



Girton Glebe Primary School

Newsletter



7th March 2025



It's been wonderful to see some sunshine - it feels like Spring has sprung!



We've had a very busy couple of weeks back after Half Term. This week we've had a special IB visitor at Girton Glebe (more details to follow!) - it's been super to be able to show off the school and share all our wonderful learning. It's also been great to see so many ex-students here on work experience. We've loved welcoming you back to Girton Glebe!

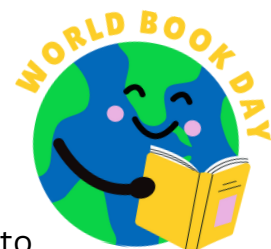
Finally, the school's been buzzing with excitement the last couple of days as we've celebrated World Book Day. The children have taken part in an array of activities - from reading buddies, author visits and reading around the campfire, to dressing-up fun for both students and staff - it's always so wonderful to be able to celebrate the magic of books!

Read on for more on World Book Day, and other news and events from around the school...

Chris Butler
Headteacher



World Book Day!



What a fantastic week of celebrating the world of books we have had! It has been lovely to see some of our KS2 classes buddy up with our KS1 and EYFS classes to spend some time sharing books with one another and listening to each other read. Everyday, classes have spent some quality time getting comfortable and diving into their favourite books.



Author visit

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to be joined by local author Gillian McClure. Gillian McClure has written stories such as 'Selkie', 'Mouse in the House' and the 'Dog on Wheels' selection. She spent time with each class reading stories and delivering a writing workshop. This was a fantastic session and the children thoroughly enjoyed gaining insight into how characters and stories are developed and written.





World Book Day Continued...

Dress-up day

On Thursday, the school was a hive of excitement when children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book character. After a whole school assembly, each class was treated to hot chocolate around the fire whilst their teacher read them a story. In class, children enjoyed a range of book activities to celebrate World Book Day.



Amazon Wishlist and Library Volunteers

Over 50 books have now been purchased off our wish list so far! Thank you so much to all who have donated.

It's not too late if you would like to donate to our library ready for our book week celebrations!

Any donations made will get a 'Donated By...' sticker in so you can become part of our library legacy! You can click [here](#) to go to our wish list.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with our library stock. If you're interested in helping us out, please contact the Office or your child's classteacher.



Competition creativity!

On top of this, it has been wonderful to see so many children take part in the optional World Book Day homework. We have had some incredibly creative designs for the front covers of books as well as great photos of children reading in some weird and wonderful places!

Winners will be shared in the next newsletter...





Year 3 Trip to The Sedgwick Museum

On Wednesday 26th February Lime Class were very lucky to go on a rather wet school trip to the Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences in Cambridge. Everyone was very excited to be getting on the public bus into town, and before heading to the Sedgwick, we walked through the Grand Arcade and were amazed to find ammonites and other fossils in the stone floor. When you are next in the Grand Arcade, look at the floor!



In the Sedgwick we found rocks from: space, the very top of Mount Everest and from all around the world. We were fortunate enough to be able to handle and sort some really interesting samples depending on how they were formed. We also saw some amazing crystals and dinosaur bones.

Thank you so much to all the adults who accompanied us in the rain on this trip.



IB Update

This has been a very busy IB week! On Monday and Tuesday this week, we were joined by our IB Consultant, Maggie, for our consultancy visit. This happens about halfway through our candidacy period and allows Maggie to assess how we are progressing with the development of the PYP.

As part of this, Maggie met with senior members of the trust, staff, pupils and parents to find out what hard work has been put into developing the PYP at Girton. She spent time observing a range of lessons, where the children were busy with their inquiries.

It was great to see the children talk so confidently about their inquiries and what they were researching and finding out. It was a really positive visit and we are really happy with her initial feedback!

Thank you very much to the parents who came and met with Maggie to talk about their experiences with the PYP at Girton.





Year 1 Trip to the Zoology Museum

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Zoology Museum. The children travelled by public bus, adding to their excitement for the day ahead.



Once at the museum, a friendly museum expert talked to the children about animal food chains. Afterwards, the class used puppets to act out the animal eating cycle, helping them understand which animals eat others in nature.

They also took part in an interactive game of Jenga that featured different habitats and animals, testing both their knowledge and coordination!

To finish the day, the children went on a research hunt around the museum, discovering interesting facts and finding animals like the largest carnivore on display.

It was a wonderful day of learning, exploring, and fun!



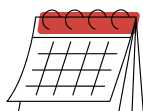
Message from the Eastern Learning Alliance

The Eastern Learning Alliance are looking to expand their external network through local communities. Here's a message from Jenna Bickley, ELA's Director of Commercial Performance:

“As a group of schools, Eastern Learning Alliance is looking at ways in which to grow its network of support. We understand who makes up our internal network, (our employees, volunteers, governors and trustees) and are now looking to expand our understanding of our external network within our local communities. We are therefore reaching out to all parents and carers to ask if you would like to share your information with us. We would like to know if you as an individual would like to make up our ‘network map’ or if you run/work for a company that would be interested. Additionally, if you know someone not already associated with the school, please do encourage them to make contact.

We are not asking for donations or looking for any specific support, but are seeking to better understand those in our communities who may be willing to provide such support at a later date, or with whom we can make contact for specific issues. You may just be interested in the work Eastern Learning Alliance does, want to speak positively about us, have time and willingness to help or have a large network yourself you would like to connect us to. If you would like to know more, or would just like to send through your contact information, please email Jenna Bickley, jbickley@tela.org.uk”

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas and to hopefully making more connections within the local community!



Upcoming Dates

10th - 14th March

Assessment Week



10th March

KS2 Maths Workshop with Miss Pyle

13th March

Year 6 SATs Info Session

14th March

Oak Class Cake Sale



16th March

Film Afternoon

17th - 21st March

Science Week



21st March

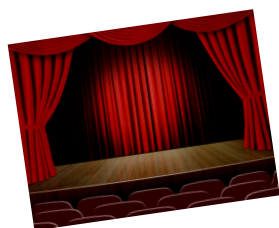
Red Nose Day

25th March

Violin Assembly

26th March

Piano Assembly
Year 2/3 Production 2pm



27th March

Year 2/3 Production 9.15am
School Disco

31st March

St Andrews Easter Assembly



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: Temi and Vishagan

Maple: Andre and Ali

Birch: Giorgio and Shreyan

Lime: Penny

Cherry: Jayden and Megan

Willow: Nathan and Mia

Oak: Lennie & Arwynn



This week's certificate winners are:

Ash: Isla and Eddy

Maple: Amelia and Sam

Birch: Ted and Ilyas

Lime: Lewis, Lydia and Orla

Cherry: Eilidh and Eddie

Willow: Finley and Lena

Oak: Joon Joon & Ruben





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JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!

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... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING
SERIES!

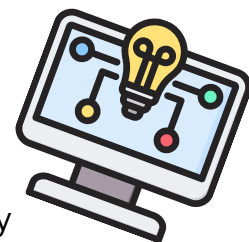
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH

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Want to Tour a Supercomputer?

The Department of Computer Science and Technology at the University of Cambridge is running an Open Day at the Cambridge Festival on Saturday 22nd March. Take a virtual tour of the Dawn supercomputer. Chat with a robot or make music with code. Discover how AI can help you with your insomnia, or turn you into a guitar genius. Try solving the logic puzzles that unlock a pirate's treasure chest. These are just a few of the fun activities on offer!



For more information about this fun-filled day click [here](#).

The Chorister Experience

Sunday 16th March, 2.45-5pm, at Great St Mary's



*Do you
have a child
aged 6 to 8
who loves
to sing?*

Warm-up & musical games
with our Voice Coach

Singing workshop with
our choristers

Take part in a real service
of Choral Evensong

Observe a chorister
singing lesson

After the event, participants
will be able to sign up for

voice trials

Saturday 29 March
Saturday 19 April

Scan to book!



We also have chorister
places for boys in year 5.

To find out more or
arrange an audition,
please email us at:
music@gsm.cam.ac.uk





House Points

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



Here are this fortnight's totals:



236



226



223



190

