

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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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,

We hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. This week, we have been delighted to mark two special events. Firstly, we marked Safer Internet Day yesterday.

- Safer Internet Day
- Mental Health Week
- Overheard Gem!
- Coming up soon...
- Celebration Worship
- Space Bar Sun - Digital Leaders' Newsletter
- Announcements

Our Digital Leaders visited each class to share a special Safer Internet Day assembly. They also shared paper copies of their first newsletter, which can be found at the end of today's newsletter too. Many classes undertook extra activities relating to Online Safety to mark the day and spread the message - Together for a Better Internet.



This week, we will also be marking Children's Mental Health Week with resources from Place2Be. Today, it was wonderful to see year 5 taking part in a 'body scan' to promote wellbeing. We will continue with our weekly Thursday Wellbeing Worship - with additional resources from the Children's Mental Health Week website.

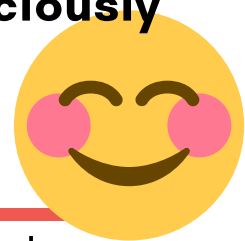


Overheard Gem...

Just to share a little overheard gem...



Today, Year 1 were looking at and creating images of the Queen. One pupil said, "**There are earrings suspiciously looming down from her hair!**"



Staff Updates

Recently, we shared with you that Mrs. Paterson will be leaving her role at Shelford at the end of the spring term as our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Leader. Last week, Mrs Alderson and I were joined by four of our governors to undertake the recruitment process. We are delighted to announce that we have appointed Jenny Robertson to the role and Jenny will start with us in the Summer Term.

Unfortunately, we have heard that Mrs. Fox will be leaving Shelford at some point during the summer term. Mrs. Fox is a wonderful, dedicated and hardworking colleague that we will all be very sad to see leave us at Shelford. Mrs. Fox will be taking up a part-time position much closer to home. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best for her next steps. This means that we are likely to be sharing an advert soon for a part time teaching vacancy at Shelford.

Coming up soon...

World Book Day and Book Week

To mark the 25th year of World Book Day, we are aiming to hold week-long celebrations during the week commencing 28th February, sharing our love of reading! Further details will follow soon, with World Book Day itself falling on Thursday 3rd March.



Positive Choices Week

Following half term, during the week commencing 21st February, we will be holding a whole-school week-long focus on behaviour, focusing on making positive behaviour choices. The week's theme will be: **The Best Versions of Ourselves**. This will be underpinned by our school vision and the Shelford Star Values. We will be holding daily collective worship sessions focusing on a different theme relating to behaviour:

Monday - Introducing our Best Selves (Achieve our potential)

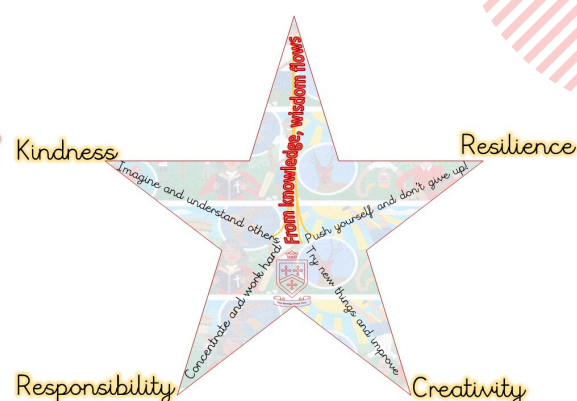
Tuesday - Manners (Love for one another)

Wednesday - How to Resolve Problems (Live and work in harmony)

Thursday - Our School Rules (Community of life-long learners)

Friday - Celebrating our Achievements

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Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared a reflection **on small acts of kindness.**

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
Celia - Pupil Acts of Kindness - Nina M - for caring for and supporting others.

Silver Bins: Reception & Y4

Dinner Winner: Y2

Wonderful Walkers: Y4

Shelford Mile:

5 miles

R - Sophie, Amber, Ffion, Evelyn, Charlotte, Rupert, Sihali, Anna, Leopold, Wilfred, Jessica, Alexander, Robert, Beatrice, Olivia, Alice, Sophia, Mariam.

Y1 - Hunter

Bronze

Y4 - Bethan

Silver

Y1 - Daniel, Ethan, Harrison

Headteacher Awards:



- **Rocky C** - for making fantastic progress in phonics. It is wonderful to see how much confidence you have gained in recognising letters and blending and segmenting words. Keep up the great work!
- **Arabella H** - for being a kind and helpful friend during our Forest School session this week. Mrs Clarke gave everyone a challenge to prepare their stick for toasting marshmallows. You did a great job of this yourself and then spent time helping others who were finding it tricky.
- **Eloise La** - for sharing wonderful home activities related to your China topic on the first day of the Chinese New Year. You created a wonderful, intricate piece of sequin artwork, shared a traditional fan and diligently created a wonderful book of facts about China.
- **Amaya P** - for being a really kind and helpful member of Reception Class! You always look out for your friends. Thank you!
- **Mariam Z** - for building your confidence in both phonics and reading! You have focused hard during phonics time and have shown super progress in your reading!
- **Tom C** - for being a very helpful and hardworking member of Year 4. You have been trying so hard with your learning in all subjects. It is wonderful to see your progress and enthusiasm for learning. Well done!

This week's winning house is - domus inspiratorum - the house of inspiration - The Eagles

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Space Bar



Digital Leaders

Molly



Max



Gus



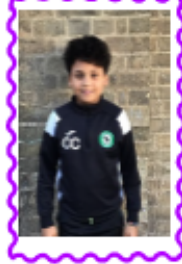
Emily



Theo



Caleb



Eli



Reuben



Year 1 Computing Club

Year 1s have been learning computer basics and how to use Bee-Bots.

Year 2 Computing Club

Year 2s have been learning how to use Scratch.

Year 3 Computing

Year 3s have been enjoying using Purple Mash and learning new skills.

Staff Spotlight

Name: Mrs Fox

Year: 4

Q. What is your favourite search engine?

A. Google because it presents information really clearly and you can set the settings for a safe search.

Q. What is your favourite book for children?

A. *Giraffes Can't Dance* because it shows you should always have a go.

Q. What is your favourite subject to teach?

A. Literacy because I love hearing children's creative ideas.



Website of the Month

Chrome Music Lab

If you haven't tried this website before you should check it out! We recommend trying the Kandinsky section where you can draw pictures and it creates music or the Oscillators section.



Typing is sometimes tricky



HEY! WHERE'S THE SPACE BAR?



THERE'S A SPACE BAR IN DOCTER WHO!



NEVER MIND

The next day...

There're aren't any spaces in your homework!



Internet Safety Tips

1. If you ever see something you're not sure about on the internet always ask a trusted adult.
2. When you are shutting down a computer never just close the lid. Always shut it down properly because you don't know who will use it next.

Max and Molly

Online Safety Poster Competition

We are looking for new posters for the school that promote online safety and we are holding a competition to design a new poster. There are two categories:

Reception and KS1

Draw a poster that promotes online safety and online safety tips.

KS2

Create a digital poster promoting online safety and online safety tips.

Please submit your entries to your Digital Leaders or you classroom teachers.

Deadline: Friday 25th February

Announcements



Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin

Letter to Great and Little Shelford School re: Tree Felling at St Mary's Church

At the front of the churchyard of St Mary's Church Great Shelford there is currently a very large, dead, Bhutan pine tree which we have been preparing to have felled for some time. This work is due to be carried out by S P Landscapes & Tree Contractors Ltd. The dates for the works are **28th, 29th and 30th March 2022**.

In order to complete the tree felling safely the contractors will need to cordon off the space in front of the church grounds for roughly 30m from the church entrance towards the post box on Church Street. This will include all of the space in front of the church that is not double yellow lines.

On the morning of 28th March the contractors need to move a cherry picker into the churchyard via the church front gates. Once this is in they would need occasional access via the front gates with a bit of a give and take system operating to avoid continual disruption to the road access.

This will understandably cause disruption to staff and parents of Great and Little Shelford Primary School. The cordon will be in place for the shortest time possible to safely carry out this work and the churchwardens, contractors and Parish council would greatly appreciate it if you could inform all parents via the school newsletter that this work will be carried out.

Access to the school staff car park should be unaffected, however, vehicle access for dropping off or collecting outside the school may not be possible and pupils may be required to use the far pavement when walking to school. If possible it would be good to have a member of staff at the bottom of the school drive on each of the mornings to ensure safe road crossing for the pupils.

If you have any questions about this work please contact us via email to churchwarden@stmarysgreatshelford.org as soon as possible.

Sincere apologies in advance for the disruption caused by this essential work.

Joanne Staines and Simon White

Churchwardens, St Mary's Church, Great Shelford

Early Intervention Family Worker Newsletter

7th February 2022

For Parents and Carers of Primary aged children Free Online City Workshops

10th Feb 10.30am – Online Anxiety Workshop
23rd Feb 10.00am – Online Sleep Workshop

Please email: Amanda.gilbert@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

3rd February 2022

Why Time to Talk Day is important.

- . One in 4 of us will experience a mental health problem in any given year.
- . We want everyone to feel comfortable talking about mental health – whenever they like.
- . Talking about mental health helps to create supportive communities where we can talk openly about mental health and feel empowered to seek help when we need it.
- . Open up the conversation about mental health problems is important – by talking about it, we can support ourselves and others.

<https://timetotalkday.co.uk/>

#TimeToTalk Day



Use this bingo card to help start conversations and get your friends, family, community and colleagues talking about mental health.

Click and complete four actions this Time to Talk Day.

Conversations have the power to change lives, helping to create supportive communities where we can talk openly about mental health and feel empowered to seek help when we need it.

However you do it, have a conversation about mental health this Time to Talk Day.

Play your favourite sport and chat about how sport can affect mental health	Have a conversation online about mental health	Have a conversation in person about mental health	Talk to a young person about mental health	Invite a friend to talk to their doctor on a community noticeboard
Share a #TimeToTalk story post on social media	Create a picture/postcard about mental health for yourself	Share the picture/postcard you've made with someone else	Tell someone you know that it's Time to Talk Day	Share an art piece or book that portrays mental health problems respectfully
Run a mental health quiz building quiz	Tell your local community group about Time to Talk Day	S.K.A.L.I.S.T.E.N challenge	Speak to your colleagues about mental health	Share something you've learnt about mental health
Ask someone "How are you?" today, and listen to their answer	Talk about mental health with a friend over a coffee	Do something relaxing/recharging with others	Share your top tips for talking about mental health	Share your top tips for talking about mental health
Find a community group to join	Name two celebrities that talk about mental health openly	Tell three people about Time to Talk Day today	Follow the sentence "It's time to talk because..."	Get a mental health resource for #TimeToTalk

Top 10 Tips to Stay Safe Online

- 1** Don't share your personal information 
- 2** Only talk to people that you know 
- 3** Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online 
- 4** Only accept friend requests from people you know personally 
- 5** Always think carefully about what you post 
- 6** Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts 
- 7** Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are 
- 8** Report inappropriate content immediately 
- 9** Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing 
- 10** Never share your passwords 

Log Speed Training
Images from www.fatline.com

Another Resource

Every Mind Matters Signposting for children's mental health.

[Children's mental health - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Does your child have, or potentially have, an additional need or disability? Pinpoint (www.pinpoint-cambs.org.uk) have lots of information, advice and tips. For Cambridgeshire's Local Offer go to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/local-offer