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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,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. This week, we have been enjoying the continuation of Shelford STEM fortnight.

- **Science Events**
- **Europe Day**
- **Friendship Bench**
- **Announcements**
- **Celebration Worship**

Last week, we were pleased to welcome Dr. Whitworth as a STEM Ambassador to school to explore themes such as DNA, our immune systems and her fascinating work with zebra fish! Thank you to Dr. Whitworth for preparing and sharing this for the children. Year 5 were delighted to welcome Dr. Berri who led a session on bioinformatics. Thank you to Dr. Berri for his time in leading this event for Year 5! Thank you to Mrs. Clarke for planning and organising a great variety of enriching events!

On Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome representatives from the Science Centre to lead an interesting talk to the school about the balance of biodiversity. This was followed by workshops for KS2 pupils with various themes:

Year 3 - Chain Reaction

Year 4 - Power Up!

Year 5 - Skills for Space

Year 6 - Eye on Evolution



Europe Day - Year 4

On Tuesday, pupils in Year 4 held a special 'Europe Day'. This links to their recent learning and topic about Europe.

During the day, pupils dressed in colours of European flags, sampled some delicacies from across Europe and took part in some wonderful Greek dancing!

Thank you to Mrs. Harrison for organising and leading the day, along with visiting dance teacher, Alison.



Friendship Bench

Tomorrow marks the unveiling of our Friendship Bench – crafted in memory of Mr. Kenneth Starling, who was Headteacher of the school from 1975 to 1988.

We look forward to sharing information with the children about what school was like when Mr. Starling was the Headteacher, along with unveiling the Friendship Bench for the children to see. Meanwhile, we will be delighted to welcome family members of Mr. Starling, along with former staff and pupils of the school to the event.

As a reminder of how this all began, School Council worked with Mrs. Carrothers (former Foundation Governor and School Council link) to seek ideas about a wood-related item as a memorial. This is because Mr. Starling loved teaching woodwork. School Council agreed on the idea of a wooden friendship bench. This was then made by a local carpenter and kindly funded from kind donations. Artist in residence, Hannah Hutchings then worked on designs based on pupils' ideas through school council and worked with groups of KS2 pupils to add the design to the bench!

We look forward to the bench being in action!



Paduano Science Prize

This year, we will be introducing a new Science Prize in memory of former teacher, Mike Paduano, who taught at Shelford for 25 years.

The School Council discussed ideas for a memorial and decided that they wanted to do something that honoured his creative and enthusiastic approach to science teaching.

Older members of the current School Council fondly remember his passionate approach to teaching science in an engaging way. One former pupil remembers how she came home inspired to grow her own crystals after one of his lessons.

The prize will be awarded to a pupil for progress in science and will be given out in the summer term each year, alongside the Philippa Pearce Prize for English and the new Ada Lovelace Prize for Maths.

We hope that the Mike Paduano Science Prize will continue to inspire many more generations of children.

If you would like to donate to the Prize Fund in Mike Paduano's memory, please transfer donations to:

Shelford School Governors

20-17-19

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Please include the reference 'SCIENCE'.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, the form is available here:

http://www.shelfordschool.org.uk/web/sssf_donations/552705

Clare Mellor

Parent Governor and School Council Link

Book Fair

During the last week of term, we will be hosting a **Scholastic Book Fair!**

It is a great way to discover new texts and there is an added benefit that each purchase gives the school a small commission to spend on new texts for classes and the library!

The book fair will take place on **Tuesday 28th March; Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March** in the **Think Tank**. It will be open from **3:45pm to 4:00pm**.

PEDAL Event

Playful Learning Zone

Did you know that even Cambridge academics find time to play?

PEDAL would like to invite you to our [Playful Learning Zone](#) to explore with your family the different ways we research children, play, and education.








When: Saturday 25th March 10am-1pm

Where: Faculty of Education, 184 Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 8PQ

Playful Learning Zone

This event is part of the Cambridge Festival 2023 programme. You don't need to register, just turn up with your children aged 0-10!

Here's a [sneak peek](#) at what we've got planned...

-  Bring a teddy along to the [Teddy Bear Hospital](#) to find out how healthcare professionals use play to explain X-rays, plaster casts and disease transmission to their patients!
-  Learn about the magic of [book sharing](#) from our Playtime with Books team!
-  Hear all about our [Healthy Start, Happy Start study](#) and experience the playful measures we use to support children's development & well-being!
-  Discover playful activities to try out with your little one with the help of the [EasyPeasy](#) app!
-  Visit our [Emotion Art](#) station to find out how play therapy can help children understand and express tricky emotions!

and more!

Please note that you will need to stay with your children through the event, and that there is no café on site. We unfortunately do not have parking on our site.

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Rainbow Open Morning

Rainbow Pre-school
Shelford

A community pre-school for 2 to 4 year olds



OPEN DAY

Saturday 25 March 2023 | 10:00 to 12:00

Rainbow's experienced and caring staff strive to get each child's early years education off to the best start by encouraging learning through play.

Contact us at: The Rainbow Room, Great and Little Shelford Primary, Church Street
Great Shelford, CB22 5EL

T: 07985 216603
Charity number 1036946

E: admin@rainbowshelford.co.uk
Ofsted URN 221758

Chicks!

It is that time of year when we get ready to welcome the living eggs for our Reception pupils to hatch and care for chicks. If you are interested in adopting the chicks to raise into chickens, please get in touch with the office. The school can offer some advice on keeping chickens... along with the many benefits!

Travel Survey

As you may remember, in the Autumn term, we welcomed local members of the community and the Parish Council to seek the views of pupils around safe journeys through what we called the 'Our Streets' project. As part of this there is a new anonymous survey for families. Please see the details below:

Great Shelford Parish Council is looking at ways to make all journeys in and around the village safer and more pleasant. Understanding how families make their way to school and pre-school (and how they would prefer to, given the right circumstances) will help the Parish Council develop proposals.

Great Shelford Playscape is running a short, anonymous travel survey on behalf of the Parish Council and the school, and would be grateful if every family completed it by Monday 27 March:

[Here is the survey link](#)

The Parish Council has also created an online form to report any traffic accidents, concerns and near misses directly to them.





CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 17th March

GATHERING

We entered the hall to
Never Giving up, by
Fearless Soul

We gathered with our
vision statement - also
signed in sign
language:

*We live and work in harmony
with love for one another*

LEBRATIONS ->

SENDING

We were sent with our
vision statement - also
signed in sign language:

*we can achieve our potential
within a community of life-long learners.*

and 'Shine from the
inside out'

Silver Bins - Year 2 and Year 3

Wonderful Walkers - Reception

Dinner Winners - Reception

Star Writers:

Elliot R, Rose L and Zoe K - each for
their time travel narratives about the
Stone Age, which included some great
description.

Bob S - for a carefully structured
story, 'Love and Bob'.

Headteacher Awards:

Samuel S - for demonstrating a
positive attitude towards learning
and always being a good role model to
others.

Lorcan C - for enthusiasm during the
STEM week - especially during a
science talk about viruses.

**Housepoints: this week's
winning house is domus
fortium - the house of courage
- The Stags**

Rainbow Pre-school

www.rainbowshelford.co.uk

Shelford
School



EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a morning of family fun!
The Pavilion, Great Shelford Recreation Ground

Sunday 26 March

From 09:30am | last entries 12:00am
£4 per child | £3 per sibling

Complete the hunt to receive a chocolate egg

Special appearance: The Easter Bunny

Pop-up café:
cakes &
drinks



All proceeds go to Great and Little Shelford Primary School
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