



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter

27th September 2024



What a busy two weeks we have had!

I have loved seeing all of our extra-curricular clubs starting around school; the lively energy of these before school, at lunch times and after the school day has ended brings me lots of joy! Perhaps a highlight for me over the past few weeks has been hearing our Key Stage Two choir up and running again, as they prepare for their exciting visit to the O2 for Young Voices in February next year!



This week in my whole-school assembly, we focused on the importance of kind hands and the many ways in which we can use our hands to be creative, responsible, empathetic and caring around school. We looked at the dos and don'ts of using our hands and emphasised the importance of keeping our hands and feet to ourselves, unless using these in acceptable ways. Please may I ask parents to reiterate this message at home, celebrating kind and caring behaviour and reminding children of the importance of respecting one another and each other's personal space. Many thanks in advance for your support with this!

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

Chris Butler
Headteacher

Meet Gertie!

Mr Butler is pleased to introduce Gertie... our new school mascot!

Following name suggestions from the children and a staff vote, our very own **Gertie The Girton Goose** has now been named and was excited to make her first appearance in this week's celebration assembly, where it was announced that Gertie will spend next week in class with the winner of our new attendance raffle...

Look out for Gertie in class and at all school events!



Reading Recommendation of The Month!



While it's not quite October yet, Miss Jolly couldn't wait to share her Reading Recommendation of The Month with you all for the month of October!

Miss Jolly has chosen the appropriately-named "October October" by Katya Balen, a beautifully descriptive book, perfect for older pupils as it explores the themes of family, separation, isolation and change.

She says, "I was recommended this book by a Year 6 pupil a few years ago and from the moment I started it, I couldn't put it down! I read the book cover to cover in a couple of hours and was deeply touched by the beautiful imagery and inspired by the bold and adventurous nature of the main character, October."

Find more books by Katya Balen [here](#).





Ash Class Update

We have had a lovely start to the year and to our primary school adventure in Ash Class.



We have been getting to know the different areas in the class and learning how to respect and look after our equipment and resources. The children have been doing a great job of tidying up in house teams and have been doing a great job of putting the sand back in the sandpit!

We have been talking about, drawing, painting and making our families and thinking of similarities and differences between us and our family members as part of our project on "Who We Are".

The children have loved their first two forest school sessions where we investigated the outside area and then spent some time pond dipping and getting our raised bed read. We have already planted some garlic (hopefully not too early!). We have discovered some very exciting new Girton Glebers we didn't know were here. See if you can spot them in our pond dipping photo! Hopefully this is a good indicator our pond life is diversifying and flourishing.



We have also learned our first 4 sounds in phonics this week and last week and the children have been trying really hard to start forming their "a" the right way round. It was exciting to sound out and blend our first words this week!



Mr Holt
Ash Class Teacher

Open Afternoon

OPEN DAY
TUES 1ST OCT
1.30PM - 3.00PM

NEW & EXISTING PARENTS WELCOME

JOIN US TO SEE OUR NEW IB CURRICULUM IN ACTION, MEET OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM & GET A TASTE OF A DAY IN THE LIFE AT GIRTON GLEBE

www.girtonglebe.com

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.



Car Park Reminder

A polite reminder that the staff car park is for deliveries and staff parking only. Please do not park here when dropping off or collecting children and please only park in the disabled space by the building if you have a blue badge. Thank you!



Internet Safety



As the new term continues, with some children beginning to have further access to the internet, we felt it would be helpful to share the Internet Matters' ABC Online Safety Checklist to help you keep your children safe online.

Children spend a lot of time on their devices and the internet changes fast, so we understand how overwhelming it can be to try and keep on top of online safety. The ABC Online Safety Checklist gives you the building blocks to help protect them from online risks, with a series of actions for you to take.

Let's work together to keep our children safe!

IB Update

What an exciting two weeks at Girton! Teachers and children are all enjoying exploring and investigating their first PYP transdisciplinary theme of 'Who We Are'. From looking at our families and our similarities and differences with them in Ash Class through to investigating what makes us human in Year 6, the school is a hive of excitement with engaging activities linked to our themes.

In assemblies, we have looked at how we can become a better inquirer by asking lots of questions and showing curiosity about the world around us. Children were able to identify good traits of an inquirer and how they can independently find the answers to their questions through researching in books, online and thinking about what they already know to help explain their key questions.

Donations Please!

We are looking for donations for our much-loved sensory garden, which is regularly used by children with SEND and those needing a quiet space to regulate their feelings and find their calm.

Please see our wish list below. Please pass any donations to the school office.

- herbs, flowers, and any scented plants
- outside mirrors
- wind chimes
- wall art / outside ornaments
- outside cushions & home comforts
- anything else you feel may be appropriate.

Thank you so much in advance!



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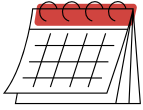
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Next Start date
30th September

CACHE Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent
 CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours
 CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3

Six Week Course
 Mon - Fri
 9:30 - 11:30am
 12:30 - 2:30pm
 4 - 4:30pm
 (last optional session for reflection and support if needed)





Upcoming Dates

28th Sept

FOGG Jumble Sale

1st Oct, 1.30-3.00pm

Open Afternoon

4th Oct, 9.00am

Harvest Assembly (All new parents welcome)

Harvest
ASSEMBLY
04.10.24

For all new-to-OG families

Join us in the school hall @ 09.00 as we celebrate Harvest with songs & poems performed by each class.

We will be accepting food bank donations from Mon 30th and throughout the week.

Thank you!

7th - 11th Oct

Black History Week

16th - 18th Oct

Year 5 Residential

21st Oct

Lime Class trip to Flag Fen

23rd Oct

Last Day of Half Term

24th Oct - 1st Nov

October Half Term Holiday

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all of the pupils who earned a Celebration Certificate this week and last week. We always love to celebrate achievements chosen by our pupils, from in and out of school!



Last week's certificate winners were:

Maple: Nate & Sierra

Birch: Iona & Orla

Lime: Freddie & Violet

Cherry: Defne & Jayden

Willow: Grace

Oak: Jacob & Joon Joon



This week's certificate winners are:

Maple: Charlie & Katherine

Birch: Jensen & Tallulah

Lime: Bella & Claudia

Cherry: Eddie & Megan

Willow: Charlotte & Shiloh

Oak: Megan & Mia

We have also celebrated **Emma** who earned her 600m swimming badge after showing lots of perseverance and aspiration. This was Emma's second-ever badge in swimming! Well done, Emma.

Well done too to **Melina, Thea** and **Liam** who have all earned their Grade 2 certificates in violin and viola recently!

If your child would like to share a particular achievement, please contact Mr Butler.



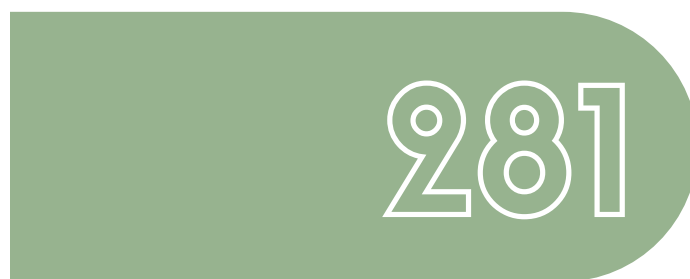


House Points

Congratulations to this week's House of The Fortnight: **Blue House!**



Here are this fortnight's totals:





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village college**
Parents, Staff and Friends Association

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STAY LOCAL FOR LAUGHS! Custard Comedy

HEADLINER

Critically
acclaimed
comedian and
actress, Bethany
has supported
Joe Lycett and
Paul Sinha



BETHANY BLACK



THE MC



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JACOB NUSSEY

"INSANELY FUNNY..." SKIDDLE



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