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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. This week marks British Science Week and we have been enjoying celebrating Science throughout the curriculum.

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As part of Science Week, Reception have been exploring the theme of 'Growth' in science in a variety of ways.

We have been 'growing' our own patterns by exploring chromatography to make coloured strips which we use to make a chromatography collage.



Science Week

On 'Mars Day' (Monday) Reception were also exploring the idea of 'life' living and growing on Mars and designed and drew pictures of animals that we thought might be able to survive there!



Reception have also enjoyed carrying out a 'yeast' experiment and watching a balloon 'grow' as carbon dioxide was released (we made two kinds of bread - hot cross buns and chapattis to compare the effect of yeast or no yeast in bread) This afternoon children have also been learning about how teeth grow and how to look after them and had a go making their own set of teeth using playdough.



Elena



Science Week

Year 4 also enjoyed linking their Monday PE lesson to Science week, with a focus on how to create an outdoor gym.

We started by looking at different outdoor activities, along with planning some ideas for how to be creative with an outdoor activity idea.

Afterwards, we enjoyed using the variety of fixed and loose equipment to create a variety of outdoor gym activities.



Staff Updates

We currently have two opportunities to join the wonderful Shelford Team.

Firstly, we have the opportunity to join the Shelford Staff Team as Breakfast Club Leader. Further details can be found [here](#).

Secondly, we have an opportunity to join the work of the Governing Board through our Clerk to the Governors vacancy. You can find details [here](#).

Farewell!

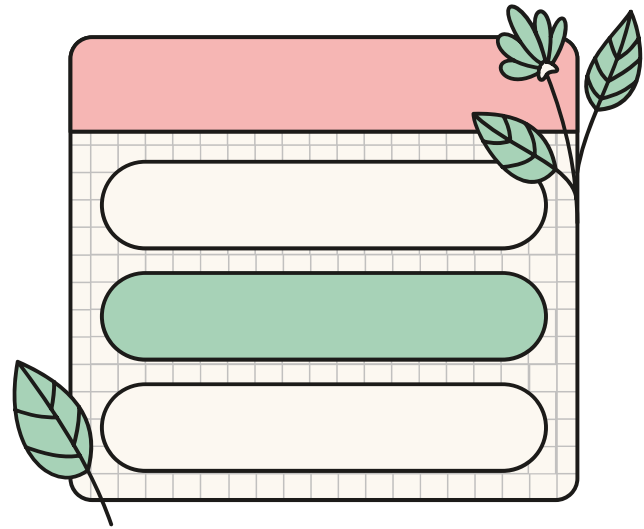
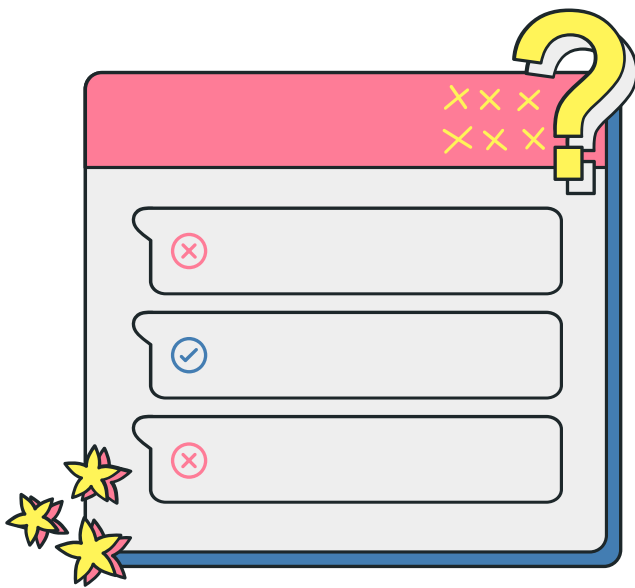
Mrs. Hallebro and Mrs. Alcock, two of our teaching assistants will be leaving the staff team at the end of this term. I know you will join me in thanking them for their hard work across different classes over recent years. We will be very sad to see them go, but wish them all the very best for the future.

Welcome

Finally, we shared with you a little while ago that Mrs. Fox would be leaving us. Today, we held interviews for the role and I am delighted to announce on behalf of the Governing Board that we have appointed Mr. Kerin to the role. I am sure you will join me in warmly welcoming Mr. Kerin to the Shelford community and we look forward to him being able to visit and get to know the Y4 class before joining Mrs. Stewart in leading the class.

PTA Announcements

The PTA quiz, held on Saturday 5th March was a huge success and a wonderful evening's entertainment, raising over £950 for the PTA. Congratulations to the winning team The Shelford Slayers and thank you to all involved.



Save the date! We are holding a second hand uniform sale at school pick up from 3pm on Friday 18th March. The weather is looking promising so come and have a browse and pick yourself up some bargains. Any donations made go to the school PTA (cash/card/bank transfer).



Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared our song relating to [Positive Choices](#). We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision.

Celia – Pupil Acts of Kindness – Gilly, Sylvie and the Godsall family – for their incredible efforts in arranging aid for Ukrainian refugees on the Polish borders.

Cyril – Staff Acts of Kindness – Mrs. Cross – for her hard work, care and enthusiasm throughout the classes she teaches.

Silver Bins: Y2 & Y4

Dinner Winner: Y4

Wonderful Walkers: Y6

Shelford Mile:

5 miles

Y4 – Ember, Lily, Jessica, Barnes, Hatty, Leo, Jack, Annabel, Luke, Andrew Silver

Y1 – Florrie, Rocky, Alexa, Isabelle

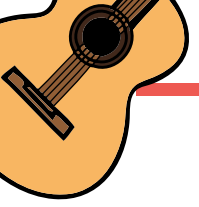
Star Writer:

Elliot R – for an excellent story about Johnny and the Magic Pearl, which included high quality vocabulary and accurate punctuation.

Headteacher Awards:

- **Alex A-R** – for fantastic computing work relating to the ‘Moving our Robot’ unit, showing great focus and demonstrating understanding.
- **Olivia T** – for working hard on phonics skills and a concerted effort to improve concentration.
- **Leopold S-L** – for being so helpful to others when making the Runaway Chapati men.
- **Henry M** – for trying very hard to make the right choices and showing great self-awareness in learning.

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



Announcements



Virtual Instrumentalists Concert

We are holding our usual annual Spring Term Instrumentalists Concert virtually this year. Our Music Teachers are working very hard with instrumentalists to record performances. Once completed, we will share the virtual concert with you.

Home Learning

Please be aware that pupils who test positive with Covid are entitled to home learning materials. Pupils ill with other illness or electing to isolate are not entitled to home learning materials. However, we may be able to signpost resources.

Cambridge Festival



Simon Watt, biologist and stand-up comedian will be hosting 'The Ugly Animal Preservation Society' about the animal kingdom's most monstrous and what makes them amazing. Book [here!](#)

In 'Covid for Kids', an interactive show for ages 7 upwards, we follow Corry the Coronavirus around the world causing chaos and misery until she is brought under control by a team of Super Scientists. Presented by Professor Tom Solomon, the Director of the UK's Emerging Infections Research Unit at the University of Liverpool, book [here!](#)

Ginny Smith helps you make the most of your memory with quizzes and games in 'Mastering Memory' and explains why we can't always trust what we remember. Book [here!](#)

Hands-on and drop in activities for children and families will be across central Cambridge locations on the 2/3 April. To see the full list of events, both online and in-person please click [here!](#)

Rainbow Preschool

Rainbow Pre-school

Shelford

A community pre-school for 2 to 4 year olds



OPEN DAY

Saturday 26 March 2022 | 10:00 to 12:00

Rainbow's experienced and caring staff strive to get each child's early years education off to the best start by encouraging learning through play.

Contact us at: The Rainbow Room, Great and Little Shelford Primary, Church Street
Great Shelford, CB22 5EL

T: 07985 216603

Charity number 1036946

E: admin@rainbowshelford.co.uk

Ofsted URN 221758

Rainbow Pre-school
www.rainbowshelford.co.uk

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a morning of family fun!
The Pavilion, Great Shelford Recreation Ground

Sunday 27 March

From 09:30am | last entries 11:00am
£4 per child | £3 per sibling

Complete the hunt to receive a chocolate egg

Special appearance: The Easter Bunny

Pop-up café:
cakes &
drinks

All proceeds to Rainbow Pre-school - registered charity 1036946



Join us for
FUN & FRESH AIR




Thriplow
**Daffodil
Weekend**
& Country Fair



19 & 20 MARCH 2022
10am to 5pm

with live music, working smithy, dray rides,
morris dancers, vintage cars, stationary engines,
children's entertainment, dog show, craft stalls,
food & drink and much more



Our nominated charities are:
Royal Papworth Charity
and East Anglian Air Ambulance

www.thriplowdaffodils.org.uk





Easter Holidays

MONDAY 4TH-THURSDAY 14TH APRIL 2022

Week One

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Monday 4th - Friday 8th

9.00am Tadpoles

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10.00am Frogs

10.30am Frogs

11.00am Penguins

£30.00

Trampolining

Wednesday 6th

1.00 - 2.00pm

Age 5+

£5.00

Bubble Swims

Tuesday and Friday

12.00 - 1.00pm

£20.00

Public Swims

Monday/Wednesday/Friday

3.00 - 4.00pm

Adults - £3.50

Children £2.50

Easter Activities - Sawston Leisure Centre



Week Two

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th

9.00am Tadpoles

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10.00am Frogs

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11.00am Penguins

£24.00

Trampolining

Wednesday 13th

1.00 - 2.00pm

Age 5+

£5.00

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