



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



13th September 2024



Welcome Back!

Welcome to all of our parents & families, old and new, as we embark on a new school year and our brand new International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (IB PYP) Curriculum.



We are all hugely excited to begin implementing our new Central Ideas as we work towards IB accreditation this academic year. Our teaching staff have been busy researching, collaborating and preparing for this fresh start over the past year, and we can't wait to bring our new topics to life in the IB way.

We've had a great start to the academic year already. I have loved seeing classrooms, the playground, the school hall and our forest school full of pupils once again and am excited to build on our successes of last year as we strive for excellence in the coming terms.

It's been lovely to see so many returning faces, as well as welcoming lots of new families to Girton Glebe. If you haven't already, please come and say hi! My door is always open and I'm looking forward to working with you and your children for another fantastic year at GG.

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

Chris Butler
Headteacher

New Year, New Topics!



It's out with the old, in with the new! But... many of our well-loved learning themes and topics still remain, enhanced by the Central Ideas that our teachers have devised to broaden our curriculum as we move to the IB PYP. Check out what we are learning in our "Who We Are" strand in Autumn 1:

Ash: A person's actions are strengthened by friends, family and culture.

Maple: Celebrating uniqueness fosters a sense of belonging in the community.

Birch: Communities promote relationships, values and responsibilities to support those living in them.

Lime: Beliefs and values develop and adapt over time.

Cherry: A person's physical, mental and spiritual health is shaped by environment and lifestyle.

Willow: Views and interests are determined by past civilisations.

Oak: Communicating values, beliefs and culture is what makes us human.

Reading Recommendation of The Month!

Reading Recommendation

Miss Giraldo-Perez

Book: Your Name is a Song
Author: Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow
Age Range: 4+
Perfect For: Everyone!

"As someone whose name is not super easy to pronounce, I loved the message of this book and I had lots of fun learning to pronounce the names in the story!"

QR code

Our teachers LOVE to read and are excited to share their favourite children's books and authors with you over the coming months.

Kicking off our monthly Reading Recommendations, check out our Year 1 teacher Miss Giraldo-Perez's favourite book, "Your Name is a Song", for September.

This beautifully illustrated book is perfect for all ages. You can also check out Jamilah Thompkins-Bigelow's other popular books here: <https://jamilahthewriter.com/books/>.

Scan the QR code to listen to a read-aloud of this book!





Meet The Teacher

As always, it was great to see so many parents and family members at our annual Meet The Teacher event this week! Resources from these talks will be available on Class Dojo in case you missed it.

All of our teachers are contactable via the instant messaging service on Class Dojo. Should you wish to book a face to face appointment or phone call, please contact the school office.



Social Media

Want to see regular updates? Our newsletter is published every other week, but you can keep up to date with what's happening around school through our social media platforms:



Click [here](#) to access our Facebook page or [here](#) to follow us on Instagram.

You can also find more information about our curriculum, teaching team, term dates and much more (as well as all of our previous newsletters) on our school website: www.girtonglebe.com.



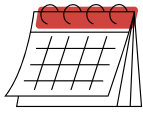
Open Afternoon

Join us on **Tuesday 1st October** for a taste of an afternoon in the life of Girton Glebe!

Our popular Open Afternoon is back, welcoming existing and future families as we showcase our new curriculum and the fantastic teaching team that we have here at GG. Lessons will include a range of the Approaches to Learning that we will be teaching as part of the IB. Here's what you'll see:

- Ash:** Thinking Skills
- Maple:** Self-Management Skills
- Birch:** Social Skills
- Lime:** Research Skills
- Cherry:** Thinking Skills
- Willow:** Research Skills
- Oak:** Communication Skills

With refreshments available from local bakery Cakes By Lexi, a tour of the school from our Year 6 pupils, and the chance to meet our senior leadership team, it's the perfect opportunity to get to know our school better and see for yourselves how we achieve high academic attainment in a child-focused environment. Whether you already have children here, or are looking to join us, we'd love to welcome you to our friendly, community school.



Upcoming Dates

26th Sept, 4.30-5.00pm

Ash Class Phonics Information Session

28th Sept

FOGG Jumble Sale

1st Oct, 1.30-3.00pm

Open Afternoon

4th Oct, 9.00am

Harvest Assembly (All new parents welcome)

7th - 11th Oct

Black History Week

16th - 18th Oct

Y5 Residential

21st Oct

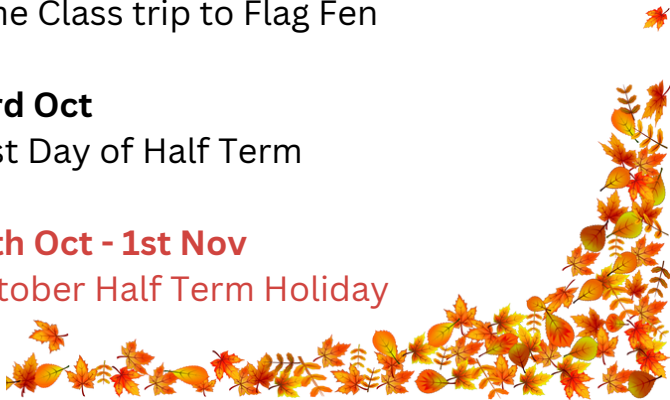
Lime Class trip to Flag Fen

23rd Oct

Last Day of Half Term

24th Oct - 1st Nov

October Half Term Holiday



IB Update

This year, our Curriculum Organisers have changed slightly to reflect our 'transdisciplinary' way of teaching and learning through the IB PYP. To help this make more sense and to explain the changes, Mr Butler shared an example of our new Curriculum Organiser at this week's Meet The Teacher event. This will be shared, along with his entire presentation, on Class Dojo.

As with our previous Curriculum Organisers, these are an overview of what your child(ren) will be learning and covering in class throughout the half term. These can be found on our school website at www.girtonglebe.com/curriculum-organisers. Please do speak to your class teacher if you have any questions about these documents.

Celebration Assembly

A HUGE well done to all of the pupils who earned a Celebration Certificate in our first Celebration Assembly of the new school year! We always love to celebrate achievements chosen by our pupils, from in and out of school! If your child would like to share a particular achievement, please contact Mr Butler.



This week's certificate winners are:

Maple: Felicity & Owen

Birch: Eleanor & Frankie

Lime: Alfie & Thomas

Cherry: Defne & Josephine

Willow: Leah & Ted

Oak: Arwynn & Ashley

*Please note that Ash Class will join us for Celebration Assembly once they are a little more settled.

