



Girton Glebe Primary School

# Newsletter



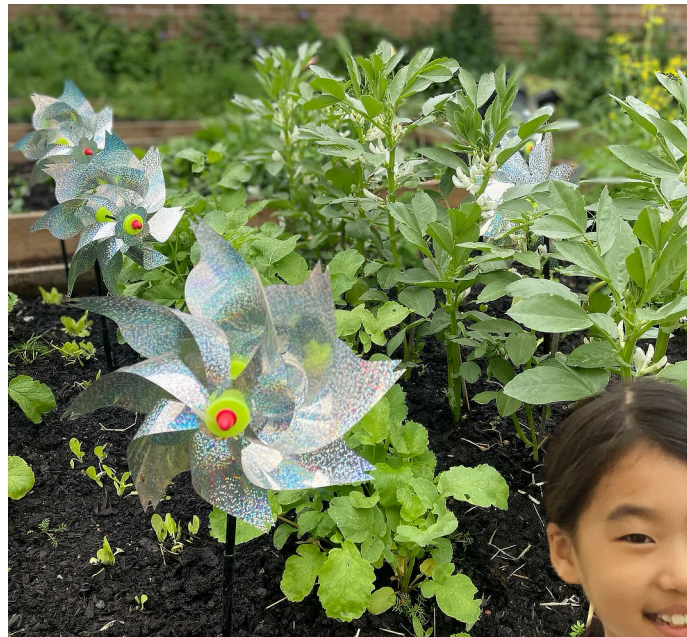
17<sup>th</sup> May 2024



## Happy Friday Girton Glebe!

Another busy week is done and dusted.

First of all, I must say a HUGE well done to all of Year 6 and Year 2 who have shown great resilience this week while completing their SATs tests. These aren't quite finished for Year 2 yet so good luck as you sit the rest of these! My highlight of the week has been enjoying a lovely SATs breakfast with Year 6 each day - the pastries were a particular delight and you can't beat a bacon sandwich to start your day right every now and then!



This week we have also seen lots of growth in our classes' raised beds. It's so exciting to see such a wide range of herbs, vegetables and flowers growing in our very own school allotment and I can't wait to see these continue to flourish in the Summer Term!

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

**Chris Butler**  
Headteacher

## Celebration Assembly

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

- Ash** - Charlie & Theo
- Maple** - Avaline & Jackson
- Birch** - Freddie & Penny
- Lime** - Heath & Thomas
- Cherry** - Brooklyn & Vera
- Willow** - Bailey & Lois
- Oak** - All of Oak Class

This week, following the success of so many Epic Mathletics certificates, we were excited to hand out a whole bunch of Legend certificates! Well done to those you who are working hard to practise your Maths at home; let's see how any more certificates we can earn before half term!

## Motte & Bailey Madness!

As part of their 1066 project, all about the Normans and the fight for the throne, Cherry Class have been creating some incredible models of Motte and Bailey Castles at home. The children chose to work alone or in pairs to make Lego structures, Minecraft creations, some masterpieces crafted out of paper, playdough and other materials, and even some edible designs! Check them out (for more pictures, check out our [Instagram](#) / [Facebook](#) pages!).





## IB Update



This week, our staff meeting was led by our Trust IB Lead, Jo Sale, who introduced us to the IB's Approaches to Learning. The Approaches to Learning (AtL) are a set of skills and strategies that help children become self-regulated, life-long learners. These will be integrated into our curriculum and applied across all subject areas. Like with all skills, these will be taught and modelled in class and time will be spent on reflecting on the skills and the progress made with them.

There are five AtLs: **thinking skills**, which includes critical and creative thinking skills as well as the skill of reflection; **research skills** such as planning, data gathering and media-literacy skills; **communication skills**, which encompasses literacy and ICT skills; **social skills**, which support children to manage emotions, build positive relationships and use self-control; and **self-management skills** such as managing time, emotional management and self-motivation.



We spent some time linking some of the AtLs to one of our planned themes before discussing the benefits of these skills in enabling and supporting the children of Girton to become reflective students as well as how it can support them outside of school and when problem-solving. Thank you Jo for this informative staff meeting!

## Oak Class Update

Written by Anna & Paloma in Year 6:

SATs took place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May where the Year 6s of Oak class had to take part in a series of tests which they had been preparing for during their long school year.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, at 8:15, Year 6 came into the hall where they saw a delicious breakfast including cereal, croissants, toast, fruit juices and yogurt. After breakfast, we had our first test, which was grammar. It was 45 minutes long (the second longest test). Then we finished with the spelling test (which we thought wasn't too hard).

We were anticipating Tuesday as we had our reading paper, which we had been practising for for ages. Surprisingly we all did fine, and it wasn't too hard.

Wednesday and Thursday were two reasoning tests (40 mins) and an arithmetic (30 mins) which were a bit challenging, though most of us thought they were ok. We then ended SATs by bringing in board games and having free time to ourselves on our Chromebooks after all of our hard work! I think we are glad these are over; we will miss having free breakfast though!

We are also excited for our trip to Wales, taking part next week where we get to take part in kayaking, shooting and a disco, and our production which is -drum roll- The Wizard of Oz!

## Donations Request

Our SEND Team have asked if any parents have any of the following that they would be willing to donate for an upcoming intervention, Identiplay. We are after:

- Play teapots and cups
- Red dinosaurs
- Green dinosaurs
- Miniature dinosaurs and trees

Many thanks in advance for anything you are able to provide! Please could all donations be handed to the school office, labelled for Chrissy Childerley's Identiplay Intervention.



## House Points

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



289



265



197



196



## Upcoming Dates

### **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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> June**

First Day of Term

### **3<sup>rd</sup> June**

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

### **6<sup>th</sup> June**

Ash Class Assembly

### **10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Healthy Eating Week

### **10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

### **13<sup>th</sup> June**

Birch Class Assembly

### **13<sup>th</sup> June**

New Intake Stay and Play (Morning & Afternoon Sessions)

### **17<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle

### **20<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day

### **27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 6 Transition Day to IVC

### **2<sup>nd</sup> July**

New Intake Teddy Bear's Picnic

### **3<sup>rd</sup> July**

Year 4 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle

### **4<sup>th</sup> July, 9.00**

Drumming Assembly

### **5<sup>th</sup> July**

Move-Up Morning

### **9<sup>th</sup> July, 16.00**

Year 5&6 Production: The Wizard of Oz

### **11<sup>th</sup> July, 09.00**

Piano Assembly

### **11<sup>th</sup> July, 17.30**

Year 5&6 Production: The Wizard of Oz

### **12<sup>th</sup> July**

Reports Home

### **16<sup>th</sup> July**

Summer Fair & Music Concert

### **19<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly & Leavers' Party

### **19<sup>th</sup> July**

Last Day of Term