

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, after the weekend of coronation celebrations. Last week, it was lovely to be able to hold some celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles III, despite the weather!

This week, our Year 6s have been completing statutory assessments each morning. The Year 6 team work very hard to keep the mornings as positive and relaxed as possible, with music, mindfulness colouring and even a spot of breakfast. Of course, there are plenty of encouraging smiles too! So far, the Year 6 pupils have demonstrated resilience and I am sure they will continue to do so on the two remaining days of tests.

On Friday afternoon, pupils will have the opportunity to relax and celebrate their hard work at the Wale Rec!

A big thank you to Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Weston and Mrs. Fowler for helping pupils to feel prepared and relaxed about their assessments.

- **Coronation Celebrations**
- **Y4 at the Botanic Gardens**
- **Wear it Green Day!**
- **Upcoming Dates**
- **Summer Music Events**
- **Announcements**



Year 4s visit to the Botanic Gardens

On Tuesday 9th May, Year 4 visited the Botanic Gardens, Cambridge. The focus of their trip was around biomes and climates and pupils enjoyed measuring the temperatures in different areas, as part of their exploration of climates. Over to the Year 4 pupils for their thoughts:

Cora: The Botanic Gardens was a lovely place to visit because it fitted well with our Geography topic on Biomes and Climate. I especially liked the tropical glasshouse. It was really interesting to find out more about the research that is carried out at the Gardens. It was also fun!

Lola: I liked the tree that was 170 years old. It was a Redwood tree. I liked the different names of the plants and the contrasting plants in different temperatures.

Theo: I really enjoyed the visit because it was well organised and I learnt a lot about biomes, plants and trees. It was fun measuring the temperatures.

Elliot: The visit was very good, learning about biomes and habitats.

Edward: I learnt a lot about biomes and I had lots of my questions answered. We used a key to identify different trees which was fun. I liked sketching plants in the afternoon.



Wear it Green Day!

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week, we will be holding a green-themed non-uniform day on Friday 19th May, with donations [here](#) to the Mental Health Foundation.



Throughout the week, children will take part in some activities and sessions to promote positive wellbeing.

Volunteer Induction Sessions

As part of our Safer Recruitment Process for volunteers, volunteer helpers are required to complete an induction session. These last approximately 30 minutes and there are two dates below for sessions: **Friday 26th May at 9:05am; Wednesday 7th June at 2:45pm.** Please book in advance via the [office](#).

Summer of Music!

We are delighted to share some key performance and concert dates with you for the term ahead! **Please note the amended dates for the Y6 Production.**

Midsummer Concert

Chair and orchestra members
21st June 2023
6:30pm
Great Shelford Free Church
open to families

Y6 Production

Y6 pupils
26th June - 6:30pm
27th June - 2:30pm
School Hall

No need to book!

Booking to follow

Upcoming Dates

- **15th May** – Mental Health Awareness Week
- **16th May** – Y6 Darwin Walk – Cambridge
- **17th May** – Y3 Victorian Day
- **19th May** – Wear it Green Day (non-uniform)
- **22nd - 24th May** – Y6 Grafham Water Residential
- **25th May** – Reception visit to Shepreth
- **25th May** Y3 visit to Museum of Zoology
- **26th May** – 11am – Ascension Service at St. Mary's
- **26th May** – 12pm – Ascension Picnic on the School Field
- **w/c 29th May** – Half Term
- **5th June** – PD Day – School closed for pupils
- **8th June** – Empathy Day for pupils in school
- **9th June** – International Day for pupils in school
- **12th June** – Y4 Multiplication Check window opens
- **12th June** – Y1 Phonics Screening commences
- **13th June** – Class Photographs
- **20th June** – 6:30pm – New Reception Parents' Induction
- **21st June** – Y5 Taster Morning at SVC
- **21st June** – 6:30pm – Midsummer Concert at GSFC
- **26th June** – 6:30pm – Y6 Production – Evening Performance
- **27th June** – 2:30pm – Y6 Production – Afternoon Performance
- **28th June** – Y6 Transition Day at SVC
- **7th July** – Sports Day – Families welcome in the afternoon
- **14th July** – Reserve date for Sports Day
- **19th July** – Leavers' Day
- **19th July** – 9:30am – Leavers' Service – St. Mary's, followed by a reception and presentations for families at school.
- **19th July** – End of the academic year



Current Vacancies

We are currently looking for Midday Supervisors to join our wonderful team that work at lunch. Details can be found [here](#).



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 5th May 2023

GATHERING

We entered the hall to 'Sing' by Gary Barlow and the Military Wives Choir

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.

Our Coronation Song -
To the Sound of
Trumpets

Individual Successes - Felix M and Christopher G-L- Grade 4 Piano

Instrumentalists' Concert and Young Pianists' Concert - A special well done was given to those who took part in this week's concerts.

Cyril Award - Mrs. Rose, for her kindness in helping others - including coming in on her day off to help with the Coronation Picnic!

Shelford Mile -

5 Miles - Theo D (Y4)

Bronze - Lily HH, Lizzie H, Jessie H, Richard P

Silver - Rupert K

Sporting News - We were delighted to reveal that Y2 have won the dance competition they entered through the Schools' Sport Partnership. We shared the performance with the school.

Each pupil will receive a medal and the school will receive a trophy. Well done and thank you to Year 2, the Year 2 team and especially Miss Watkis for coordinating the routine.

Silver Bins - Year 1 and Year 3

Marvellous Manners- Year 3

Wonderful Walkers - Year 5

Dinner Winners - Year 1

Star Writers - Hannah B, Tom Sidders and Zaire S-A, each for excellent retellings of the legend of George and the Dragon.

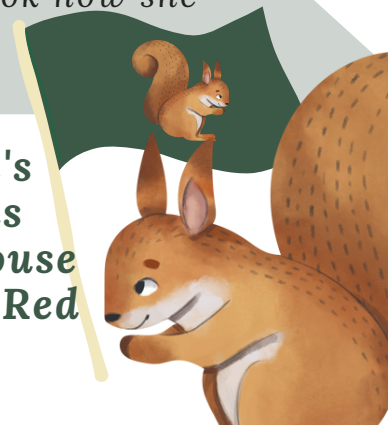
Headteacher Awards:

Alexandra H - for great progress, confidence and concentration in phonics.

Olivia K - for a fantastic letter of reply to Fay, a rather confused frog, who was worried that her eggs and babies didn't look how she expected them to!

➤ HOUSEPOINTS

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



Royal Institution - Energy Live!

Royal Institution@ Coleridge Community College: Energy Live! Show

Date: Monday 19th June

Time: 5.30-6:30 pm

Location: Coleridge Community College

Price: FREE

Suitable For: KS1, KS2 and Secondary School

Join us here at Coleridge Community College, where we will be welcoming the Royal Institution to deliver a lively, fire-based demonstrations suitable for all the family, to allow us to take the intimidation out of the terminology around energy and show you just how simple this subject can be. This event will include fire, bangs and pops! You will leave not only knowing their elastic from their gravitational, but also fired up (pun intended) about energy and with a newly-enthused approach to science. Suitable for families with children in primary school as well as Secondary. Please note that all primary pupils must attend with an adult.

Link to book tickets: [**Royal Institution@ Coleridge Community College: Energy Live! Show Tickets, Mon 19 Jun 2023 at 17:30 | Eventbrite**](#)



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