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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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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

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

Last week, we shared details on how our curriculum thread of **growth and change** linked into our EYFS and KS1 learning. This week, we bring you a few snapshots from KS2. Firstly, Y6 have commenced their new topic 'Brilliant Britain'. This focuses on how Britain has changed since WWII. The class were delighted to receive a talk from Mrs. Diamond, a summary of which is below:

NEWSLETTER IN 30 SECONDS

- KS2 Curriculum
- School Council
- Staff updates
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements
- Class Photos

A big thank you to Hizkia and his mum, Mrs Diamond, for sharing their family history this week. Mrs Diamond provided us all with a presentation over Zoom which linked to the current topic in our class book. We found out about Hizkia's grandmother who was a Kinder transport child and saw her photo and special bear called Stein bear. It was a fantastic learning experience for us all. The photo here show Hizkia with the photo, special bear and their dog, Marie.



Year 4 have also been developing and covering the theme of growth and change in their work on plants:



As part of our Science Topic on Plants recently, Year 4 planted seeds in class and took them home to watch them germinate and grow. As you can see, they have done a super job of looking after their plants. All the plants are edible, so Year 4 are looking forward to tasting them soon.

School Council

We are pleased to let you know that our new School Councillors have received their dates for the remainder of this term. We will now be running School Council representatives through calendar years, so we can start smoothly in Septembers amongst the many other changes a new academic year brings.

Staff Updates

On Thursday 29th and Friday 30th April, we held interviews for two vacancies at the school. We were delighted with the high level of interest in working at the school and were able to appoint **Mrs. Lindsey Fox** and **Miss Gabrielle Hudson** to the team. Throughout the respective sessions, our pupils, staff and governors were confident that Mrs. Fox and Miss Hudson will make excellent additions to our exceptional team.

The recruitment process was a significant piece of work and involved many governors, staff and pupils. At each stage of the interview I was exceptionally proud of the school. Whether it was during learning walks in Years 3, 4 and 5 or in the exceptional feedback our staff and governor teams gave, the school continued to shine as brightly as ever! In fact, many of the candidates remarked on just how welcome they had felt.

I look forward to sharing further details of our staffing for 2021-2022 in due course.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 30TH APRIL 2021

As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared one of our founding scripture passages linked to forgiveness: 'Be kind to one another; tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.' This links to our Monday focus on reconciliation, where we have been recently exploring the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

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

National Skipping Week Awards

Bronze - Hannah B, James C, Theodore D, Eliza H, Zoe K, Georgia M, Lily M-J, Eleanor P, Ava P, Henry R, Elliot R, Aaron R-G, Lilianna S, Samuel S, Zaire S, Molly W

Silver - Jemima M

Gold - Lelaini C

Silver Bins:

- Year 2
- Year 4

Dinner Winner:

- Year 5 - for showing great responsibility

Star Writers:

- **Molly C, Luca P and Leo P** - all for wonderful time travel stories back to the Stone Age with great details linked to daily life in Stone Age times.
- **Samantha Q** - for a wonderful rhyming poem, 'My Mum', which included joined handwriting and super spelling too!

Headteacher Awards:

- **Rocky C** - for listening and concentration skills, asking questions during a friend's 'show and tell'.
- **Ava P** - for great interest and enthusiasm in lessons linked to Kenya.
- **Travis C** - an outstanding demonstration during skipping week, inspiring all your class - including Mr. Cuff - to take part.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus pertendentium - the house of determination - the Red Squirrels

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

PARKING

Please be considerate with your parking. We know this is really difficult due to the limitations on parking. However, we need to maintain relations within the community and would ask you to be considerate to our neighbours in your parking.



CLASS PHOTOS



Class photos will be taking place on Tuesday 8th June. There will be no PE on this day to enable all pupils to wear school uniform for their photos.

TERM DATES



Just a little reminder that the term dates for this year and next year are available [here](#).

SWIMMING

As many of you will know, we normally hold swimming lessons in the second half of the summer term. We are still awaiting a replacement boiler for the pool. We will write to you with further information if we are able to run sessions this year.

SOUTH CAMBS SPORTS CAMPS



A variety of sports camps are being run by South Cambs and details can be found [here](#).