

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,

So, here we are! The end of another fantastic, yet challenging academic year. There have been so many successes and events to celebrate this year. What I and the school have most enjoyed is the gradual inclusion of some familiar traditions - albeit with a few tweaks here and there!

- Year 6 Leavers' Day
- Y6 Production
- Y2 Trip to Hunstanton
- Phillipa Pearce Award
- Y2 Pirate Day
- Reception Kapla Workshop
- Y1 Talent Show
- PTA
- CelebrationWorship

Today, we prepare to say farewell to our amazing Year 6 children. We commenced the day with a beautiful service at St. Mary's - thank you to Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Weston, Rev. Talbott and the St. Mary's Team for all their efforts.

The rest of the whole school then welcomed Y6 back to school with their guests through a confetti arch to celebrate all their achievements through their time at Shelford. It was wonderful to see all the school gather for this and a reminder for our amazing Y6s of the different years they have journeyed through at Shelford. Our fabulous cook, Mrs. Alderman presented them with a cake, whilst children and guests explored the various baby photos of our Y6s! To conclude the reception, I was honoured to say a few words about each of the wonderful children as Mrs. Alderson presented them with a bible.

This amazing smiley face was drawn in the sky above the school this week!

Right through the school, we've been incredibly busy with a great variety of other events!

Y6 Production

We are pleased to share the Y6 Production with you [here](#). Well done to all the children for their amazing work and the Y6 team for their leadership of this, to Eleanor McCrone for filming and Y6 parents for the premiere!



Y2 Trip to Hunstanton

On Friday, Y2 pupils travelled to Hunstanton as part of their topic on The Seaside. They enjoyed a fantastic visit, including to the Life Boat Station. Children had a wonderful time on the beach and even explored jellyfish.



Phillipa Pearce Award

We were very pleased to hold our usual Phillipa Pearce Awards for those pupils that have made the most progress in reading this year. We were absolutely delighted that Sally Christie, daughter of Phillipa Pearce, was able to join us for the award ceremony.

You can see the reveal of the winners and hear a story from Sally [here](#).

Year 2 Pirate Day!

Linked to their Seaside topic, Year 2 held a Pirate Day this week. They all came suitably-dressed to enter the ship via the plank over shark-infested waters in the morning! Later in the day, the ship landed and they completed a scavenger hunt.



Reception KAPLA Workshop

Reception enjoyed a fantastic KAPLA Workshop last week. This was an amazing set of hands-on problem solving puzzles! All the children enjoyed tackling these interactive activities.



Year 1 Talent Show

Year 1 held a fantastic Talent Show yesterday. It was wonderful to see their chosen acts - from animal facts to hula-hooping and singing to dancing, it was a delight to see them all shine! You can view a snapshot of their amazing show, which included an interval with popcorn, [here](#). It included a special surprise act from Mrs. Rose and Miss O'Bryan!



PTA Virtual Camp Out 2021

I've written up a short summary of the camp out which Hannah suggested you might like for the news letter. If it's too long please feel free to cut it down or make any amendments -

For the second year, the PTA ran a virtual camp out which was a huge success. We had over 60 camp participants and the weather even cooperated with a beautiful sunny weekend! Everyone was able to enjoy a camp out in which ever way suited their family with camp out pack goodies and bedtime listening to the camp stories recorded by Mr Grey - Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes are a definite favourite! This year we also produced camp out logo water bottles to help cool off and there were breakfast pastries to start off the next morning. Thank you to everyone who participated, it has raised over £400 which will be put to excellent use. We'll hope to be able to run the camp out in the field next year when we can come together for this annual PTA event.



Just Giving Page

Finally - thank you so much to members of the community who have donated via our [Just Giving page](#). £1,790 has already been raised and will make a huge difference to the extras for children in school. Thank you for all your support with fundraising for the school in 2020/2021, we hope to be able to bring back some in person events after September!

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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Pupils gathered together on the field in their classes for a special final Celebration Worship. You can view our Final Celebration Worship [here](#).

Cyril:

I would like to make a nomination for the 'Cyril' award for the last celebration assembly of the year to the three breakfast club staff: Miss O'Bryan, Hannah Smith and Mrs Petit.

I would like to thank and acknowledge their role in creating such a welcoming and safe environment for the children who attend breakfast club, and for the role they play in supporting the parents whose children attend the club. They always greet the children with a smile, supporting those who take breakfast with them to ensure they eat it, and providing fun activities for the children to do ahead of going into class. As a result, my children love this part of their day, often running round to get there and happily going in, even on days when they may be feeling slightly hesitant. The staff have also often gone above and beyond to support myself or my children, for example, by ensuring messages get passed on to teachers or forgotten items are brought home!

Picture News Impact Award

Congratulations to everyone at the school - we have received the Picture News Impact Award based on our international work. We gave Mrs. Unwin a round of applause for her hard work in this area.

Shelford Mile

Silver - James C, Eliza H, Ava P

Silver Bins:

- Year 2 (third week running)
- Year 5

Dinner Winner: Year 6

Wonderful Walkers: Year 5

Star Writers:

- Juno C- for an excellent story called 'The Adventures with Ben'. This included a carefully-planned structure, simile, repetition and dialogue.

Headteacher Awards:

- Robert S - for enthusiasm with new activities and experiences - for examples the dance workshop and Sports Day.
- Dylan P - for being a persevering parrot in the KAPLA building workshop, creating a magnificent skyscraper that was nearly as tall as you! It tumbled down, but you showed great resilience and perseverance in creating it again.
- Augustus M - for your infectious giggle and laugh that is often heard around school. It particularly cheers up staff early in the morning!
- Matthew R - for outstanding effort with spelling this year - achieving 100% accuracy across each test.

Dash Medals and Cups:

We presented the Key Stage 2 Dash winners with their medals and our Year 6 winners with the Shelford Cup Trophies.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus fortium - the house of courage - the Stags.

House Cup Trophy:

This year's winning house for the greatest number of completed charts across the whole year is domus praestantium - the house of excellence - The Owls! Congratulations!

Head Girl and Head Boy

Head Girl 2021-2022: Gwendolen D

Head Boy 2021-2022: Eddie C

Deputy Head Girl 2021-2022: Erica S

Deputy Head Boy 2021-2022: Reuben C