

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, I would like to start by saying a huge well done to the Y6s for their amazing resilience last week during their assessment week. We enjoyed giving the class a round of applause at our Celebration Worship on Friday to congratulate them on all their hard work.

- Well done Y6!
- Victorian Day
- Behaviour Spotlight
- Staff Updates
- Empathy Day
- Key Dates
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements,

Yesterday, Year 3 travelled back in time to experience life in a Victorian School. The children tried writing their hooks and strokes on a slate, drill in the playground and Maypole dancing courtesy of Year 6. The School Inspector visited to carry out a hand inspection and to check no-one needed to scrub their hands with carbolic soap. In the afternoon, we had a carousel of Victorian crafts making decoupage pictures, thaumotropes, paper boats and cup and ball toys.



Behaviour Spotlight

Following on from our Positive Choices week in February, we continue to share snippets of our Positive Behaviour policy and how this works in school and beyond.

This fortnight's spotlight focuses on the principle of **positive reinforcement**. In short, this means that we praise people when we see them do something that is positive. Praise can be dependent on what is right for that person and how significant the behaviour choice is - it could be anything from a, "Well done!" with a smile to something slightly more tangible like housepoint on a chart or even a certificate.

We work through the principle of positive reinforcement to help children reinforce pro-social choices in school. We also know that when we praise someone for a great choice, it rubs off on others and helps reinforce everyone's understanding of what a positive choice is.

Staff Updates

Looking ahead to September, Miss Bachewich has informed us that she will be leaving the school at the end of this academic year. Miss Bachewich's partner moved to Arizona earlier this academic year and she will be joining him there over the summer.

We will be very sorry to see Miss Bachewich leave the school community and I know you will join me in wishing her the very best for the next steps of her adventure in Arizona.

Miss Bachewich has contributed a huge amount to the school community in the years that she has worked at Shelford, including her role as Staff Governor, PTA Representative and leading various subjects throughout the school. Needless to say, I know many staff, pupils, parents and governors will have very fond memories of working with Miss Bachewich, including her annual appearance as Violet Beauregarde!

Based on this news, we have a vacancy for a part-time (0.6 FTE), permanent class teacher listed [here](#).

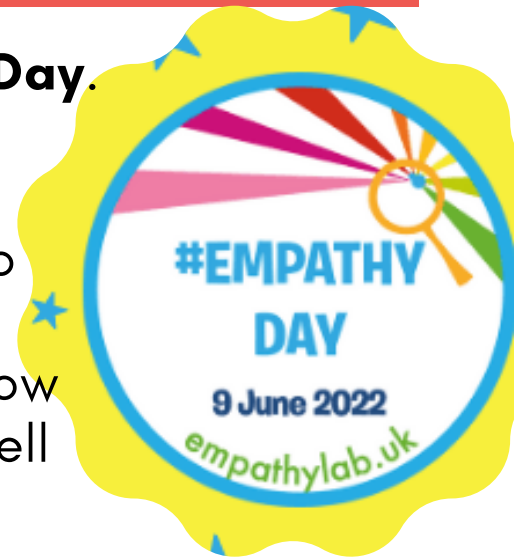


Empathy Day

On 9th June, we will be marking **Empathy Day**.

Empathy Day was started 6 years ago. Effectively, it is a book-based movement to inspire and help children learn more about empathy through stories and understand how to put empathy into action. It links really well with our curriculum thread from Spring 2:

Community - Empathy. There are some fantastic books recommendations for each year group and we look forward to marking the day in school.



Key Dates

- **19th May** - Y2 to Cadbury's World
- **27th May** - 11:15 - Ascension Service - St. Mary's (parents / carers welcome)
- **27th May** - 12:05 - Jubilee Picnic - Field (parents / carers welcome) **see [here](#) for details**
- **27th May** - Last Day of Summer Term 1
- **6th June** - PD Day - School closed to pupils
- **7th June** - Summer Term 2 commences
- **7th June** - Class Photos
- **9th June** - Empathy Day
- **9th and 10th June** - Kapla Bricks Workshop
- **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
- **15th July** - Y2 Trip to Hunstanton
- **20th July** - End of term for pupils, Y6 Leavers' Day

Pupils gathered together for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we gathered, we shared our **song relating to Creativity and Possibilities**.

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision.

National Junior Maths Challenge - 4 Y6 pupils took part in the National Maths Challenge. We celebrated the results, which came back recently and shared certificates with: Humphrey W, Sophie (Bronze), Oscar (Silver), Daksh (Silver)

Celia - Annie S - for her kindness demonstrated especially during the trip to Burwell.

Cyril - Mrs. Alderson, Mrs. Weston, Miss Moralee and Mr. Grey - for leading and supporting SATs week.

Silver Bins: Year 2 & Year 6

Dinner Winner: Year 3

Wonderful Walkers: Year 4

Star Writers:

Edward M, Elliot M, Rose B-E, Eddie H - each for their wonderful retelling of George and the Dragon.

Headteacher Awards:

- Ruby S - for amazing all-round effort at all times, including our residential visit to Burwell.
- Mhinaku G - for incredible resilience and confidence in being an anchor in the Burwell House news film
- Freddie B - for showing great concentration in phonics.
- Bertie G - for all-round incredible enthusiasm, especially during your show ant tell.
- Sam P - for incredible focus and diligence in recent weeks.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus venerantium - the house of respect - The Swans.

Your Feast Needs YOU!



**The Shelford Feast needs volunteers to help
with our first full Feast Week since 2019!**

**Contact us if you can help out with set up, bar
work, preparing food and more...**



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Neighborhood Survey

Do you live or work in Stapleford or Great Shelford?

If so please complete a short survey to tell us what matters to you:

What's best about living here?

What housing do we really need?

How do we protect our environment?

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SGSNPlan-whatmatterstoyou>



This survey will help a working group of local residents and Parish Councillors to start our Neighbourhood Planning process by finding out what our community's planning priorities are.

Everyone who lives and/or works in Stapleford or Great Shelford is eligible to respond.

Join the conversation | Complete the survey

Find out more, visit

<https://www.greatshelfordparishcouncil.gov.uk/SGSNPlan/>



Newsletter and What's On

The Family Worker Newsletter can be found [here](#) and What's on for the Children's Centres in Cambridge can be found [here](#).



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