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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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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. Over last week, the whole school was skipping away! Pupils (and adults) worked towards their bronze, silver and gold awards against a variety of skipping challenges. Thank you to Miss Beck for organising this and well done to all the children who took part - especially those who are still skipping away this week!

- Skipping Week
- Arts Days
- Behaviour Spotlight
- Swimming
- River of Hope Competition
- PAT Dogs
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

On Thursday and Friday, KS2 pupils marked their rescheduled Arts Day - with a wonderful puppet workshop! The puppets enabled children to make their own circus themed **pop-up puppets**. Pupils had the expertise of Lucy Sugden, a local artist, who spent time with each of the classes making the most incredible puppets! Mrs. Dye (DT Link Governor) also **popped** in to Year 4 and thoroughly enjoyed the puppet making too! Thank you to Mrs. Stewart for leading the Arts Days.



Behaviour Spotlight

Following on from our Positive Choices Week in the Spring Term, we want to continue to share messages around how we support positive behaviour choices in school. Through our newsletters, we will regularly share short and simple messages linked to promoting positive choices.

In school, we use the phrase - ***positive choices lead to positive consequences, negative choices lead to negative consequences***. We spend time talking about examples of what positive choices look like. We also use our Positive Choices Awards - which are a legacy from this year's Positive Choices Week (*below*)

Positive Choice Award

Our Best Selves Manners Solving Problems Understanding and Following Rules

has been recognised for demonstrating consistently positive choices on _____.

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Positive Choice Award

Our Best Selves Manners Solving Problems Understanding and Following Rules

has been recognised for an improvement in positive choices on _____.

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Swimming

After May half term, swimming lessons will commence. Pupils will have one lesson led by Mrs. Patterson (Swimming Teacher) and one lesson led by their class teacher.

We will be appealing for volunteers to support swimming sessions (whether for your child's class or not) to enable our swimming provision to go ahead. We will be sharing the swimming timetable soon and would like all volunteers to complete resuscitation training, which we are hosting on Tuesday 24th May at 3:45pm. If you are able to volunteer some time to support these lessons, please do get in touch.

River of Hope

A little while ago, we shared with you that Y4 pupils had taken part in an art project called 'River of Hope'. Recently, we received this message:

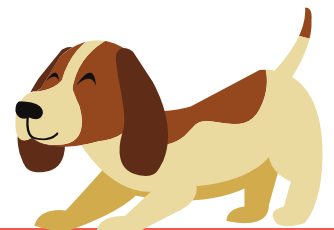
Thank you so much for submitting your artwork for River of Hope.

I am delighted to tell you that your design has been selected to be one of the 200 pieces featured as part of the Platinum Jubilee Pageant on the 5 June 2022.

We are currently working on an online gallery where will announce the winning entries and show all the work.

Congratulations and thank you again for contributing to this historic event!

We are delighted to learn that our designs will feature on one of the flags to line the Jubilee Pageant. You can find out more about the pageant by clicking the logo below. We will share the link to the online gallery when it is available.



Pets as Therapy Dogs

Today, we were delighted to welcome Holly and Tog, our two weekly PAT Dogs to school during lunchtimes.

There is a rota in place to fairly share out times for children to visit the PAT Dogs and we look forward to seeing the continued benefit of this form of therapy in school.

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

Cambridge Sports Partnership - Dance Competition - we heard today that our Y2 Celebration Dance won the whole KS1 Cambridge Sports Partnership Dance Competition! You can view their entry by clicking the image below:



Individual Successes - Congratulations to Christopher G-L, Theo M and Milo M for their Grade 3 piano exams and to Gus M for his Grade 2 guitar exam.

Silver Bins: Reception & Y4

Dinner Winner: Reception

Wonderful Walkers: Y2

Skipping Week - we celebrated the various awards achieved this week by the Skipping Week challenges.

Star Writer:

William L - for a descriptive dragon poem, including carefully-selected adjectives and similes.

Headteacher Awards:

- Alex S - for superb skipping efforts during skipping week - even managing 100 skips by the end of the week. What a persevering parrot!
- Charles A- for a super chick diary entry - with extra effort on improving handwriting.

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

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8th June
2.00pm-3.30pm

10-12 Woollards Ln,
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Cambridge CB22 5LZ

An opportunity for parents of SEND children to meet and chat. Children will be able to play together. A Child and Family Centre Worker will attend for parents to ask any questions and for signposting.

Refreshments will be available. We look forward to welcoming you to the sessions.



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