

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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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. Last Friday, we shared our amazing Sports Day. Thank you so much to the House Leaders, House Prefects and children for such an amazing day. Thank you to the families who were able to attend in the afternoon and to the wonderful Sports Leaders from SVC. We were delighted to welcome back two former Shelford pupils - Harmony and Abigail!

- Sports Day
- French Breakfast
- International Day
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The day started with the children in houses, practising their parade and their sporting activities. After this, pupils created flags and chants in their houses for the opening ceremony. We were delighted to open the afternoon proceedings with a may pole performance by Year 6 and welcoming our families for this section of the proceedings.

Throughout the afternoon there was a wonderful sense of community - through welcoming family members to the Sports Day and through seeing the interactions between pupils in their houses. The afternoon culminated in a rather unexpected downpour during the Dashes! This year, the medal ceremony took place in the shelter of the hall. Congratulations to all the children for their wonderful determination and resilience and thank you to Miss Beck for leading the day. Congratulations to Swans and Stags for their joint victory!

Sports Day - Events, Relay and Dash



Sports Day - Medal Ceremony



French Breakfast

THE FRENCH BREAKFAST ...is back!

Thursday 14th July - from 7.45am until the school bell rings! Happy, jolly and delicious! Year 6 invite the whole school and their families to come along and join us for a fully French inspired café serving a continental breakfast of crepes, croissants, pain au chocolat, juice, tea and coffee in the school hall, all before school starts! Please note that adults should stay with their children until the school opens at 8:45am via the normal arrival points.

Our Year 6's will be waiting on you in French and if we're lucky we can eat outside if the sun is shining - feel free to bring a picnic blanket! Come and join us!

(If wet weather the cafe will be in the hall)

Menus & prices will be up around the school soon with all proceeds going to the Yr 6 leavers day. Gluten Free options available.

International Day - 8th July



As I write, the school is awash with red and green! Thank you for supporting the day with the colour-themed non-uniform!

Today started with a collective worship led by Mrs. Unwin - International Leader, where children heard a special song performed by the Headteacher of one of our partner schools in Morocco.

After this, children 'flew off' with their passports to Morocco, where they commenced activities linked to the artwork, food and culture of Morocco. From fretwork and Moroccan lamps to cous cous - it certainly is an immersive international experience! We look forward to sharing more details, tales and photos next week!

Thank you to Mrs. Unwin for leading the day!

Chair of Governor's Message

Another school year is drawing to a close and the Board of governors met for our final meeting of the year last week. We had several goodbyes to say and would like to note the significant contributions of Chris Hallebro and Stephanie Bachewich during their time on the Board, and thank them for all they have done for the school. Our incredible Clerk, Laura Humphreys, is also stepping down from her role and we are truly grateful for the superb ways she has kept us all informed and organised for over 6 years. We will miss working with them all, however, we are ready to welcome a couple of new faces into the empty seats and look forward to working alongside a renewed team in September.

The Board recognises that this year has been another very challenging one for staff and pupils alike. Thinking back to last September, there were still many restrictions in place, and countless changes were made week-by-week, as guidance was updated. As a teacher myself, I know how exhausting this has been, and whilst the relative normality to which we have now returned is welcome, it has been anything BUT a 'normal' year. We would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank the Shelford staff for their dedication and commitment to the pupils and community here. We hope you can take a break over the summer to rest and re-charge.

Lastly, a couple of months ago, I sent a small communications survey out and I apologise for the delay in reporting the data gathered through that. To summarise, there were 67 responses. A large majority of respondents felt well informed about school life, their child/ren, and felt able to effectively share information about their child/ren with the school. In terms of raising concerns or complaints with the school, most respondents reported being able to raise concerns effectively when needed and reported reaching a satisfactory resolution. The survey showed however that only around 50% of respondents were aware of the formal complaints procedures.

The school always aims for concerns to be resolved successfully at an informal level. However, if a parent ever needed to file a formal complaint against the school, the policy and process for this is outlined on the school website [here](#). Thank you to everyone who helped me gain a snapshot of views.

On behalf of the Governing Board, I wish you a healthy and happy summer.

Anna Caroe, Chair of Governors

Key Dates

- **8th July** - International Day
- **8th July** - End of Year Reports come home
- **12th & 13th July** - Maths Days
- **14th July** - French Breakfast - 7:45am - 8:45am
- **15th July** - Y2 Trip to Hunstanton
- **16th July** - PTA Mini Fair and Campout
- **20th July** - Y6 Leavers' Events - 9:30am Leavers' Service at St. Mary's, followed by reception at school
- **20th July** - End of term for pupils,

PTA Announcements

The next few weeks are busy with several PTA events.

It's the Summer Fair between 2-4pm on Saturday 16th July. In preparation, here's a few dates and requests!

- There will be a **non school uniform day on Friday 15th July**, and the 'fine' for kids wearing their own clothes is to each bring a bottle of something (E.g. bubble bath, ketchup, wine, beer, etc!) to school that day. Bottles go into the bottle tombola at the fair.
- Please give something for your **class hamper** to your Reps asap so they can put the hampers together in good time. Raffle tickets to win a hamper will be sold at the Summer Fair with the draw taking place at 3.50pm.
- **The Camp Out** will follow on from the fair, with tents being pitched from 5pm and a BBQ at 6pm. So if you'd like to spend a night under the stars in the school field, please see the announcement on Classlist and contact Emily Button for tickets.



Rainbow Pre-school are looking for a part-time Practitioner to join our term-time only team. Training will be provided.

Essential criteria

- Experience working with young children.
- An understanding of play-based approaches to children's learning and development.
- Knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- Willingness to learn and undertake further training.

Desirable criteria

- Level 2 early years education and childcare qualification or equivalent.
- Current First Aid at Work qualification.
- Experience acting as a key person to a small group of children.

Please download a copy of the job description and application forms here:

[Job Description](#)

[Application Form](#)

[DBS Consent Form](#)

[DBS Declaration Form - No Current DBS](#)

Please return your application form with your completed employee disclosure and barring declaration and consent form in an email marked **CONFIDENTIAL**

to:admin@rainbowshelford.co.uk

or post an envelope marked **CONFIDENTIAL to:**

Rainbow Pre-school Administrator

The Rainbow Room

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Closing date for applications: Wednesday 13 July