

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, the school celebrated Empathy Day. Mrs Alderson led a Collective Worship session with the help of some Y6 students. Together, everyone explored the concept of Empathy as a superpower we all have as part of National Empathy Day's theme. Books were discussed as a key way exploring empathy even further. Please take a look at the ['read for empathy' booklist](#) to explore further. Thanks to Mrs. Alderson for her organisation of the day.

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On Thursday afternoon and Friday, we were delighted to hold a UK first at school! We welcomed Jennifer from KAPLA to host the UK's first "Big Build" in a school. Each class attended a session focusing on adding to the school's communal creation. This project reinforced science, maths, engineering, teamwork and social communication skills and was really enjoyed by all! All children attended the hall at the end of the day to see the final creation and Y5 and Y6 enjoyed the demolition and tidying! Sincere thanks to the PTA for funding the sessions and to Mrs. Clarke for arranging the day. (Photos below!) Thank you also to the kitchen team for arranging our outdoor lunch!

KAPLA Big Build



The big build was made up of several different interconnected zones that were differentiated by the use of different coloured mats. There were many different creations, including creatures such as octopuses, giraffes, crocodiles and a giant snake! Meanwhile, buildings and other items ranged from long bridges and a city to boats and giant palaces!

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Sporting Events

Recently, we were delighted that our Netball team (*right*) qualified for the county finals – which they attended just before half term.



Our athletics team also attended a tournament last Thursday and returned with an impressive haul of 8 medals. Mrs. Rose and Mrs. Weston were particularly impressed with the team's sportspersonship and kindness – including the way that one child, who had achieved two medals – gave theirs to another child.

PTA Announcements



The PTA Bike Sale and pop up cafe is this Saturday, 18th June, 8am – 12, in Great Shelford Memorial Hall. Please do come and support the event – browse and buy great bikes, scooters, accessories and even a unicycle! Or come in for a cup of tea and home baked goodies.

And a date for your diaries – a Mini Summer Fair and Camp Out will be held on the school field on Saturday 16th July. More details to follow soon, but we're delighted to be able to hold these much loved events again!

Key Dates

- **22nd June** – New Reception Parents' Induction
- **23rd and 24th June** – Production Dates
- **29th June** – Y6 SVC Transition Day
- **29th June** – Y1 to Sedgwick and Zoology Museums
- **1st July** – Sports Day (parents / carers welcome)
- **8th July** – International Day
- **8th July** – End of Year Reports come home
- **12th & 13th July** – Maths Days
- **15th July** – Y2 Trip to Hunstanton
- **16th July** – PTA Mini Fair and Campout
- **20th July** – End of term for pupils, Y6 Leavers' Day

Class Photos

Class photos took place today. Children will be coming home with a form this week and the photos will be available to order from this Friday on Kittle's website.

Crafting Connections

We thought families may be interested in this art and craft based connection project between children and care home residents.

You can find out more [here](#).



The arts & crafts exchange pairing children with care home residents to give 3 HITS OF HAPPY every month.

