

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY SCHOOL 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. It is certainly starting to feel more autumnal now, after the bonus warm weeks at the beginning of this term!

Thank you very much to all the Year 3 pupils and adults for their wonderful service on Tuesday at St. Mary's. It was wonderful to gather together and give thanks for the food we are able to enjoy. Meanwhile, it was an opportune moment to share invitational prayers for those currently struggling to access enough food.

A huge thanks also goes to the St. Mary's team for hosting our service and to Rev. Julie for her involvement in the service.

During Harvest 2023, we have been supporting Jimmy's, Cambridge. All the food donations have been collected and safely delivered to Jimmy's. Thank you to Polly Stanton (Foundation Governor) for helping with this. Our [Just Giving Page](#) remains open for any donations to Jimmy's.

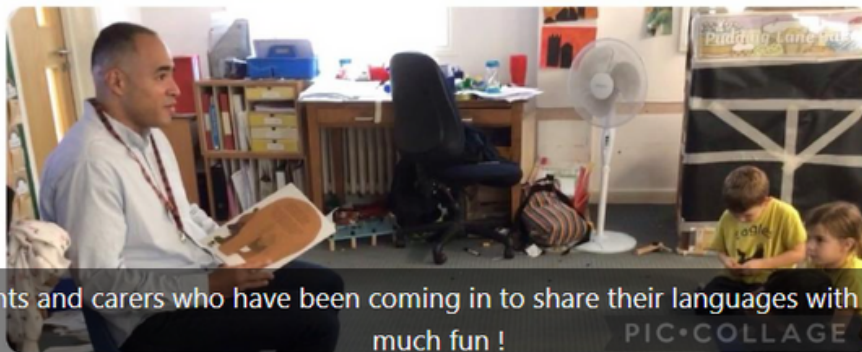
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Curriculum Thread - Identity

Year 2 have been welcoming family members into the class to share aspects of the different languages spoken in our community.

Thank you so much to the visitors, who shared stories and snippets of languages from across the world for us to explore!



Thank you so much to parents and carers who have been coming in to share their languages with the children. We have had so much fun !

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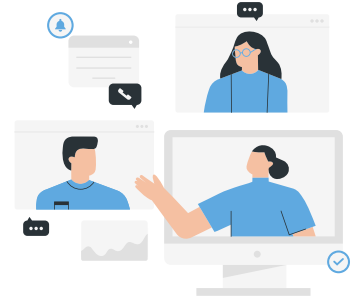
Identity

As you'll know, we hold an International Schools Award and we always look for opportunities to enable our children to develop an awareness of their place in a global community.



Parents' Consultations

As per the **Key Dates**, Parents' Consultations will take place online via School Cloud during the week commencing 16th October. **Bookings close on Sunday evening.**



Dressing up Items

Alongside our continued development of learning through play, we are looking to increase the opportunities for our Year 2 learning through play provision. Miss Palmer would welcome any donations of dressing up items for Year 2 pupils.

DLD Day 2023

We have several pupils at school diagnosed with **Developmental Language Disorder**. One pupil has written to me this week to request that we mark DLD Day 2023. This takes place on **Friday 20th October**.

Pupils are invited to dress in **non-uniform, with the main colours of purple and yellow on Friday 20th October** to mark the day. This international event is organised by RADLD (Raising Awareness of Developmental Language Disorder).

The charity is not set up on Just Giving, so we cannot set up a school funding page. However, families can find out how to donate to the charity [here](#).

RADLD

RAISING
AWARENESS OF
DEVELOPMENTAL
LANGUAGE DISORDER

DLD Day 2023 - 20th October

**TWO CHILDREN
IN THE
AVERAGE
CLASSROOM
HAVE DLD**



**#ThinkLanguage
#ThinkDLD**

**1 IN 14
PEOPLE
HAVE A
HIDDEN
CONDITION
CALLED DLD**



**#ThinkLanguage
#ThinkDLD**

**DLD AFFECTS
PEOPLE
FROM
AROUND THE
WORLD
REGARDLESS
OF AGE,
GENDER OR
ETHNICITY**



**#ThinkLanguage
#ThinkDLD**

**PEOPLE WITH DLD HAVE DIFFICULTIES
WITH TALKING AND UNDERSTANDING**



**#ThinkLanguage
#ThinkDLD**

Message from Chair of Governors

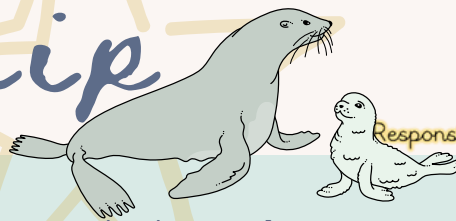
At the end of September, the Governors met for the first Full Board meeting of the term. I am pleased to share with you that I have been re-elected to serve as Chair, Polly Stanton continues as Treasurer, and we welcome Douglas Leckie into the Vice Chair role for the coming year. We have a number of new governors on the Board this term, and information about us can be found on the school website in the 'governors' section. Our latest approved minutes (July) can also be found there.

At this first meeting of the year, we set priorities for development, ensure that our schedule for accountability and visits is set up and look ahead to what learning we need to do as a board. We were grateful to Mrs Pickard who came to share with us the school's therapeutic approach to behaviour and we look forward to seeing that increasingly embedded and successful within school.

It was great to be able to speak to many of you at the Meet the Teacher evening last month and share a little about school governance. Please do get in touch if you have any queries about our work, or if you would be interested in more information about the (paid!) role of Clerk to the Governors.

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Chair of Governors
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Celebration Warship



Kindness

The Celia Award was awarded to **Theo B-C, Charles A** and **Rupert R** for spotting the kind actions of others in their class.

Meanwhile, **Elena d-L** was noticed for her kindness in helping other children to be their best selves - spotting times where she could help others resolve a difficulty.



Creativity

This week, **Daniel A-C, Avanthika VK** and **Rosie F** were all noticed for how they applied creativity in a variety of ways in their learning. From amazing ideas in writing to science experiments at home!



Resilience

Several children across the school achieved their '**5 miles**' award for the Shelford Mile. Meanwhile, we heard about the resilience shown by the team that represented the school at the **Tag Rugby Tournament**. These children also acted as brilliant ambassadors for the school. As such, they received their '**Shelford Blue**'.



Responsibility

We appointed our Year 6 **House Prefects** to their new role of responsibility, celebrating their achievement of attaining the role.

Meanwhile, **Eddie H** and **Lyra N** received Headteacher's Awards for their responsibility in school. We also heard that **Year 6** achieved 'Dinner Winner' for their responsibility at lunchtimes. **Year 2** received the Eco Award this week.



Housepoints for our Shelford Star Values

*This week's winning house is domus inspiratorum - the house of inspiration:
The Eagles*

