

Kindness

Resilience

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY SCHOOL 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

Responsibility

Creativity

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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, it was wonderful to welcome so many families to the Meet the Teacher event on Thursday.

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend. It was wonderful to be able to share the whole school priorities, along with the class-specific information. A huge thank you to the teachers for their fantastic presentations and hard work. The presentations will soon be available on the school website.

- **Meet the Teacher Evening**
- **Identity Thread - Self portraits**
- **Pupil Leaders**
- **PE Uniform and House T-Shirts**
- **Celebration Worship**
- **PT AGM**



Our Whole School Rules

- Be kind and respectful with our words, bodies and actions!
- Listen to everyone!
- Be inclusive!
- Help others!
- Walk around smartly and safely!
- Look after the environment!

Safeguarding

1. **Mr. Christopher Grey** (Designated Safeguarding Lead, Headteacher)
2. **Mrs. Julia Alderson** (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Deputy Headteacher)
3. **Mrs. Kirsty Clarke** (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Early Years Leader)
4. **Mrs. Claire Pickard** (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Inclusion Leader)

A child protection concern about a child or an adult



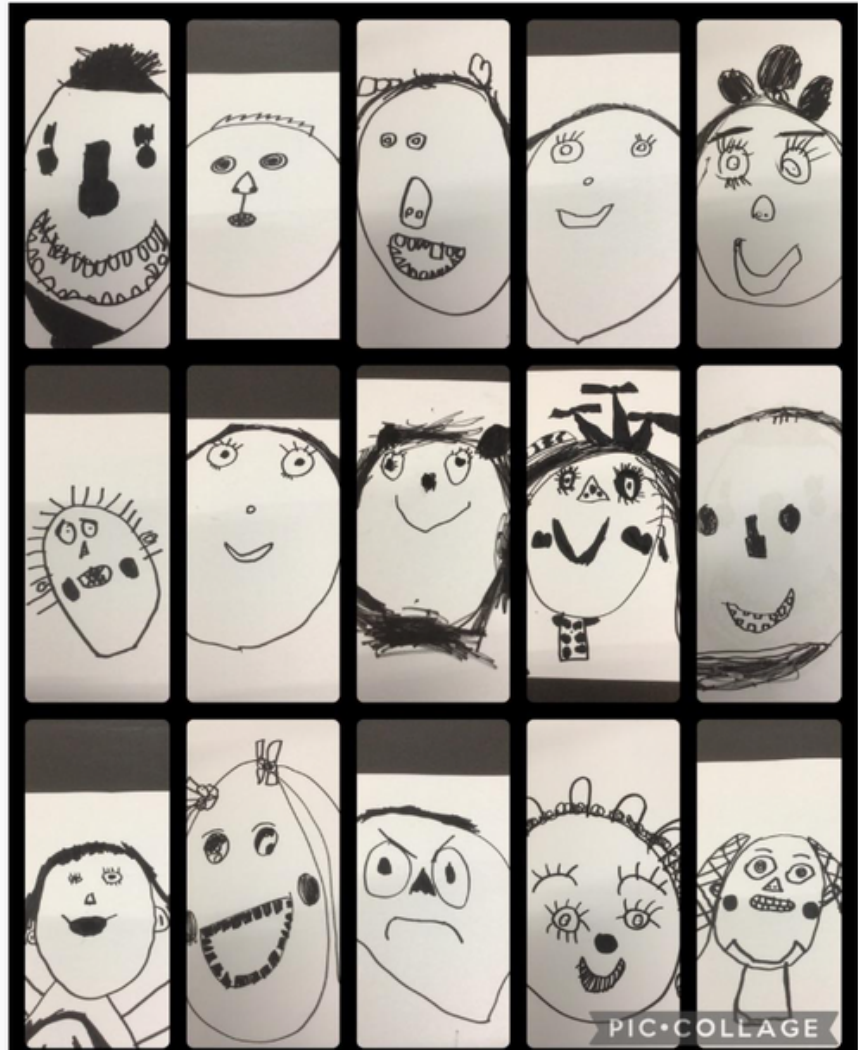
Curriculum Thread - Identity

As children continue to explore the thread of identity through their topics in class, children across the school have been preparing to create a whole school display.

Linked to our thread of *identity*, the hall will shortly be decorated in self-portraits, with each child being represented.

Last week, we shared with you some of the paper-plate faces from Reception, linked to their topic - Marvellous Me. This week, we can see the Year 1 portraits of our 'Shelford Stars' (which is the title of their topic).

Identity



Pupil Leaders

In the summer term, Mrs. Alderson, Mr. Grey, Lottie, Milo, Annie and Felix (our previous Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy) interviewed applicants for the role of Head Girl and Head Boy.

As usual, we circulated the job advert to the pupils at the end of Year 5. Pupils were invited to complete an application and were then interviewed. This aims to replicate the real process of applying for a job.

In the Summer, we appointed the following children:

Head Girl - Florence O-C

Head Boy - Gilbert G

Deputy Head Girl - Olivia P

Deputy Head Boy - Jasper C



This week, Mrs. Alderson and Mr. Grey have been interviewing applicants for the role of House Prefect and we look forward to sharing the outcomes with the school soon!



PE Uniform

Please remember that PE Uniform is required for PE Days. Class Teachers will be sharing the timetabled days with families.

Please remember that the PE Uniform is as follows:

- House T-Shirt
- Black or Navy blue shorts
- **Plain black or navy blue tracksuit trousers and jacket.**

In particular, please note that tracksuits must be plain blue or black. If you are not able to locate one, pupils may wear their school jumper or cardigan. Other colours are not part of the PE Uniform.

House T-Shirt Orders

New T-shirts are £12 and organised by volunteers at the PTA and Class Reps. Please note - if you are experiencing financial hardship, do contact the school office who will liaise with the PTA to ensure no child goes without a house T-shirt.

Please order by using [this link](#) by Sunday 8th October 2023. Payment by bank transfer to the Shelford School PTA bank account is preferred:

Account name: Shelford School PTA

Account No: 01248038

Sort Code: 30-91-74

Payment reference: Please label your payment with 'TS' and 'your surname' E.g. TS Smith so that we can match your payment to your order.

Please contact Amanda Smith (Y5) or Rebecca Stacey (Y1) via Classlist messenger for any queries.

Once placed, the order will take approximately 3 weeks. We will then distribute t-shirts via your Class Reps.

Orange - Owls



Yellow - Eagles



Royal Blue - Otters



Purple - Swans



Kelly green - red Squirrels



Red - Stags



PTA AGM

Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notification.

Please be invited to the yearly meeting of the Parent Teacher Association: **Tuesday 10th October at 8pm** in the school hall.

We will tell you about the fundraising plans and welcome our new committee members. The meeting is open to all teachers, parents, careers and guardians of children at the school. Come and be involved!

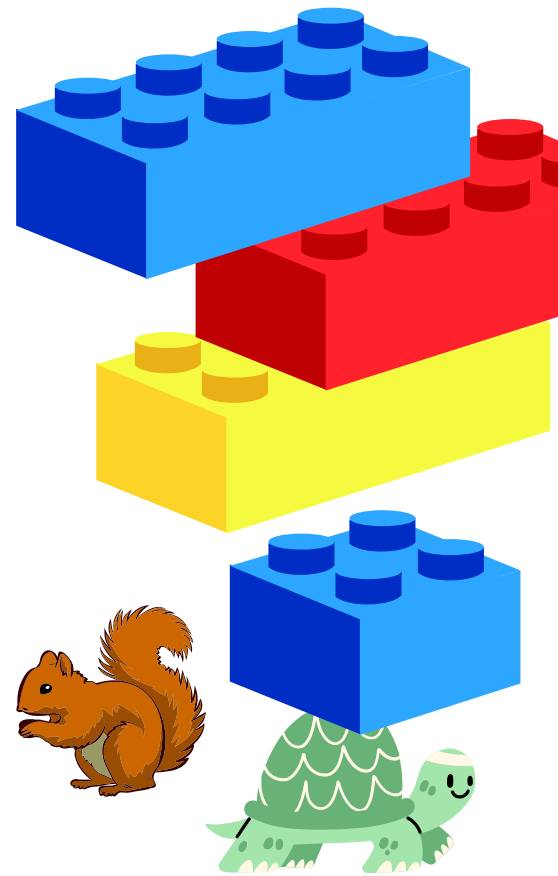
The PTA organise events to raise money for extra equipment, resources and activities for our school children. We fund things that wouldn't otherwise be funded. We recently purchased iPads, Beebot robots, living eggs, outdoor wooden play blocks and circus skill workshops. We plan activities such as the Easter Hamper raffle, the readathon, Quiz night, Christmas fair and the Camp Out sleepover.

If you would like to help, or be a committee member, come to the meeting and speak to the PTA team.

WANTED: Duplo and Animals!

At lunchtimes, we share Duplo and toy animals at the beginning of the year to help our Reception pupils settle. This year, we have noticed that many of the children have enjoyed these resource.

Therefore, we are aiming to build up a stock for lunchtimes and would welcome any donations of Duplo and toy animals for this purpose.



Parents' School Preference Adviser

We have heard from Tiff Christian, who wishes to introduce herself to families as the Parents' School Preference Adviser for Cambridgeshire, as part of the SENDIASS team.

The service offers families advice and support when applying for schools, either when admissions open for transition on the 11th September 2023 or for in-year applications. She is able to advise how the transfer and admissions process works, as well as supporting the understanding of policies and criteria for different schools. Also, she can support in the appeals process and issues concerning transport.

If you require any support or advice regarding admissions, the application process or appeals, you can approach Tiff at **Choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Celebration Warship



Kindness

Max M was awarded the Celia Award as he was recognised for his selfless actions in putting others before himself.

Sophie H received a Headteacher Award for her kindness to others.

Creativity

Izabella K-R received a Headteacher Award for showing creativity in her beautifully-crafted autumn poem.

Resilience

Elena d-L and **Amber K** were both awarded Headteacher Awards for their resilience in their learning activities - especially in their writing.

Dylan P was also acknowledged as being the first to complete 5 miles of the Shelford Mile!

Responsibility

Isla A and **Florence D** demonstrated responsibility in practising for and completing their Initial Piano graded examinations. **Year 5** demonstrated responsibility in achieving the Eco Award this week; meanwhile, **Reception** earned the Dinner Winners for their responsibility in independently accessing lunch.

Housepoints for our Shelford Star Values

This week, the winning house was:

Domus pertendentium - the house of determination:
The Red Squirrels

