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Wednesday 11th March 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Newsletter in 30 seconds!

- Science Week events summary
- World Book Day, including photos!

As I write to you, Science-related learning is flooding the school! Our Y6 pupils enjoyed their visit to Mundipharma where they created their own medicines and investigated their own pain threshold in ice water! When I visited them earlier in the week, they were investigating the number of taste buds on a small section of their tongue and using this information to categorise whether they were 'non-tasters'; 'tasters'; or 'super tasters'! Meanwhile, Year 3 were creating paper helicopters in the style of sycamore seeds. Pupils were awe-struck when they witnessed some of their seeds fly clear over the rooves of the school!

Yesterday, all pupils enjoyed an assembly from the Science Centre and then a workshop. Reception, Y1 and Y2 pupils have each had a workshop from a parent in a Science-related career. I was delighted to be part of the Year 2 session with Dr. Legge and Dr. Lomax. They led a variety of activities and investigations into DNA... we all learnt how many characteristics were reliant on our DNA – even down to being able to smell or taste certain things. Year 1 pupils explored handwashing with Dr. Repo. They used UV gel to demonstrate how effectively they were washing their hands. A similar theme was covered in Reception by Dr. Collier and Dr. Mlcochova. Hand gel with glitter was used to replicate a 'sneeze'. All the pupils then shook hands and the children recognised how the 'glitter sneeze' had spread! Another way in which pupils understood the spread of illnesses was through observing a cloud of talcum powder spread through the room.

On Monday, Y5 pupils enjoyed a SunSpaceArt workshop by Helen Shnell and Helen Mason. Rosie W in Y5 gave me a summary of their learning. She explained that they learned about the sun and eclipses before creating their own brochures to communicate what they'd learnt to others.

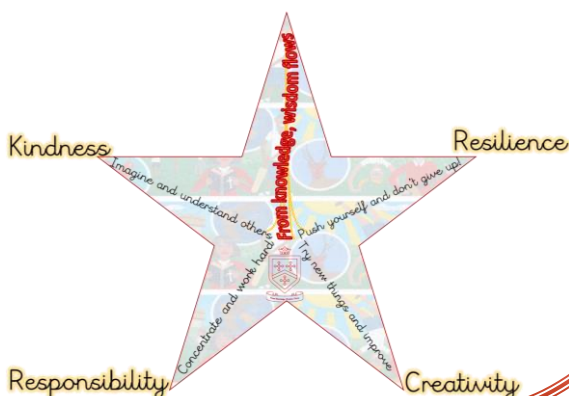
Y3, Y4 and Y6 are looking forward to their upcoming workshops and R, Y1, Y2 and Y5 are looking forward to their Forest School sessions taking and Eco-Science slant. Thank you to Mrs. Clarke for all her hard work in organising and leading our Science Week. We will send out a summary of photos next week!

In the midst of all the Science-related enrichment, it would be easy to forget the amazing World Book Day celebrations that took place last week. Mr. Cuff organised and led a fantastic day of celebrations – thank you! We loved the variety of ways pupils represented their love of reading – through their costumes; engagement in activities; sharing their favourite books... and even decorating potatoes as favourite book characters in Y2! Thank you so much to those of you who were able to give a donation at the parade for the school's focus on replenishing literature. We raised just under £100! We are working with the PTA at the moment with reading as a priority. Staff and children are developing 'Wish lists' for texts and there will be further opportunities for us to work together on resourcing the range of texts on offer to our pupils.

In other curriculum areas... our Y5 and Y6 pupils were fortunate to visit a live orchestra performance today at SVC and our Y3 class visited St. John's Church with a session entitled 'Living in Creation' kindly run by Church Schools of Cambridge. Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby team will be heading off for their tournament tomorrow.

With best wishes

Chris Grey, Headteacher



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World Book Day Photos



Photos from World Book Day 2020

Pupils (and of course staff) enjoyed a variety of ways to celebrate a love of reading. From costumes, to favourite books and character potatoes to The Mad Hatter's Tea Party – we well and truly shared our love of reading.



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Celebration Worship - 6th March 2020

- **We watched one of our Lenten reflections '40', to gather together.**
- **Y1 Presentation** - Y1 opened the celebrations with a fantastic retelling of The Gruffalo's Child. The children recited the story, complete with actions and very engaging, expressive voices!
 - **DT Competition** - for Valentine's Day, pupils were asked to apply their food technology skills to create a sweet or savoury food product with a valentines theme. Miss Bachewich and Mr. Grey judged each entry against: creativity; presentation; taste; and texture. You can find some photos of the winners' entries [here](#). The winning entries were: KS1 - Lola S and Luca P; LKS2 - Isabelle L; UKS2 - Hizkia D
- **Celia** (pupils nominated for social and emotional acts of kindness) - Rosie W
- **Cyril** (staff nominated for social and emotional acts of kindness) - No nominations this week
- **Shelford Mile:**
 - **Bronze:** Theodore D, Joey K, Asley M, Eleanor P, Samuel S
 - **Silver:** Eddie H
- **Pen Licences** - No nominations this week
- **Dinner Winner** (best manners and behaviour at lunchtimes) - Year 2
- **Silver Bins** (tidiest classes) - R and Y3
- **Star Writer** - Cora C
- **Maths Investigator Award** - None this week
- **Headteacher's Award** - James T, Ella G, Samantha Q, Lilianna S,
- **Housepoints** - the winning house this week was: **Bonitas - domus praestantium - the house of excellence - The Owls!** The Owls' House Flag was raised today by Ellie H.
- We sang 'Sing' to be sent to.

Announcements

Keeping Healthy!

To keep you informed, the school continues to act on the advice from the Government (DfE and PHE) and the Local Authority with respect to COVID-19. Our approach focuses on the preventative measures of practising good hygiene – **something that should already be part of our daily lives**. All classes have had further discussions and talks on handwashing. We would appreciate you reinforcing this message at home. At the same time, we are keeping calm about the situation in order to not raise any anxiety amongst our pupils.

Authorised lateness/meal orders

If you know that your child will be late to school and will miss registration, for example due to a medical appointment, please can you let the office know your child's lunch choice when you inform us of the appointment? We can then ensure that your child's preferred option is booked with the kitchen.

Volunteer induction sessions

The next volunteer induction session is on Tuesday 24th March – 9.05am. If you would like to attend this session, please contact the office.

Pianists' concert

Our annual concert for pianists in years 2 3 and 4 will be held on Tuesday 31 March at 2.30pm in the school hall. Please sign in at the office.



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Behaviour Outside of School

It has come to our attention that some families have not been using the churchyard as expected. We have noticed children climbing upon some of the tombstones while in the care of their parents. Please help to ensure we all respect the community that we are part of. Please see the extract below from our Behaviour Policy:

We expect our pupils to be proud to be members of Great and Little Shelford Primary School. We, therefore expect good behaviour when our pupils are outside of school in order to reflect the high standards of behaviour that we have. Teachers may talk to pupils about misbehaviour outside of school if it is witnessed by them, or reported to the school, or if it is behaviour that has repercussions for the orderly running of the school, poses a threat to someone else, or if it threatens the reputation of the school. Parents will always be contacted if teachers speak to or sanction their child regarding their behaviour outside of school.

Vacancy – Shelford Free Church

We're looking for a PART-TIME administrator at Great Shelford Free Church (shelfordfreechurch.org.uk) to support our Pastor, ministerial assistant, youth worker and the Christian mission and worship of the church. This will involve supporting work within the Church family and local community. He or she will have great organisational and communication skills, both interpersonal and via social media and other IT applications. 21 hours per week, preferably spread over five days although this is negotiable. Salary range £10,000-£12,000p.a. If you are interested in applying please send a CV and covering letter to Secretary@shelfordfreechurch.org.uk by the 20th March.

Earth Optimism 2020 – celebrating conservation success

Cambridge Conservation Initiative's incredibly popular Earth Optimism event is back for 2020, with a great host of speakers and businesses ready to inspire with messages of positivity. On Saturday 25th April, CCI will open its doors and invite you to celebrate success stories straight from the field. For further information regarding this [please see the posters on the website.](#)

Dates Summary

6/3/20 – 15/3/20		British Science Week	School
12/3/20	AM	Tag Rugby Tournament	Shelford Rugby Club
13/3/20	14:00	Y3 Class Briefing	Hall
21/3/20 (Sat) Fri - 20/3/20		World Poetry Day	School
20/3/20	14:00	Y5 Class Briefing	Hall
25/3/20	AM	High 5 Netball Tournament	Netherhall
26/3/20		Travelling Tuba Music Enrichment	School
27/3/20	14:00	Y6 Class Briefing	Hall
31/3/20	14:00	Younger Pianists' Concert (Y2, Y3, Y4)	Hall
1/4/20	18:30	Instrumentalists' Concert (older pianists and all other instrumentalists)	Hall
3/4/20	14:00	Easter Service (led by Y5)	All Saints' Church
3/4/20		End of Spring Term	
4/4/20 – 19/4/20		Easter Holidays	
20/4/20		Summer Term commences	



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