



Girton Glebe Primary School

# Newsletter



14th February 2025



## Happy Half-Term Holidays!

As we close another successful half-term, I am proud of our progress towards our new IB curriculum, and of all of the hard work that continues around school. A favourite memory for me this half-term has to be our trip to the O2 Arena with choir. This is always an enjoyable trip and it's a privilege to be able to take such talented singers to this once-in-a-lifetime experience!



A HUGE thank you to Mrs Knowler for organising this incredible event, once again!



We have also celebrated Children's Mental Health Week in the last few weeks, an important part of the curriculum, and continue to prioritise the happiness of our GG pupils. Looking ahead, I am excited to continue the Spring Term and to welcome our new Year 5 teacher, Miss Hurry, who will be joining us after half-term.

I hope that all of our families have an enjoyable and restful half-term break. See you all on Monday 24th February!

**Chris Butler**  
**Headteacher**

## Reading Recommendation

**Mr Warren**

Book: The Demon Headmaster

Author: Gillian Cross

Age Range: 8 - 12

Perfect For: Lovers of unusual mysteries and people with vivid imaginations.

"I have adored this story since I was at school and I remember they made an amazing TV show from it too. But the book is even more thrilling and chilling!"



## Goodbye Miss Jolly!

It is with great sadness that we announce that Miss Jolly has taken the decision to leave Girton Glebe. Miss Jolly has made this decision for personal reasons and has enjoyed many happy years at the school; she has contributed a great deal both as a class teacher and a valued member of our senior leadership team. She leaves us today and we are excited to welcome Gina Hurry to our GG teaching team.

Below is a message Miss Jolly wishes to share with you all:

"I have loved working and teaching at Girton Glebe and will be incredibly sad to leave the wonderful pupils, supportive colleagues and friendly parent community here. However, for personal reasons, I have decided that it is time to leave the teaching profession and pursue a career outside of education. This decision has been a long time coming and is not one I have taken lightly. I am hugely grateful to Girton Glebe and the opportunities and support that this school and the Eastern Learning Alliance has offered, particularly over the past two years. I wish the whole of the school community all the very best for the future."

We are sure you will all join us in wishing Miss Jolly the very best for her next adventure!





## Young Voices @ The O2!

On Wednesday 5th February our amazing choir joined over 8,000 children from around the country to put on a fantastic concert for our friends and family at the O2. It was a wonderful opportunity for our young children to sing as part of a large group and perform at such a stunning venue. So many famous people took to the stage to perform their talents, such as: Tommy Blaize (lead singer of the BBC Strictly Come Dancing Band); Urban Striders Street Dancers; Souparnika Nair; and MC Grammar. We sang a variety of songs including a Bob Marley Medley, Try Everything from Zootopia and an amazing Pop Medley.



We joined together to make the most incredible sound and sight we had ever seen in all our lives and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the old skool garage rave-up! The whole event was truly inspiring and something that the children will remember in years to come.

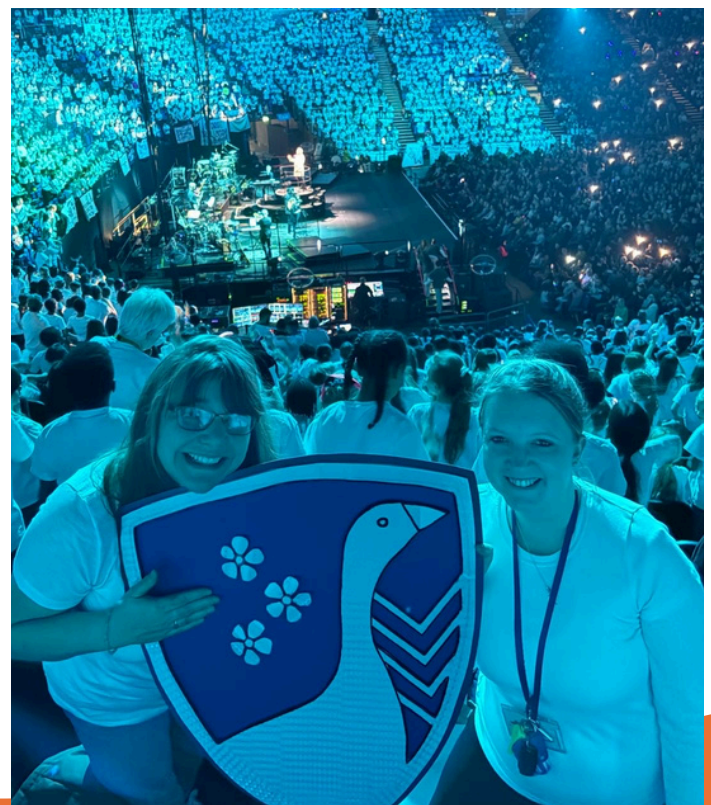
A huge thank you to all of the adults who volunteered their time to accompany the children on this long day, and to Girton Town Charity for their generous donation towards the cost of the coach. Finally, a huge well done to all of the 50 pupils that performed; you were a credit to the school, you showed great talent and were wonderful company throughout the day!



Primary Years  
Programme

IB Update

Last week, we were joined by Jo Sale from IVC, who delivered a CPD session to us to help us prepare for our IB Consultancy Visit. At the beginning of March, our IB Consultant Maggie, will be spending two days in school for our Consultancy Visit. During this time, she will spend time talking to SLT, teachers, children and parents about the Primary Years Programme at Girton as well as observing lessons. This visit comes halfway through our consultancy year and will provide us with invaluable insight into what we are doing well and what we need to develop and refine our curriculum before we apply for authorisation.







## Ash Class Update

In Forest School in Ash class so far this year, we have been learning about how to start fires and also how to be safe around the fire.

We also made wooden Christmas Decorations, have been looking after our raised bed and have been observing the changing seasons.

Since Christmas, we have been cooking food from around the world. So far, the children have enjoyed making Italian Pizza, Sri Lankan Curry, and a Chinese Noodles dish, preparing the food in our outdoor Forest School Kitchen.



Our first inquiry has been into how we care for animals. We have focused on pets at home and the children have loved explaining how they look after their own pets. We also had a visit from some Guinea pigs and the children loved looking after them! They helped to clean out their cage and built the Guinea pigs all sorts of shelters, toys and tunnels.

In this Last week we have been finding out about Chinese New Year. The children loved acting out the story and then making different kinds of Chinese Dragons, including ones made of egg boxes (thanks for the donations from all over school!) .





## World Book Day Amazon Wishlist!

Ahead of World Book Day, we have created an Amazon wish list to help to replenish the books we stock in our school library. If you would like to donate a book, please click [here](#) and all donations will display who they were purchased by when they enter our library shelves!

Teachers will be adding their favourite titles to our wish list over the coming weeks, so please check back if you don't see a title you'd like to add just yet. Many thanks in advance!

## Dress Up!

On **Thursday 6th March**, we are going to celebrate the wonderful world of books! Teachers and children are invited to come into school on that day dressed as one of their favourite book characters. We will start the day with a whole school assembly, before children return to their classes to participate in some story activities. Throughout the day, classes will spend some time reading a story around the campfire whilst enjoying hot chocolate and marshmallows!

## Author Visit!

On **Wednesday 5th March**, we are going to be joined by local author Gillian McClure. Gillian McClure has written books such as 'Selkie', 'Mouse in the House' and the 'Dog on Wheels' selection. She will spend some time reading and delivering a writing workshop to each class. At the end of the day, Gillian will be set up in the library, where you are invited to come and purchase some of her books, which she will sign.

## WBD Menu

Our World Book Day menu will include: The Witches' Fingers (Chicken Goujons), Superworms (Veggie Quorn Strips), Paddington Bear's Diced Potatoes, Snow White's Sweetcorn, Gangsta Granny's Green Peas, Supertato's Jackets with Super Toppings, Charlie's Gooey Brownie, "You Can't Catch Me I'm The Gingerbread Man and Wallace and Gromit's Waffles.

## Mental Health Week

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week, and classes have been celebrating with physical exercise, mindfulness activities and additional PSHE lessons.



Please see below a reminder from our SEND team of the services available to any families needing support with children's mental health, as well as some useful resources for any parents worried about their child(ren):

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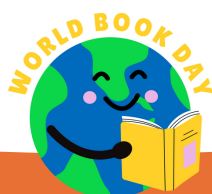
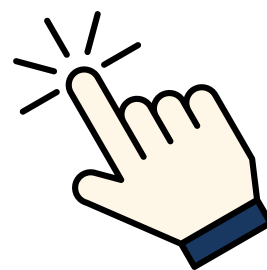
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[Kooth](#)  
[Chums](#)  
[Emotional Health](#)  
[& Wellbeing Service](#)





## Children's Mental Health Week: Competition Time!

This Children's Mental Health Week, YoungMinds and M&S are working together to support young people's mental health.



We're calling on young people across the UK to get drawing and design a new hoodie or sweatshirt for the chance to have their design sold in M&S stores and online across the UK to support YoungMinds' work.

The new hoodie and sweater will go on sale to celebrate this year's Hello Yellow, when schools and communities come together on World Mental Health Day to show young people they're not alone with their mental health.

As well as having their design sold at M&S, the winning young person will receive:

- An invite with their parent or carer to visit M&S's London support centre and see their design transformed into artwork, or to tour the supplier factory in the Midlands and watch them be printed.
- The opportunity to participate in the product launch this September.
- Sweatshirts or hoodies for their whole class to wear for Hello Yellow on 10th October.

To take part, young people have been asked to create a design for either a hoodie or a sweatshirt inspired by what they would say to a friend who needs them.

**Designs must be submitted by 11:59pm on Monday 31st March.**

Click [here](#) to design your hoodie or [here](#) for the sweatshirt template.

To find out more about the competition and to submit your child's completed design scan the QR codes below.



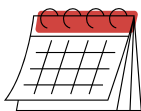
**Competition  
Webpage**



**YoungMinds parent  
& carer resources**







## Upcoming Dates

### 24th Feb

First Day of Spring 2 Half-Term

### 26th Feb

Year 3 Trip to Sedgwick Museum

### 5th March

Year 2 Trip to Zoology Museum

### 6th March

World Book Day



### 10th - 14th March

Assessment Week

### 10th March

KS2 Maths Workshop with Miss Pyle

### 13th March

Year 6 SATs Info Session



### 17th - 21st March

Science Week

### 21st March

Red Nose Day



### 25th March

Violin Assembly

### 27th March

Piano Assembly  
School Disco



## 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:** Dante & Dario

**Maple:** Eliza & Logan

**Birch:** Ethan & Tallulah

**Lime:** Griffin & Mikey

**Cherry:** Jacob & Leonardo

**Willow:** Jasmine & Ted

**Oak:** Jacob & Violante



This week's certificate winners are:

**Ash:** Flynn & Volodja

**Maple:** Charlie & Darius

**Birch:** Amelia & Navya

**Lime:** Alfie & Darcey

**Cherry:** Adeline & Thomas

**Willow:** Grace & Shiloh

**Oak:** Ashley & Mia

We also celebrated **Andrè**, who has had his winning entry to the Paint What Matters art competition displayed in an exhibition at Kettle's Yard in Cambridge!

Andrè chose to paint school and his friends as what matters most to him, and his artwork can be found on display from 26th February to 9th March! **Well done Andrè!**





## House Points

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



Here are this fortnight's totals:



451



411



364



350

