

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. Last week, it was wonderful to celebrate World Book Day in a variety of ways. Thank you to all the families for their hard work with costumes and to those of you able to attend the traditional parade!

- World Book Day
- Urban Strides
- Shelford STEM Week
- School Council
- Travel Survey
- Announcements
- Celebration Worship

After the parade, Mrs. Alderson led a worship session focusing on reading for pleasure. Some of you will have noticed that the staff dressed as Little Miss and Mr. Men characters. Whilst dressed as Little Miss Brave, Mrs. Alderson shared a Little Miss and Mr. Men story that linked to our continued focus on Growth Mindset!



Throughout the day, there were a variety of reading-related activities. This included a teacher-swap, with teachers sharing a favourite text in a different class... even whilst Year 3 were at Forest School!

Thank you to Mrs. Alderson for leading the day and for staff for planning and sharing a variety of engaging activities!



**WORLD BOOK DAY
YEAR SIX**



Urban Strides - Y4,5 & 6 Workshop

We were delighted to welcome **Andy Instone**, from **Urban Strides**, into school this week. He started the day with an assembly for pupils in Y4,5 and 6 followed by workshops for each of those classes and finally a presentation for parents.

Andy shared his personal story of hard work and perseverance which got him to the successful dancer he is today - dancing with his own dance crew, Urban Strides, in over 200 stadiums worldwide with artists such as Rihanna! Andy taught each class some street dance moves and techniques as well as lots of inspiring (and often amusing) catchphrases along the way.

Together, we learnt new skills through dance and encouraged one another. Andy taught us all actions to help us remember three key things: **when you see an opportunity - grab it! Practice makes progress, not perfection!** Finally, when we come across something difficult in life, which will all inevitably will, we should **keep going and say to ourselves, 'Challenge Accepted!'**



ANDY INSTONE FROM URBAN STRIDES!



GRAB OPPORTUNITIES!



CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!



PRACTICE MAKES PROGRESS!



Shelford STEM Week

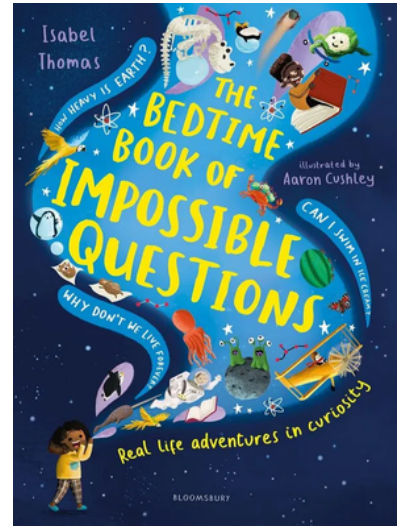
Alongside activities in class to celebrate British Science Week, in a couple of weeks we will be holding 2 days of fun assemblies and workshops in school to support STEM learning as well as make 'Connections' between different areas of the curriculum.

On Monday 13th March we will be welcoming local science author, **Isabel Thomas**, in to lead a talk to the whole school to explore how an inquisitive mind and 'silly questions' can lead to great science ..and science writing! (based on her book *The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions*). This will be followed by workshops for Early Years, KS1 and Y6 combining science, art, and storytelling across a variety of themes including biodiversity, adaptation and inheritance (based on her books '*Moth: An Evolution Story*' and '*Full of Life*').

On Wednesday 22nd March we will be welcoming in the Cambridge Science Centre to deliver a whole school science show about the 'Balance of Biodiversity' followed by topic related workshops for KS2, covering themes such as 'forces', 'electricity', 'space' and 'light'.

We are very appreciative of the support of the PTA who have agreed to subsidise these events, but to fully cover costs, we would appreciate a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per child by Friday 10th March to enable every child in the school to attend both talks and one workshop. This can be paid via www.schoolgateway.com

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to sharing with you with you the outcomes of the sessions!



THANK YOU

School Council

School Council have launched two new challenges.

Firstly, they are in the process of asking their classes what kinds of clubs they would like to attend during lunchtimes, with the view to Year 5 and 6 pupils leading these. This will be a great opportunity to offer further enrichment throughout the school day, whilst demonstrating further opportunities for pupil leadership.

Secondly, School councilors are launching a new challenge relating to **courageous advocacy**. This is where a person or a group of people stand up for what they believe in – causing positive change. School councilors are asking their classes for ideas about what needs to change in these five areas:

- Our school;
- The villages of Little Shelford and Great Shelford;
- Cambridgeshire;
- The UK
- The world.

In the next meeting, School Council will vote in at least one item for each of the five areas for the pupils to lead positive change. Quite inspiring... quite challenging!

Following this, School Councilors will look for individuals or groups of children to be involved in leading their pupil-designed and led projects.

We very much hope to be awarding the Courageous Advocacy trophy (*right*) soon!



Travel Survey

As you may remember, in the Autumn term, we welcomed local members of the community and the Parish Council to seek the views of pupils around safe journeys through what we called the 'Our Streets' project. As part of this there is a new anonymous survey for families. Please see the details below:

Great Shelford Parish Council is looking at ways to make all journeys in and around the village safer and more pleasant. Understanding how families make their way to school and pre-school (and how they would prefer to, given the right circumstances) will help the Parish Council develop proposals.

Great Shelford Playscape is running a short, anonymous travel survey on behalf of the Parish Council and the school, and would be grateful if every family completed it by Monday 27 March:

[Here is the survey link](#)

The Parish Council has also created an online form to report any traffic accidents, concerns and near misses directly to them.



Shelford Cricket Club

There are lots of cricketing opportunities this season at Great Shelford Cricket Club! All Stars (age 5-8) and Dynamos (age 8-11) will again take place at 4:30pm on Great Shelford rec on both Tuesdays and Fridays during May and June. Click on the link and search for 'Great Shelford' to find the courses that are available to book:

All Stars: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Dynamos: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricet>

Girls' cricket: In addition to the mixed All Stars and Dynamos groups, there is the option to book a girls only Dynamos group. This will take place on Fridays at 4:30pm- beginners and those who have played before are very welcome. The direct link to book this is:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/11d4ea9f-8b1a-458a-bbb5-72e15df3208b>

There is also an Under 11 girls' team that will play in festivals against other girls' teams - please email Julia if you would like further details about this team.

Minis: New for this year! This group is open to children in school years 1 and 2 who enjoy cricket and want to develop their skills further. It is particularly suited to those who want to play more cricket than just the once a week All Stars session. There will be Sunday afternoon sessions during May and June on Great Shelford rec. Please find further details on the registration form which is available on the Great Shelford Cricket Club website:

https://gtshelford.play-cricket.com/web_pages/junior_club

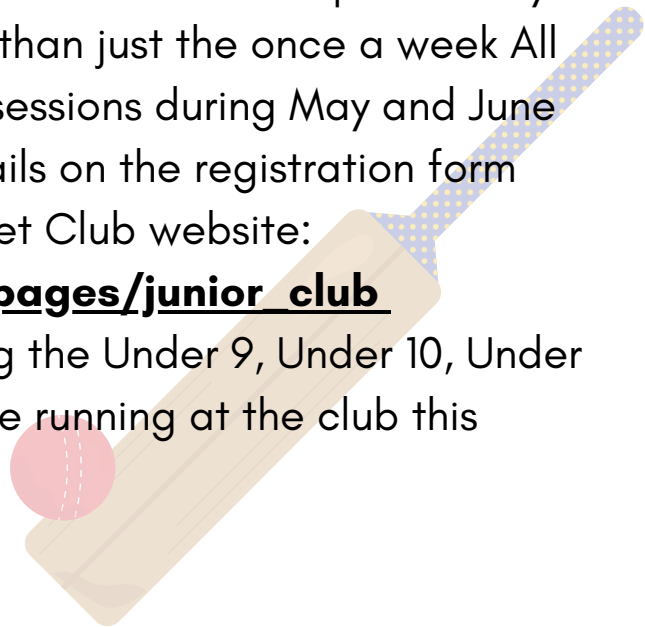
The registration form also has details regarding the Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 13 mixed league teams that will be running at the club this season.

Kind regards,

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Julia Creed (Co-ordinator for juniors Great Shelford Cricket Club)

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Welcome to Miss Bosio

This week we have welcomed Miss Bosio to Shelford School. She is currently completing her PCGE at the University of Cambridge. This week she has worked with classes across the school, supporting with a range of curriculum and enrichment activities. From 20th March to 9th June she will be working with the Year 1 class.

Book Fair

During the week commencing 27th March, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair!

It is a great way to discover new texts and there is an added benefit that each purchase gives the school a small commission to spend on new texts for classes and the library!

Rainbow Open Morning

Rainbow Pre-school
Shelford

A community pre-school for 2 to 4 year olds



OPEN DAY

Saturday 25 March 2023 | 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
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Ofsted URN 221758

Twinning

We are pleased to share that the village twinning visits will recommence. You can find information about the twinning association's upcoming visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte [here](#).



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 6th March

GATHERING

We entered the hall to
Never Giving up, by
Fearless Soul

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.*

and 'Shine from the
inside out'

Celia Award - Joshua S - for kindness and consideration in aiming to resolve a problem selflessly.

Lego Group - Joseph S, Felix M, Matthew N - for demonstrating strong teamwork and communication skills in their Lego builds.

Shelford Mile

5 Miles - Daniel A-C; Evelyn A; Alex A-R; Joe C; Molly F; Rufus M; Lyra N; Hannah B; Jake C; Barnes H; Oscar S; Mhinaku G; Jacob M.

Bronze - Isla A; Sophia T

Silver - Amber K; Bethan M

Silver Bins - Year 2 and Year 4

Dinner Winners - Year 4

Headteacher Awards:

Alexandra H - for being a persevering parrot when working out money to pay for fruit each day.

Faranaz W and Millie R - each for super team work in creating shakers with a friend for the Palm Sunday Parade

James C - for demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning, leading to good progress in English.

Eloise La - for working collaboratively during Forest School sessions and showing kindness towards others.

Georgia M - for showing perseverance and resilience in Forest School sessions.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus inspiratorum - the house of inspiration - The Eagles