



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



11th October 2024



We are reaching the final two weeks of an incredibly busy and productive first half-term!



A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Open Afternoon last Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed seeing our IB curriculum in action and touring the school as we showcased lessons such as Music, Inquiry, Art & DT and writing. For more information about the IB curriculum, including clarifying some of the tricky new vocabulary you'll find around school, please see the information about parent workshops below. If you did visit on the rainiest day of the year, a fairer-weathered follow-up visit is available; please just contact office@gg.tela.org.uk

Last week, we were incredibly fortunate to be visited by a trust colleague, Jake, who teaches Science at Chesterton Community College. Jake was very helpful in supporting our teaching staff with planning immersive and interesting practical activities to match our Science curriculum. We feel incredibly lucky to be able to benefit from our links with the secondary schools in our trust in this way!



Chris Butler
Headteacher

IB Parent Workshops

We will be hosting two identical IB parent sessions in the Autumn Term. During these sessions you will find out what the Primary Years Programme looks like at Girton. This will include information on the themes, Central Ideas and Lines of Inquiry. The dates and times of the sessions are below. We also aim to record the presentation so anyone who is unable to attend a session won't miss out.

Session 1: Monday 11th November 08:30 – 08:50

Session 2: Monday 11th November 15:30 – 15:50

Please follow this link to let us know which session you wish to attend:

<https://forms.office.com/e/X7Gne63Juf>

We understand that you may need to bring your child(ren) along to the session. If so, the behaviour of your children will be your responsibility during this time; please ensure that they are quiet so that everybody attending the session can get the most out of it. For the morning session, a member of SLT will be out on the school playground at 08:25. You will be able to leave your child(ren) with them.

The form will be available until Monday 4th November.

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions.

Competition Time!

Our beloved Gertie has a school uniform at last!



The children at GG are loving our new mascot, Gertie the Girton Goose! And we think it's important that she feels a part of our school community. A very kind parent of a teacher has created her a beautiful school fleece (complete with the school logo!) but we would love to get Gertie involved in all of our school events.

We are therefore calling all creative pupils and parents to enter our Children In Need and Christmas Jumper Day competitions! Can you craft an outfit for Gertie to wear and bring these in to school before these special events? The winning outfits will be worn and shared on social media!

Good luck!





Maple Class Update

This term, our IB inquiry has been an exciting journey into celebrating what makes us unique and understanding how this sense of uniqueness helps us belong. We've explored our own traits, our families, and even mapped out our cultural backgrounds in fun, hands-on activities.

As part of Black History Week, we had an extra special Show and Tell with Sierra, who shared a beautiful dress and introduced us to akara, a tasty sweet treat from Sierra Leone. It was such a wonderful way to celebrate different cultures right in our classroom!

In our inquiry, we've also been reading *The Ugly Duckling*, a story that has sparked some interesting discussions about belonging. We've been reflecting on how the Ugly Duckling felt when he was different from those around him and whether he should have needed to change to feel accepted. We discussed how important it is to be true to ourselves and not to change just to fit in. This led us to think about how we can make our own community more inclusive, where everyone feels they belong just as they are.



Soon, we'll be exploring *Coming to England* by Floella Benjamin, which will help us dive deeper into themes of belonging and community. Through storytelling, art, and shared experiences, we're learning to appreciate each other's unique backgrounds. We can't wait to see where this inquiry will take us next! Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to explore and celebrate our wonderful community.



Miss Giraldo-Perez
Maple Class Teacher



Harvest Celebrations!



It was great to welcome so many family members of Ash Class and all of our new pupils to our annual Harvest Assembly last week, where we enjoyed lots of songs and poems from each class, as well as whole school performances of some of our favourites such as 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'. Ash Class did a wonderful job of singing 'Big Red Combine

Harvester', supported by their Year 6 buddies and the whole school choir. Thank you to those who were able to join us!

We were also incredibly grateful to once again receive so many donations for the local food bank: a great cause which we are proud to support each year.

As always, our Year 6 class delivered these kind donations to St Andrew's Church, who will pass these on to local food banks. Whilst at the church, Year 6 were treated to a short talk from new curate, Reverend Kevin, who discussed with us all of the people involved in giving us the food that we are fortunate to eat each day. We were reminded to give thanks and show gratitude and each child gave one example of something they were grateful for in that moment (these included our pets, hobbies, food, the sunshine, school, sleep, and friends and family).

Thank you to Eona and Kevin and everyone at St Andrew's Church for being so welcoming!





Black History Week

This week, following a whole-school assembly led by Miss Pyle on historic figures, every class has celebrated Black History Month with a week of learning about inspirational and influential black figures as part of our IB Inquiries into Who We Are. These lessons took the form of Art, Reading and Writing lessons and link not only with our IB explorations, but also our whole-school PSHE topic of Being Me In My World..

Here's what we've been up to...

Ash: **Alma Woodsey Thomas** (exploring colour-mixing and tone as part of our exploration of different likes and dislikes and linking to our upcoming work on our emotions)



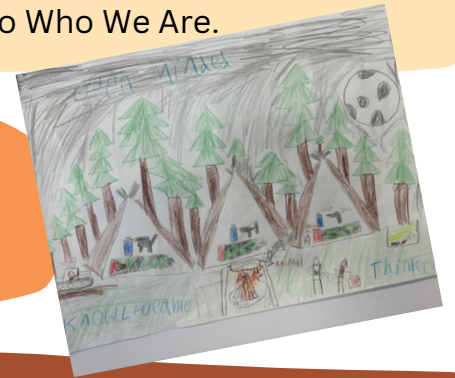
Maple: **Floella Benjamin** (exploring our question "Is it important to feel a sense of belonging in the community?" through the reading of her book, Coming to England)

Birch: **Benjamin Zephaniah** (reading 'People Need People' as part of our English and Inquiry work linked to our first line of inquiry "What is our community like?" and using this to write a class poem about our community)

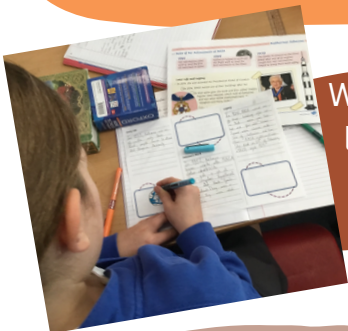


Lime: **Jean -Michel Basquiat** (learning about his life and the experiences he told about through paintings as we create our own artworks linked to Who We Are.

Cherry: **Mary Seacole** (discussing and drawing parts of her life that represent resilience and key moments where she shaped history, as part of our Inquiry into Who We Are.

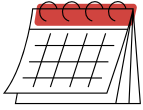


Willow: **Katherine Johnson** (researching the "Women who made NASA" and linking to our Inquiry by thinking about how trailblazers influence, inspire and impact people of today; we have created a biographical leaflet)



Oak: **Amy Ida Louisa King, Gloria Cumper & Priscilla Mensah** (exploring and drawing three local Heroes of Girton who made history and attended Girton College, as part of our Inquiry into Who We Are in our local area)





Upcoming Dates

16th - 18th Oct

Year 5 Residential



17th Oct

Year 6 Netball Tournament After School

18th Oct

Birch Class Cake Sale



21st Oct

Lime Class trip to Flag Fen

23rd Oct

Last Day of Half Term

24th Oct - 1st Nov

October Half Term Holiday

4th Nov

Individual Photos



11th - 15th Nov

Anti-Bullying Week

12th Nov, 3.30 - 7.00pm

Parents' Evening



14th Nov, 3.30 - 5.30pm

Parents' Evening

15th Nov

Children In Need

21st Nov

FOGG Disco

27th Nov

Flu Vaccines



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!



This week's certificate winners are:

Maple: Eliza & Teddy

Birch: Ethan & Mio

Lime: Honey & Kodi

Cherry: Eilidh & Nico

Willow: Bethany & Jacob

Oak: Pattie & Ruben

Casual Teacher Vacancy

WE ARE HIRING!

We're looking for a Casual Teacher to cover classes during planned staff absences.

See the full job advert & how to apply here:
<https://tela.org.uk/vacancies/casual-teacher/>

Are you a member of our school community with a teaching qualification, a passion for education and an interest in working with young people? **Then we want you!**

We are looking for a Casual Cover Teacher to supervise classes for planned teacher absences.

Apply [here](#) by 1st November or speak to Mr Butler if you are interested.



House Points

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



Here are this fortnight's totals:

