



Girton Glebe Primary School

# Newsletter



23rd October 2024



We've reached the end of another busy - albeit short - couple of weeks and the end of our first half-term! As always, I am immensely proud of what our pupils and teaching team have achieved so far this academic year, and am even more excited for our year ahead and our IB journey now that we have begun to implement our new curriculum and see changes begin to take place around school.



A big highlight for me over the past two weeks was my visit to Year 5's residential to InsideOutside Education's Bushcraft Camp in Norfolk! Read page 3 for a full recount of this exciting new trip.

I was also very excited to see our Year 6 Netball Team attending their first competition of the year last week. The team played excellently together and all of the children were incredibly polite and respectful, showing great team spirit throughout the whole tournament!



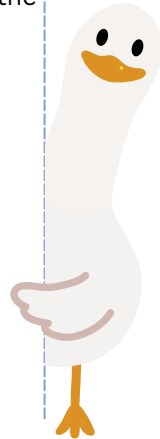
Wishing all of our families a happy October Half Term! See you all on the 4th November.

## Healthy Snacks Reminder

A polite reminder that snacks at break time should be healthy options such as fruit and vegetables, cereal bars and yoghurts (all nut-free, please!).



We are seeing an increase in crisps and chocolate bars on the playground and would ask that parents stick to healthy options for morning snacks. Where the occasional treat may be placed in lunch boxes, please remind children that these are to be eaten with their meal at lunch, and that a healthy snack should be chosen at break time.



Our teaching and support staff continue to monitor children's snacks and may provide a healthy fruit alternative where snacks are deemed unhealthy. Class teachers will be in contact with parents if there are any concerns over your child's break time snack.

Please contact your class teacher if you have any questions regarding this. Many thanks!

## IB Parent Workshops

A reminder that 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, including 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.

Register your place [here](#).

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

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

*Please be mindful that these sessions are parent sessions, designed for you to learn more about the PYP at Girton and what it will look like. 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.*

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

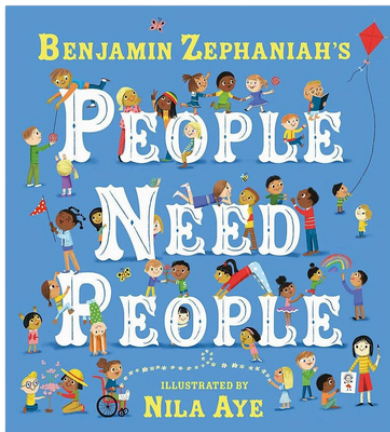


## Birch Class Update

We have had an exciting start to the year in Birch class, diving into our first IB inquiry focused on the central idea 'Communities promote relationships, values and responsibilities to support those living in them.'

In our inquiry sessions, the children have thought about what it means to be part of a community, and the rights and responsibilities that this entails. During this topic, we have explored our school grounds and planned ways to help keep our environment clean and tidy, as well as practising being kind to others around us and supporting our community by being a kind friend.

This half term, Birch class have read Benjamin Zephaniah's heartwarming book 'People Need People'. After reading, the children reflected on the important people in their lives and communities, thinking about why these people mean a lot to them and what they like to do together.



Taking inspiration from the text, the class wrote beautiful poems about their friends and families that they should be very proud of!

The children have also explored our inquiry through Art: they have been looking at murals and considering the ways that Art can represent a community and bring people together. After some careful planning and lots of creative ideas, the class have painted mural-inspired artwork that represents every child in their own special way. Well done Birch for creating some lovely pieces of art and writing this half-term!



**Miss Burnet**  
Birch Class Teacher

## School Council Elections...

This week, each class has voted once again for their School Council Representatives for the academic year! We are proud to announce our new school council is as follows:

- Maple:** Amelia & Owen
- Birch:** Frankie & Giorgio
- Lime:** Alexander & Iona
- Cherry:** Eilidh & Melina
- Willow:** Mia & Peter S
- Oak:** Bailey & Sophie & Zachary



Well done to all successful candidates!

School Council will meet with Mr Butler, our School Council Chair, regularly to discuss school-wide issues and explore how we can continue to improve our school.

School Councillors will liaise with their peers in class to ensure that pupil voice remains at the forefront of our school decisions.

We are looking forward to another successful year with our new School Council!

## Attention-Grabbing Toys Wanted!

Do you have any attention-grabbing toys at home that you no longer want or need? We are looking for brightly-coloured, small fidget toys or other handheld equipment (such as light-up or musical toys) to use in interventions with our children who have additional needs or require sensory breaks from their learning.

Please pass any donations that you are able to give to Emma Kitching in the school office.

Many thanks in advance for anything you are able to donate!

**The SEND Team**





## Year 5 Bushcraft Adventure!



On Wednesday 16th October Year 5 embarked on their exciting residential trip to Inside Out Bushcraft Adventure in Norfolk for 3 days and 2 nights.

During their adventure (a new trip for our Year 5 class this year!) they embraced nature and learnt lots of new survival skills by cutting down trees to gather wood for various projects. The children honed their skills by using knives to craft tent pegs, used sling shots in the archery ring and everyone participated in preparing and cooking their meals and then took turns with the cleaning-up afterwards.

In the evenings, Willow Class played thrilling night games around the camp, like Watchman and Sniper, where everyone enjoyed sneaking around the woods trying not to get caught. The experience of sleeping in hammocks and makeshift shelters under the stars added to the adventure, even if we did have to share our evenings with giant spiders and woodlice and brave the rain!



Overall, it was a fantastic trip filled with teamwork, creativity, and memorable experiences! All of the children overcame challenges and their fears, and they all took great care of each other. They were a credit to Girton Glebe; very well done! Thank you to Miss Roddy & Mr Smart for taking such good care of Year 5.





# fogg Update

FOGG held our AGM on 12th September. Fortunately we had volunteers to join the committee as Trustees so that FOGG could continue.

The current Trustees are:

Richard Reeves (Chair), Kelly Anstee (Treasurer), Kate Collings (Secretary), Victoria Reeves, Chris Butler, Naomi Sinclair, Michael Power, Melinda Twycross and Nicole Helwig

We also have the following class reps:

**Ash:** Jess Peace

**Maple:** Vic Willis and Tamara Fitters

**Birch:** Naomi Sinclair and Ayla Andrews

**Lime:** Victoria Reeves and Kate Collings

**Cherry:** Chelsey Wing and Eliza Fielding

**Willow:** Jen Goodwin and Lauren Hatton

**Oak:** Kate Hawksworth

We had an amazingly successful Jumble Sale on 30th September which raised a fantastic £1239 and counting! Thank you to all who supported this event, by donating, sorting, selling, baking and buying!

Birch Class hosted their cake and second-hand uniform sale on Friday 18th October and raised a record £195! Well done Birch Class!

Thank you to all who designed and ordered Christmas cards and other items. The first deadline was on 8th October, but there will be another opportunity to order from Friday 15th November until Thursday 21st. Commission on all orders helps to raise money for FOGG.

Future events for next half term include the **School Disco on Thursday 21st November**, **Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November** and **Christmas Film afternoon on Sunday 8th December**. We start 2025 with our annual **Christmas Tree Shred on Sunday 5th January** and **Ceilidh on Friday 24th January**. Look out for more details soon!

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support. If you are interested in finding out more please email [contactfogg@gmail.com](mailto:contactfogg@gmail.com). Happy half term holiday.

**FOGG Committee**

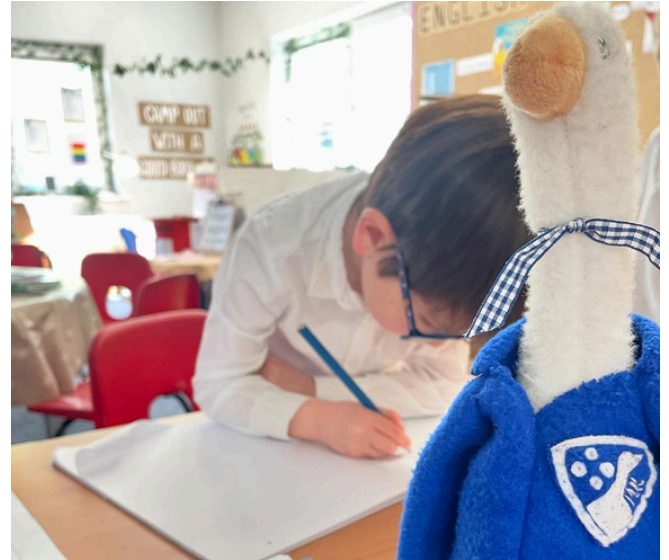
## Best Attendance!

For Autumn 1, our winning classes for best attendance are as follows:



**Key Stage One: Birch (97.4%)**

**Key Stage Two: Cherry (98.3%)**

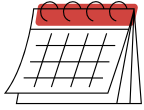


Well done! Gertie the Girton Goose will continue to visit different pupils and classes each Friday after half-term, as we continue to choose pupils at random from the winning house each week.

**GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE?**

We're looking for Community Volunteers who would like to share their experiences / expertise on a subject through class talks, assemblies or workshops in school.

If you think you have something to share that links to our current or upcoming learning, please contact your class teacher or Miss Jolly (Year 6 Teacher).



## Upcoming Dates

**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

**28th Nov**  
Lime Class Assembly



**28th Nov**  
Y1&2 Girls' Football Match

**30th Nov**  
FOGG Christmas Fair



**2nd - 5th Dec**  
Y6 Bike Ability

## 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:** Andre & Sahib

**Birch:** Amelia & Giorgio

**Lime:** Darcey & Feranmi

**Cherry:** Arthur Wr & Ioli

**Oak:** Lennie & Lilly

## 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: **Blue House!**



Here are this fortnight's totals:





# IMPINGTON HOLIDAY CAMP

## FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

NCFC RDP Football & Multi-Sports  
Camps provide the perfect mix of foot-  
ball and multi-sports across an action  
packed week.



Impington Sports Centre



Wednesday 30th October -  
Friday 1st November



Ages 4-12

For more information and to claim  
your school discount contact:  
[owen.buxton@canaries.co.uk](mailto:owen.buxton@canaries.co.uk)

## The Eddington Community Orchestra's *Christmas Special*

Join us if you're young or old and play an instrument (level 2/+).

We will practice simple Christmas carols every Sunday from  
October 20, 2024 to December 15, 2024 (performance day).

Time and location: Eddington, 04.30-05.30 pm (tbc).

No participation fee but donations or help in kind is welcome.

*For more details, please get in touch with  
Marvin Fernandes, at 07928762542 or fill the form here  
<https://forms.gle/7ehZfGo7EEJRr5vQA>*



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Let's make simple but beautiful music together!

