

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,

Welcome to the new academic year! To those families who join us for the first time welcome to Shelford - we are delighted to have you join the school community.

Welcome

For those of you who we welcome back to the new academic year, thank you for all you have done to support the work of the school and your child last year. If you would like to see an amazing snapshot of last year's Year 6 on their last day you can do so [here](#) - with thanks to Adam Smyth.

It has been fantastic to see all the children commence the new year with such enthusiasm and I have taken great pleasure in seeing the children settle into their new classes. Thank you to the staff for planning great activities to help the children's transition into their new year.

As many of you will know, our curriculum is designed around 6 threads - 1 for each half term. This half term's thread is 'Identity' and it fits with each topic the children cover. It may relate directly to children's own identity, exploring what makes up identity, evolution and inheritance or the identity of our country. You can find out more about our curriculum and what each of the threads means [here](#).

COMING SOON A summary of dates for the academic year will be following soon.

- Welcome back!
- Obituary for Mike Paduano
- Meet the Teacher
- PE Days
- Staff Updates
- Clubs
- Announcements



Mike Paduano - Obituary by Gillian Paduano

Mike Paduano, 1958 - 2022

Mike was born in Stockport and grew up in Disley with his brother. His parents met during the war at Copt Hall in Surrey where his father was sent as an Italian prisoner of war and his mother worked for the Land Army. They were reunited in 1950.

His father was an engineering draughtsman, and his mother ran the village shop. Mike attended Marple Hall Grammar School and spent a happy childhood learning practical skills, observing wildlife, and nurturing an interest in cooking in Italy. He took a degree in Geography, Economics and Archaeology at Leicester University after an enforced gap year following a gas accident.

Mike bought his first motorcycle aged sixteen for practical reasons and became hooked - his interest in cars and motorcycles never diminishing. During his twenties he worked variously for Swizzels Matlow, Motorist Discount Centres and on an Israeli farm near the Dead Sea, as well as a spell as a Territorial Army volunteer.

In 1987 he trained as a Teacher in English as a Foreign Language and worked in Tortosa (where he met Gillian) and San Sebastian in Spain before returning to take a Post Graduate Certificate in Education at Oxford Brookes.

His first school was Hadleigh County Junior School near Telford before he moved to Stalybridge and taught at several schools in Greater Manchester. After marrying Gillian in 1993 they relocated to Cambridgeshire, and he joined Great and Little Shelford Primary School in 1995.

As a teacher Mike took his enthusiasm for life, food and practical skills into the classroom and it was infectious. At Shelford Mike became the established Year 6 teacher and a member of the Senior Leadership Team with official responsibilities for residential trips, maypole dancing, SATS, cycling proficiency, the leavers' service, and student teacher training in liaison with Homerton College. His remit however extended beyond this; swimming pool, PTA bike sale, maths challenge and mulled wine at the Christmas Fair were just some of his regular callings, as was his role of school handyman and mechanic - where a simple lunchtime oil check could become an extra curricula activity.

After retirement in 2018 he briefly achieved his perfect work/life balance - teaching part time, helping with scouts, and rebuilding a classic motorcycle - but it was cut short by his cancer. He was immensely proud of his children and leaves Gillian, son, Wilf and daughter, Beatrice.



Meet the Teacher

In the summer term, we held a parent survey for feedback on the Meet the Teacher events and to capture the preferences of families based on the different ways in which these have run over the past few years.

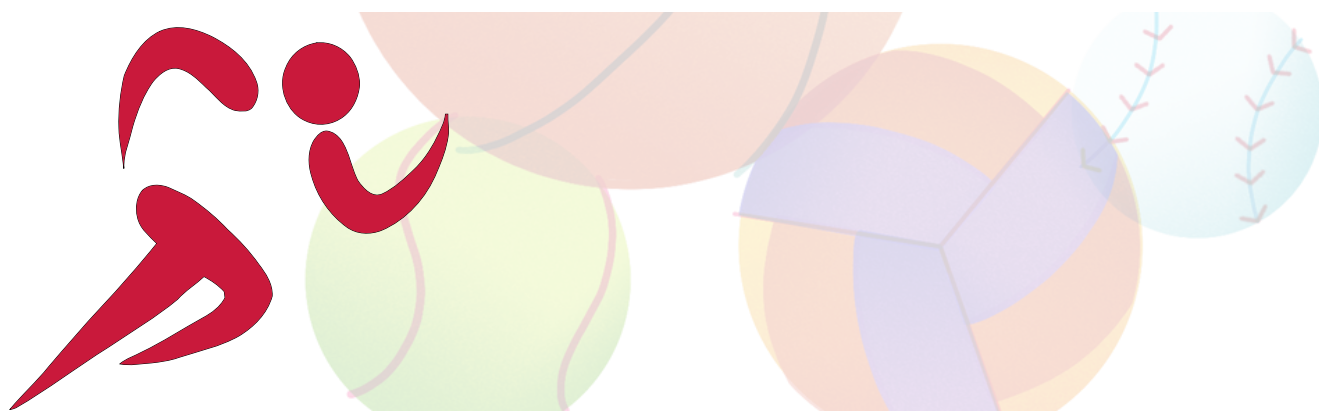
In a similar manner to last year, we will be holding two drop in afternoon sessions for families to visit the classrooms and meet the teacher. As shared via email last week, the drop in sessions will take place on **Tuesday 13th September at 3:40pm - 4:10pm** and **Thursday 15th September at 3:40pm - 4:10pm**. Please do drop in to see the classrooms and meet the staff.

PE Days

As shared last week, please see a reminder of the PE Days below. Pupils will continue to come to school in PE kit on their PE Days.

Class	Day(s)	Starting Date
Reception	Mondays	After October Half Term
Y1	Thursdays	From Thursday 8/9/22
Y2	Tuesdays and Fridays	From Monday 13/9/22*
Y3	Wednesdays and Thursdays	From Wednesday 7/9/22
Y4	Mondays and Fridays	From Monday 12/9/22
Y5	Mondays and Thursdays	From Thursday 8/9/22
Y6	Tuesdays and Wednesdays	From Tuesday 6/9/22

*Y2 – week commencing 5/9/22 – Thursday the 8th September and Friday 9th September



Staff Updates

We are delighted to let you know that over the summer holidays we learnt that **Miss Bachewich** became engaged to her partner! We wish Miss Bachewich all the best as she settles into life in Arizona (with her new puppy Walter)!

We welcome back **Mr. Cuff** as Deputy Headteacher and Year 2 teacher, from a year in Canada.

We welcome several new members of staff to the team. **Mrs. Harrison** joins us as one of our Year 4 Class Teachers. Meanwhile we welcome **Miss Baron, Mrs. Cheng and Mrs. Hulland** to our team of Teaching Assistants.

In the summer term, we welcomed **Mrs. Robertson** to the team as SENDCo. Unfortunately, Mrs. Robertson has been ill prior to start the role. Therefore, she has made the difficult decision to step down from the role. This means that we will shortly be circulating an advert for the role at the school. In the meantime, Mr. Grey will oversee the SENDCo role.

Home Learning Reminder

Please remember that the school no longer provides home learning. This measure was in place for those children isolating due to Covid - but were well enough to complete learning activities.

If a pupil is too unwell to attend school, it is expected that they are not well enough to complete home learning.

This is just about the coolest thing you can do for your children.



You are invited to Premier's extracurricular activities!

Here's what's on near you:

GREAT & LITTLE SHELFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEARS 5&6 TOURNAMENTS CLUB – 3.30pm-4.30pm - TUESDAY

YEARS 1&2 MULTISPORTS - 3.30pm-4.30pm - THURSDAY

YEARS 3 - 6 MULTISPORTS – 3.30-4.30pm – FRIDAY

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Duxford Saturday Workshop

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Registration morning

Saturday 17th September, 2022 10.00-11.30
Duxford Primary School, St John's Rd, Duxford



*Instrumental tuition, (year 5+) * Ensembles * 4 part Choir * Musical Theatre * Junior Music Club – recorder playing & reading music with confidence, (year 3+) - Mini Workshop – musical games and experimenting with sound, (years 1&2) Allstars – beginners' orchestra – Jazz Band – Guitar, Ukulele and more!

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director@duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org/07918165450

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