



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,
I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

NEWSLETTER IN 30 SECONDS

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful, sunny half term week! It is hard to believe that we are now in our last half term of this academic year. We know it has been a very turbulent year for everyone, so I wanted to start by thanking you all for your continued support of the work of the school.

- Welcome Back!
- Thank you!
- Ascension Picnic
- RSE Survey
- Sports Day
- Face Coverings
- Eco-Committee
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

Reflecting on this past year has been interesting. Whilst on one hand it is easy to recognise what we have all sacrificed, it is also amazing to see the **creativity** that has been applied to keep some of the traditions and events going in a new format! Speaking of which, we are aiming to bring some of our usual summer events to the fore in Covid-safe manners. One such recent event was our Ascension celebrations, with Y5 leading a wonderful service and our traditional picnic (*below*).

Ascension Picnic - 28/05/21



Relationships and Sex Education

As some of you will know already, we cover elements of Relationships and Sex Education in the Summer Term. Sessions follow the Cambridgeshire PSHE Service lessons that are planned at an age appropriate level.

We are in the process of reviewing our Relationships and Sex Education Policy. Staff and governors have completed their consultation, along with further work with staff on the coverage and progression of learning objectives. **We have prepared a parent consultation survey, which we would be grateful for your responses [here](#). We will be closing the survey next Tuesday.**

We like to share this with you as we recognise that Relationships and Sex Education is most effective when it is led as a partnership between families and school. The coverage in each year will be shared as part of the consultation survey, so that families can see what is covered in each year.

Sports Day 2021

This Year, Sports Day will be taking place as a pupil-only event, due to the current guidelines and uncertainties around future lifting of restrictions. However, Miss Beck has worked particularly hard to design an event that encourage a more community-based feel. Pupils will be taking part in their activities in different zones of the field, but at the same time as some of the other classes. We will also take a variety of photos and videos to try and capture the day to share as much as possible with you.

Face Coverings

Please remember to wear face coverings on the school site. Face coverings should currently be worn in areas where social distancing is not possible. That remains the expectation at drop-off and collection times for all adult visitors.

Eco-Committee Update

The Eco-Warriors have been really keen in the two recent meetings they've had with Mr. Cuff. As a result, they have requested that we try to earn a [Blue Peter Green Badge](#).

After discussing it with their classes, the Eco Committee have decided on the following pledges to be completed over a two-week period **starting from Monday 14th June**.

Power - Turn off electrical appliances (incl. AC, lights etc.) when they are not being used

Plastic - A real push on recycling in home and at school. This includes organising recyclable materials.

Plants - A real push on the 'green option' at lunch time.

30 Days Wild

You may already be aware about the Wildlife Trusts project - 30 Days Wild. There are some wonderful resources [here](#) and we will continue our prioritisation of spending time outside and enjoying some 'random acts of wildness'. You can also sign up for a pack and find out more!

A Window into Wellbeing

As part of our global learning, we will be working on an exciting project with our partner school in Morocco (SS/Annour) and two other schools with whom we have formed a cluster (these are secondary schools; one UK based, and the other is also in Morocco). The project is called 'A Window into Wellbeing' and will take into account four areas: diet, exercise, art and music, and their impact on how we feel, especially in relation to our lockdown experiences, mental health awareness and wellbeing.

We have been delighted to see the entries from pupils in Morocco and Shelford. You might like to have a little peruse [here](#) too! We were also delighted to hear this week that the project led by the four schools has been awarded its funding.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared this video focusing on one scripture passage that our vision is founded upon - Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. We linked this to our Monday focus of reconciliation. We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision.

- **Shelford Mile: Silver** - Theodore D, Zoe K, Samuel S
- **Silver Bins:** Year 1; Year 6 (second week running)
- **Dinner Winner:** Year 4 (second week running)
- **Wonderful Walkers:** Year 6
- **Celia Award (pupil acts of kindness)** - Harriet L - for being particularly thoughtful in identifying those that need help, offering her support when they do.

Star Writers:

- **Eliza H** - for a fantastic story called 'Safari'. This was a great story with repeated phrases that were inspired by the book 'We All Went on A Safari'.

#Headteacher Awards:

- **Lyra N** - for great enthusiasm and effort with completing reading challenges at home. What a variety of things you have been reading from cereal packets to menus! Keep up the great work!
- **Joe C** - for challenging yourself in PE with the great variety of ball skills that you have been covering this half term: throwing, catching, bouncing, kicking and rolling! When an activity was one you found confident with, you found imaginative ways to challenge yourself.
- **Aaron R-G** - for a wonderful story, 'Five Animals'. This great story included animals that you have learned about during the Kenya project that Y1 have covered. You took great care with your handwriting, spelling and punctuation.
- **Henry R** - for an excellent counting story called 'Henry's Safari'. This included lots of different information about animals that live in Kenya and the settings. Great spelling, punctuation and handwriting were all included too!
- **Florence O-C** - for a wonderful moving monster using a pneumatic system for a opening and closing mouth. This was a carefully planned design and resembled the original plan.



Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus praestantium - the house of excellence - The Owls.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

WOODWIND LESSONS

There are currently limited vacancies for woodwind lessons on a first come first served basis. All pupils are welcome but the most suitable instrument will depend on age and size of the child.

As a guide flute from year 2, clarinet from year 2, saxophone from year 4/5.

Pupils play for fun, can join school orchestra and take exams if they wish. To register interest for lessons please contact Mrs Jessica Roberts at beescottage@mac.com

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Pupils will be receiving their end of year reports in July this year. We aim to get these to you two weeks prior to the end of the academic year.

SWIMMING

Works on our swimming pool boiler have commenced and are progressing well. Unfortunately, we do have an issue with the pool liner now. We are investigating options and will keep in touch regarding the start of swimming lessons.

CAMBRIDGE CONSTABULARY

This Month's Safer Schools Newsletter can be found [here](#).