

Kindness

Resilience

# 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*

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 newsletter marks our penultimate newsletter of our academic year. With just a few days remaining of this year, I would like to thank the whole Shelford School community for their outstanding support of the work of the school. It has certainly not been an easy couple of years, but the continued support of the parents, staff, governors and wider community members has led to our wonderful school continuing to flourish during very challenging times.

- Thank you!
- Continuation of Measures
- Leavers' Day
- Y6 Production
- Y6 Workshop
- International Day
- Picture News Award
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- Y5 Activity Day
- Drama Workshop
- Head Girl and Head Boy
- Y6 Visit to Ely Cathedral
- Euro 2020
- PTA
- CelebrationWorship

Of course, we aim to mark the end of term and academic year as best we can within the current arrangements. We are incredibly mindful of the local picture of positive cases and are grateful about how supportive our community is in following the Local Authority and school advice. Although guidance changes from Monday 19th, the Local Authority and school are not making any changes to our procedures for the final three days. We wish to celebrate the end of the academic year and enjoy a smooth start to the summer holidays, so please support our community in achieving this. This includes continuing to wear face coverings on-site please.

# Leavers' Day

We are delighted to be able to share that we have worked with St. Mary's church to carefully risk assess the celebrations for our Y6 children on Wednesday 21st July. We look forward to celebrating their time at Shelford together.

## Y6 Production

As we shared with you previously, Y6 prepared and rehearsed to perform a wonderful version of The Tempest this year. The rest of the school continued to develop beautiful hall displays to capture some seascapes (below).



## Y6 Workshop

On Friday 9th July, we welcomed Victoria Goodman from Church Schools of Cambridge, to lead a workshop with our Y6 pupils. They explored their time at Shelford and conveyed this through their thoughts and artwork. We are delighted to share with you the comment below from Victoria, which really captures our school's vision:

*I just wanted to say how fantastic it was working with your class this morning. They were all extremely polite and very thoughtful. They had all obviously had an extremely positive experience at school and seemed well prepared for moving on to secondary education. Interestingly, the things they thought they would take with them weren't about what they had learnt, but about the friendships and values they had grown whilst they were with you. These are things that Ofsted and SATS can't measure, but which have real meaning in lives - things that will stay with them forever, when the fronted adverbials are long forgotten.*

# International Day 2021

The whole school enjoyed an Olympic themed International Day on Thursday 1st July. In addition to learning about the history of the Olympic Games, each class 'visited' a different participating country and explored culture and tradition through a variety of activities. The highlight of the day for every class was a bespoke dance workshop provided by 'Dance Days'. Thank you to our generous PTA for funding this fantastic enrichment activity for all to enjoy, and thanks also to our magnificent kitchen team for preparing a tasty outdoor lunch.

Mrs Unwin



## Picture News Award

We are delighted that our international work continues to be recognised. Mrs. Unwin shared this with the Picture News team and we have been awarded a Picture News Impact Award. This is in addition to our Pearson World Changers Runner up award and hopefully our reaccreditation of our International Schools Award.

**Picture News  
Impact  
Award  
2021**

# Report from Governors - July 2021

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Thank you to everyone who responded to the Strategy survey last month. It was really valuable to hear from so many people and use that to inform the future work of the school. The draft strategy is under construction and we hope to consult on it with staff very soon.

Two weeks ago, the Board of governors met for the final time this academic year and among other things reflected on the huge challenges that have faced schools, staff, pupils and families over the last 18 months. We want to thank the school community again for your support of the school and the wonderful messages of encouragement that have been given to staff over these months. It goes without saying that the priority is always the pupils, their learning and their wellbeing, and we're grateful for the ways the staff have gone above and beyond in doing this. In the face of all that has happened, Shelford school has been able to support excellent academic and personal progress as well as make improvement towards our longer-term goals. This is thanks to the dedication of the whole staff team and the support of the community.

It is also important to commend our pupils. I'm sure you will feel incredibly proud of those you know, but the resilience, creativity, kindness and responsibility shown by the children through these unusual times makes them all true Shelford Stars. A big WELL DONE to all of them.

On behalf of the Board, I wish all our leavers, both pupils and staff, all the very best in the future. We hope Mr Cuff has a super year abroad, and that everyone is able to enjoy the summer break when it arrives. We look forward to welcoming new pupils, families and staff in September and continuing to live out our vision as a school.

Anna Caroe  
Chair of Governors

# Y5 Activity Day

On Friday 9th July, pupils in Y5 took part in an Activity Day that they had designed together, practising the democratic tool of voting. They enjoyed a wonderful time at High Lodge, Thetford, including completing a high ropes course at Go Ape and exploring the forest.

Pupils arrived back at school for some free time, prior to dinner. The evening concluded with a film, ice cream and popcorn! Thanks to Mr. Cuff for all his planning and leadership of the day and to the Y5s for their ideas and collaborative work in planning the day.



## Drama Workshop

On Monday, pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 enjoyed a wonderful Drama Workshop. You can see some photos of Y1 enjoying their session below:



## Head Girl and Head Boy 2021-2022

We are very much looking forward to the interviews for Head Girl and Head Boy tomorrow. Mrs. Alderson, Mr. Cuff, current Head Girl Jessie and current Head Boy Dougie will be interviewing the shortlisted candidates with me. We always look for ways to teach real-life skills that are transferable in preparing our pupils for their next steps and this process is one of them! I look forward to sharing the announcement with the whole school during our outdoor Celebration Worship this Friday!

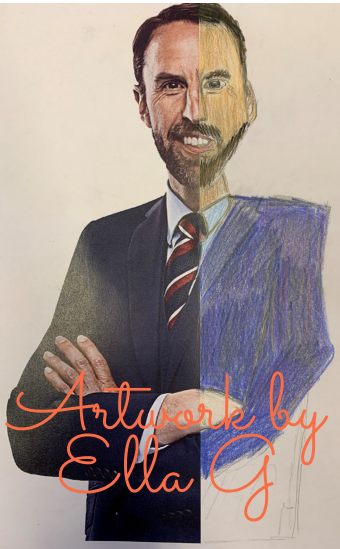
# Y6 Visit to Ely Cathedral

On Monday, pupils in Y6 enjoyed a visit to Ely Cathedral and took part in a variety of activities. Many groups were commended by the volunteers for their thoughtful contributions to the sessions.



## Responses to Euro 2020

Y6 have been reflecting on and exploring the Euro 2020 final. They have read some of the tweets captured from some of the England team and explored the appalling treatment of some of the team members. They have written letters to three key team members sharing their thoughts.



Dear Bakayo Saka,

I wanted to write to you to say thank you and I am so glad to see you played amazing this summer in Euro 2020.

I know you are a great youngster and something for the future and Gareth knows that too so he put trust in you and we know that you are an amazing player. One pen doesn't decide anything you made our country proud and don't forget your 19.

Don't let all the hate get to you, they don't deserve to, hate is not right. It's wrong. Hate never wins you win you deserve to win this don't.

Ollie from Shelton primary school, year 6.

Dear Jadon Sancho,

I am writing to you to say I am sorry about the racism that you, Rashford and Saka have received over the past few days.

I think that racism is unacceptable because we are all one race, the human race, one missed penalty just means it was a good goal.

I know that it is sad, but you are in the second best squad in Europe and that is extremely good. Vile comments mean nothing and if you write a mean comment you are not a proper England fan.

We win together, lose together,

England will be back

from,

Hugo

Dear Marcus Rashford -

I am writing to you to say thank you for getting England to the final.

You are a brilliant player and my hero, you deserve every part of being an England footballer and a place in an English heart. Southgate put his trust in you to represent England and you should be proud, a penalty isn't everything.

Manchester, England and everyone else is happy to have you. I am a Manchester United fan and I'm proud to have you on this team.

The World Cup is one hop, skip and a jump away from ours. We are coming world.

It's not right, it's wrong. Hate never wins.

From

Alfie



## PTA Virtual Camp Out 2021

The forecast is looking ideal for our camp out on Friday 16th July. If you'd like to take part, you can camp in your garden, build a den inside or take your camp out packs away with you later in the summer!

Camp out packs can be ordered by messaging Ellie Rugg Gunn on Classlist.

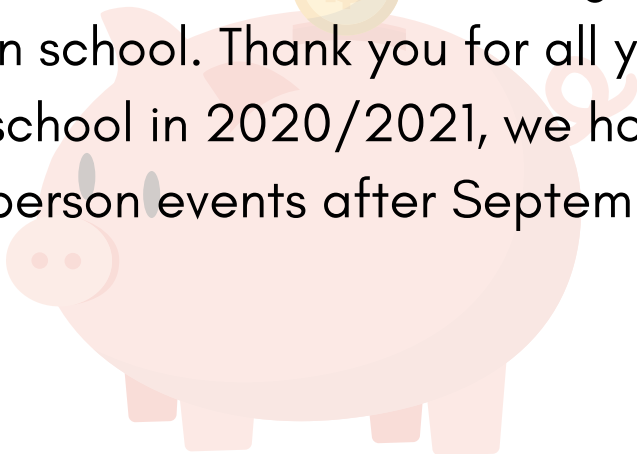
Kids packs: hot chocolate, marshmallow, and a breakfast pastry for £5

Adult packs: G&T or a beer, snack and breakfast pastry for £10

This year we also have some limited edition metal water bottles, which will be engraved with the Shelford Camp Out logo. These are £13 each. Your orders will be delivered to your door before the evening of the camp out. This is the last PTA event of the year, and we'd love as many people as possible to join in.

## Just Giving Page

Finally - thank you so much to members of the community who have donated via our [Just Giving page](#). £1,620 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

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 9TH JULY 2021

As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared Beautiful Garden of Prayer, linking to Monday's weekly focus on prayer.

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

## **Cyril:**

Mrs. Alderson - for her wonderful work in researching, planning, preparing and leading the Y6 production of The Tempest.

## **Celia:**

Cora C - For compassion and kindness in spotting when others need support at different times throughout the school day.

## **Piano - Graded Exams:**

Milo M

Laurence M

Alfie P

Theo M

## **Shelford Mile**

Silver - Kayley C, Eloise L, Molly C and Eleanor P

## **Silver Bins:**

- Year 2 (second week running)
- Year 3

## **Dinner Winner:**

- Year 1

## **Wonderful Walkers:**

- Year 1

## **Star Writers:**

- Tom C, Florence D and Lily E - each for their wonderful retellings of the story 'The Star', demonstrating great creativity in their finished pieces.

## **Headteacher Awards:**

- Rocky C - for excellent hard work in phonics activities.
- Alexa J - for a kind and helpful manner, looking out for others.
- Lucas B - for excellent participation in Sports Day, including cheering on friends.
- Rosie F - for hard work in all areas of learning, sharing great ideas and applying great focus during independent tasks.
- Orla S - for excellent participation in the Kenyan Dance Workshop, applying great listening and enthusiasm.
- Tom S - for great progress in reading, with enthusiasm in phonics and fluency in reading.
- Joseph S - for wonderful modelling of 3D shapes using art straws and blu-tac, persevering when the very large models collapsed and working well with others.
- Christopher G-L - for always being ready to learn, superb focus and determination.
- Phoebe F - for settling into Shelford so brilliantly - what a wonderful member of Y4!

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



# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

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## LITTLE SHELFORD VILLAGE WEEKEND

Little Shelford Village Weekend 2021 will be taking place in September 2021. You can find more details, including exciting events like the Scarecrow competition, [here!](#)

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## CAMBRIDGESHIRE OFFERS

Cambridgeshire have shared two posters with us. One relates to a course for parents about pupils' transition from primary school into secondary school. You can find details [here](#). The second is a [newsletter](#) that contains some helpful parent resources.

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## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Please see a variety of summer holiday activities on offer at Sawston Sports Centre [here](#).

