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THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

We live and work in harmony with love for one another, so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners

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NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

We hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. Welcome back to Autumn 2! I hope that you enjoyed a pleasant half term and were able to enjoy the drier days of the week! For those families navigating Covid cases at home, I hope you all remain as well as possible in these challenging times. Please do all continue to follow the guidance around identifying symptoms and seeking PCR tests as rapidly as possible. This will help to continue to protect the school and wider community.

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This half term, we have commenced our next curriculum thread: **Our Story so Far**. The different topics covered link to stories of now and in history. This afternoon, Y2 have launched their new topic, 'Heroes and Heroines'. This will combine the ideas of superheroes in stories and stories of real life superheroes! This afternoon, a variety of superheroes took over the class and assessed the 'superheroes in training'.



Navigating Covid Cases

Thank you so much for the continued support from parents, staff and governors over the past weeks in dealing with the positive cases in the community. **Please remember that children with any of the following symptoms must not attend school and seek a PCR test: a new, continuous cough; high temperature (above 37.8°); or loss/change in sense of taste and/or smell.**

Some of our families have experienced symptoms different to those listed officially. Please do remain vigilant and seek a PCR test if in any doubt. We are also happy to work with and support families that have a confirmed case if they choose to isolate all members of the household.

Year 2 - Great Fire of London

Year 2 enjoyed a very exciting end to their topic with a visit from the fire service and the annual recreation of the Great Fire of London. Children have been exploring the reason that the fire was so devastating and why it spread so quickly. This has led into many areas of the curriculum, including art, DT, PE and English.



Staff Update

Recently, Mrs. Scott has heard that she has been successful in her application to become a tutor for SP Tutors. Mrs. Scott will be working to provide some tuition in a local school, in-line with the government's tuition funding schemes. Mrs. Scott will be continuing to teach Y3 until the end of the Autumn Term. I know you will join me in thanking Mrs. Scott for all her hard work as Class Teacher, History and Geography Leader and in her previous role as a Staff Governor. We are hopeful that Mrs. Scott will remain part of the school community, including through some cover teaching.

This means that we are now advertising [here](#) for the role of a Class Teacher for 2 days per week.

Operation Christmas Child

Many of you will know that we have supported Operation Christmas Child in previous years. There are several ways you can take part in either filling or supporting to fill Christmas Shoeboxes for families in need:

1. Fill a shoebox as usual with items suggested on the [website](#). Boxes can be dropped off at the Free church or Tucker Gardner.
2. Collect items and come along on **Saturday 13th November** to the **Free Church** and be part of a **Shoebox Filling Party** by getting a box and filling it. Great fun. Remember a WOW present and balls are always loved!
3. On the same day, **Saturday 13th November**, there will also be a Cake Sale to raise funds for transport and training. Come along and buy. (donations of cakes/ biscuits etc will also be welcome)
4. Fill an '[Online Shoebox](#)' You can choose your items and someone will pack it for you for £20

You can see this year's Operation Christmas Child video [here](#).

Odd Socks Day!

Anti Bullying Week takes place between 15th-19th November.

After the success of last year, we will once again be marking the start of the national Anti-Bullying Week on **15th November** by encouraging everyone to come into school wearing odd socks to celebrate the uniqueness of each person. This year we are aiming to raise some money for the Anti-Bullying Alliance with an optional donation of £1 per child. More details on how to do this will follow next week.

The theme of anti-bullying week this year is 'One Kind Word' and classes will be exploring what this means with a range of activities during the week.



Pupils gathered together on Zoom with some families logging in from home for our weekly Celebration Worship.

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision: **Leader:** We live and work in harmony

Response: With love for one another

Cyril: The Y6 team for their hard work in keeping the class and school safe whilst Mr Grey has been on paternity leave.

Celia: Alexa Jones for being so kind and looking out for others.

Silver Bins: Reception & Year 4

Dinner Winner: Year 6

Wonderful Walkers: Year 2

Shelford Mile:

5 miles: Y4 - Molly, Bethan, Florence OC, Jayden

Bronze: Y1 - Alex, Florrie, Otis, Joe Sylvie, Izabella KR, Harrison, Hannah, Dylan, Amelia, Caleb

Y2 - Juno, Rose, Henry, Elliot, Aaron, Tom

Star Writer:

Amelia (Y1) - For your fantastic story called 'Perfectly Cea Cea' which was inspired by the book 'Perfectly Norman'. While writing your story you thought carefully about the language you were using, adding details to your story.

Henry (Y3) - your non-fiction page about attacking a castle for our class book. You made your page very colourful and attractive to read with excellent drawings, fact boxes, lift the flaps, sub-headings and neat handwriting.

Flossie (Y3) - your non-fiction page about early motte and bailey castles for our class book. You presented the information very clearly with fact boxes, lift the flaps and sub-headings.

Headteacher Awards:

Alice W - for your hard work in DT this week. You have created a brilliant automata toy reflecting our class book of Darwin's Dragons showing creativity and challenging yourself throughout.

Travis - for your hard work on coordinates this week. You have shown super effort and resilience throughout. Well done!

Molly - always working so hard at everything you do in school. You are such a conscientious worker, making sure all the work you produce is of an excellent standard. You also are a valued member of the class because you are so kind and helpful to your peers and the adults in class.

Reception Class: completing a fantastic first half term at Shelford School! You have been concentrating crocodiles and persevering parrots and worked so hard to learn so many new routines and get to know so many new people. You should all feel very 'proud peacocks' for the wonderful things you have achieved so far. Well done! P.S. What brave explorers you were during your first Forest School session this week - attached is a photo of them enjoying their snack at Forest School after filling their treasure boxes with tiny treasures.

Goodbye and Good Luck!

We are sad to say goodbye to two of our students, Isabella L and Magnus M. We wish them all the best in their next chapter.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

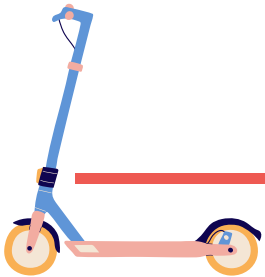
REMEMBRANCE

Y6 will be leading a pre-recorded video service for Remembrance. Poppies are on sale from 4th November until 3rd November. Y6 pupils will be selling these at the end of each day to the pupils in their classes. Pupils can bring in donations from 4th November to purchase poppies.

PTA Bike Sale

The famous second hand bike sale will be held in Great Shelford Memorial Hall in the morning of Saturday 6th November. If you've got a bike or scooter you'd like to sell, please email shelford.bike.sale@gmail.com

You'll receive 70% of the sale price, with 30% going to the PTA.



SITE AND ROAD SAFETY

Please remember to keep safe on site! Bikes and scooters should be used off school premises please, to ensure safety for pedestrian access. Please continue to exercise caution on Church Street too.

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICE

The Early Intervention Family Worker Newsletter can be found [here](#), with a summary of county workshops available [here](#).

SAFER SCHOOLS

The Cambridgeshire Constabulary Safer Schools Newsletter for November can be found [here](#).