

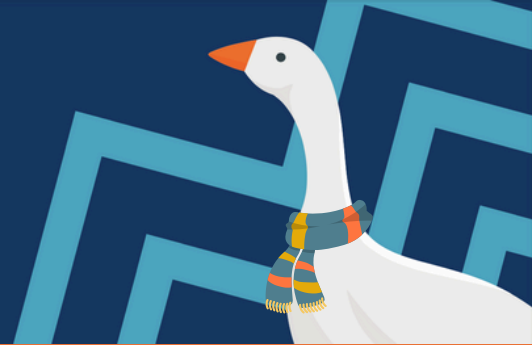


Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



31st January 2025



What a turbulent couple of weeks, weather wise!



But a great two weeks for us around school. It's been wonderful to see our recently renovated forest getting lots of use throughout January. Mr Smart has made lots of exciting improvements and updates to this area and we are so pleased to be able to use this wonderful space regularly - from bush craft, cooking and survival skills to reading our own narratives around the campfire, we love spending time in the forest - even in Winter! Check out our Instagram to see what we've been up to!

Back in classrooms, we have celebrated the Lunar New Year around school this week, with each class producing some awesome artworks to mark this occasion. Check out the next issue to find out more!

Read on for a round-up of this fortnight's news from around school...



Chris Butler
Headteacher

Exciting Post from Ukraine!

Before Christmas, Year 5 joined a partnership class in Ukraine for a Zoom Call, before writing introductory letters to pen friends in the class. Last week, we were super excited to receive our first post back from our new friends! Children were really pleased to receive Christmas cards, letters and photos from their pen pals and we have just sent back our replies, complete with some hand-made and thoughtful gifts. We can't wait to see how our relationships grow with our new friends in another country!



Young Writers' Success!

A HUGE well done to all of the children in Willow Class who entered this year's Young Writers' Competition. The theme this year was "Magical Maps" and the children worked hard at home to write poems and narratives to enter into this national competition.

This week, we received the exciting news that ALL of the children who entered a piece of writing, will have their creation published in the Young Writers' Magical Maps Anthology. Pupils were very excited to receive their certificates and bookmarks and feeling very proud of their writing!

Congratulations **Ted, Harriet, Mia, Katie, Charlotte, Peter** and **Sarah**, and well done for working so hard at home!



FOGG Ceilidh



The FOGG Family Ceilidh on January 24th was a great success with people of all ages, both from the school and the local community, joining in with the dancing and having fun.

The event has raised **£430.69** for FOGG, a great total! Many thanks go to Fluidic Folk, the excellent local folk band for your support and wonderful music. We look forward to welcoming everyone again next year!

World Book Day!

This year, World Book Day will be taking place on **Thursday 6th March**.

To celebrate this event, children are invited to come into school dressed up as a character from their favourite book. We will start the day with a whole school assembly about World Book Day before children return to classrooms to take part in a selection of World Book Day inspired activities.

During the week, time will be dedicated to reading each day and classes will buddy up so older year groups can read and share books with some of the younger children in school.

That week, the Open Library session will be held on Thursday 6th March 15:20 – 15:50.

More information will follow!



Lunar New Year 2025

Wishing a joyful and prosperous Lunar New Year to all who celebrate!

Here's a sneak peek at some of the amazing Lunar New Year-inspired art projects our students have been working on this week, from paper plate dragons to rattle drums and egg carton snakes.



It's also been lovely to see our EYFS children exploring other aspects of Chinese culture through play and creativity in their continuous provision!

Stay tuned—more photos will be shared over the next few days on our social media pages.

May this year bring happiness, luck, and new opportunities! **新年快乐!**



IB Update

This week, we had a very productive CPD session looking at the Learner Profile. The Learner Profile is a list of ten attributes, which are valued by IB World Schools.

The IB believes that these attributes can help individuals to develop into responsible members of their local, national and global communities.



We focused on what the learner profile is and the ten attributes before developing some methods and activities that we can do in class to develop these attributes in our children and how we can celebrate the successes of children relating to the Learner Profile.

Staff also planned which learner profile attributes to focus on each half term.

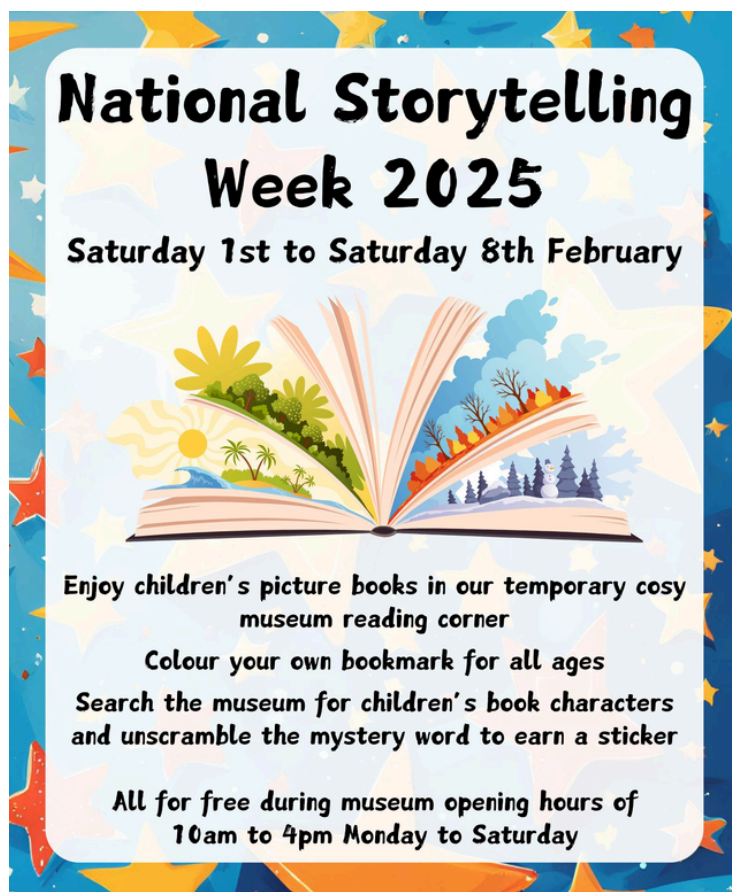
Maths Workshops with Miss Pyle

This term, Miss Pyle will be hosting a KS1 and a KS2 Maths Workshop. During these workshops, we will look at how Mastery Maths is delivered at Girton, how we support and extend our children, and some games and activities that you can do at home to support the development of maths.

The **KS1 workshop** will be held on **Monday 10th February** at 15:30. Please sign up [here](#).

The **KS2 workshop** will be held on **Monday 10th March** at 15:30. Please sign up [here](#).

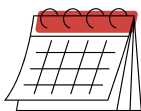
Please be mindful that these sessions are parent sessions, designed for you to learn more about Maths at Girton and how to support your child(ren). We understand that you may need to bring your child(ren) along to the session. If so, the behaviour of your children will be your responsibility during this time; please ensure that they are quiet so that everybody attending the session can get the most out of it.



Wherever Your Curiosity Takes You

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Upcoming Dates

5th Feb

Young Voices



13th Feb

Willow Class Assembly

14th Feb

Maple Class Cake Sale

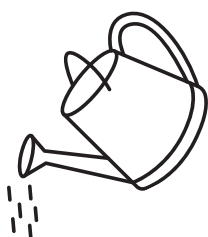


14th Feb

Last Day of Spring 1 Half-Term

24th Feb

First Day of Spring 2 Half-Term



RHS Level 2 Award for Gardening Club!

Our awesome Gardening Club, run by Alison Giles, have been awarded the RHS Level 2 Gardening Award!

After planting bushes around the perimeter of our pond area, as well as creating hedgehog houses and ensuring that our school grounds are planet and wildlife friendly, our gardeners have earned this exciting award which celebrates children developing new gardening skills and promoting physical and mental well-being.

Our Gardening Club have also been busy planting lots of vegetables, including carrots, and are excited to see how these grow over the coming weeks and months!

Well done Gardening Club and thank you to Alison for all of your hard work with this important extra-curricular club.



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:

Ash: Seth & Victor

Maple: Katherine & Theo

Birch: Eleanor & Mio

Lime: Ella & Iona

Cherry: Ece & Guy

Willow: Katie

Oak: Benedek & Lily



This week's certificate winners are:

Ash: Alex & Arlo

Maple: Nate & Sahib

Birch: Iona & Thea

Lime: Jen Nah & Sophia

Cherry: Heath & Luca

Willow: Asato, Lara & Teddy

Oak: Bailey & Sophie

We also celebrated Ella for her incredible perseverance outside of school to earn TWO gold medals in a recent gymnastics competition. Ella has been training once a week and won gold on both Floor & Vault in a Christmas Competition. Well done!

Thank you for sharing your medals with us!





House Points

Congratulations to this week's House of The Fortnight: **YELLOW HOUSE**



Here are this fortnight's totals:



412



380



371



358

