



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



10th May 2024



It's been a short but busy week at school! With class photos, welcoming parents into our IB workshops, and a visit from Manor Adventure's team to talk all about next year's Year 6 residential to France, school has been a hive of activity!



This week, we were also visited by children from Girton Glebe Day Nursery who will be joining us in September. They joined in with our Reception Forest School Session and had a great time swinging on our swing, drawing pictures, helping with weeding our raised beds and digging for worms. We are looking forward to welcoming children from Cottontails and Kindred in the coming weeks!

As well as this, Year 2 have begun their end of Key Stage One SATs - Well done for all of your hard work so far! Around school, preparations for other assessments such as the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, Year Multiplication Tables Check and Year 6 SATs (which are next week) are underway! We wish all of our pupils luck for these upcoming assessments.

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

**Chris Butler
Headteacher**



Find out what Cherry Class have been up to on page 2!

Celebration Assembly

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

Ash - Katherine & Patrick
Maple - Felix & Iona
Birch - Honey & Sakura
Lime - All of Lime Class!
Cherry - Felix & Shiri
Willow - Amelia & Ashley
Oak - Emily & Yuvraj

Last week, we celebrated **Rowena, Livia** and **Grace** who have all earned medals for their participation in a swimming competition with the City of Cambridge Swimming Club. A huge well one to the girls for earning a selection of Bronze, Silver and Gold medals for competing in backstroke, fly and freestyle races. This celebration came at the best time, as our swimming pool is now filled and preparations are taking place to get this up and ready for our swimming sessions after half-term!

We also congratulated the 20 members of Year 5 who took part in playleaders training a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to **Pattie** and **Lily** who told the whole school about what they had learned and what they are looking forward to doing in their new role, which will begin next week. Our current Year 6 playleaders will be handing over the gauntlet while they sit their SATs tests and enjoy their residential to Wales in the coming weeks.

Finally, a big well done to all of the children from Years 4&5 who completed the Junior Maths Challenge last week. This was a one hour quiz-style challenge in which the children had to solve 25 difficult questions on a range of topics. Everybody who participated did a great job. A special mention must go to **Delilah & Felix** who scored incredibly highly and earned themselves a bronze certificate. Well done!

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



IB Update



Thank you to all of you who attended one of our IB Parent Workshops. It was lovely to see so many of you there and great to hear all of your questions and your positive comments!

For those of you who were unable to attend, **here is a link to the video recording of Jo Sale's presentation.** If you have any questions relating to the PYP at Girton, then please find Chris Butler or Jo Pyle and they will be happy to answer any questions.

Choir Performance!

On Saturday 4th May, Girton Glebe School Choir performed 'Dreams Across The Ocean' at the opening of the Hibbert-Ware Memorial Garden in Girton. Open to all, this garden is an exemplar for wildlife-friendly gardening containing nectar borders, a bog garden and a meadow. The new garden aims to lead to increased diversity of wildlife in our local area!

The opening ceremony was a lovely village event and we were fortunate that it was a beautiful day and Jack's Gelato were also there! Some of our favourite things about being in choir are performing at important events and concerts such as this one and learning all of the amazing songs that we haven't heard before.

Thank you to Mrs Knowler for accompanying our choir at this local event, and thank you Mia and Rafi for writing the above! More information **can be found here.**



Cherry Class Update

This half term has seen us begin new topics and units in all of our subjects. We have started a new project called '1066'. During our project lessons we have been learning about the Battle of Stamford Bridge and the Battle of Hastings.

In Maths, we have been looking at decimals. We have learnt about tenths and hundredths as a fraction and a decimal and looked at partitioning decimals as well as adding and subtracting them.

Our English this term is linked to our project on 1066. We have started our new book called 'I was there, 1066, The Norman conquest' by Jim Eldridge. We have looked at the 3 claimants to the throne after Edward the Confessor died and have

written persuasive speeches convincing the Witan who should be crowned the next King of England. We have also looked at the features of a non-chronological report and have started writing our reports on Motte and Bailey castles, the Bayeux Tapestry or the 3 claimants to the throne.

We have started to look at how to take care of our teeth in Science, as well as looking after our allotment in school, playing Tennis and Athletics in PE and discussing different relationships in PSHE, where we have looked at the different stages of grief and how we keep the memory of people and pets alive once they are gone.

In other exciting news, we have received a reply from the Home Office about our letters to Mr Cleverly on refugees and asylum seekers whilst studying the book 'The boy at the back of the class'. Dr.M Elimelech thanked us for our letters and explained a bit more about how the UK help refugees and asylum seekers. We were very happy to receive a reply and thank them for taking the time to read our work.



House Points

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



208



170



165



162



Upcoming Dates

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

3rd June

First Day of Term

3rd June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

6th June

Ash Class Assembly

10th - 14th June

Healthy Eating Week

10th - 14th June

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

13th June

Birch Class Assembly

13th June

New Intake Stay and Play (Morning & Afternoon Sessions)

17th June

Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle

20th June

Sports Day

27th & 28th June

Year 6 Transition Day to IVC

2nd July

New Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic

3rd July

Year 4 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle

4th July, 9.00

Drumming Assembly

5th July

Move-Up Morning

9th July, 16.00

Year 5&6 Production: The Wizard of Oz

11th July, 17.30

Year 5&6 Production: The Wizard of Oz

12th July

Reports Home

16th July

Summer Fair & Music Concert

19th July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly & Leavers' Party

19th July

Last Day of Term

**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.

10 June - 15 July
Orchard Park

New!

Monday netball for children

6 weeks of basic netball and ball skills

First session free • Booking essential

Mondays, 4.15-5.15

School years 3,4,5

Mondays, 5.30-6.30

School years 6,7,8

Orchard Park Sports Ground,
Ring Fort Rd, CB4 2GW

£6 per session,
first session free

To book, scan the
QR code or go to:
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