish Council Chair)**



An opportunity for Girton's younger residents to get involved in Girton's future

1. From 3.30pm - Refreshments available at Girton Rec Pavilion.
2. From 4.00pm – Grand opening of :
  - Girton Table Tennis Court & demonstration match by Table Tennis England
  - Girton Basketball Court refurbishment initiated by Girton Glebe who will open the new court.
  - Chance to play on these new facilities
3. An opportunity to ask questions to our Parish Councillors & Neighbourhood Plan team.
4. We will present some of the feedback you have provided for Girton's Neighbourhood Plan.

**HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US AT GIRTON RECREATION GROUND from 3.30pm.**

**Food Trucks from 5pm. Main Annual Parish Meeting from 7pm. Opportunity to chat with refreshments from 8.15pm.**