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# 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. In Collective Worship this week and last week, we have been exploring Bishop Stephen's challenge, 'Brave Believers'. We have been looking at the light and hope amongst darkness that others have inspired - for example - Captain Sir Tom Moore.

- Netball Tournament - Y5/Y6
- Y2 Dance Competition Entry
- Staff Updates
- Governor Report
- PTA Announcements
- Celebration Worship
- Rainbow Preschool

Last Week our Y6 and Y5 netball team took part in a tournament amongst 20 other teams.

We were delighted to report that they demonstrated great sportspersonship and determination. Additionally, we are very impressed to learn that they came in at 4th place out of the 20 teams!



Continuing the sport theme, our Y2s have entered the Dance Competition. This is a rather energetic performance to 'Celebrate Good Times'! You can view the performance by clicking the image (*below*)



## Staff Updates

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We currently have two opportunities to join the wonderful Shelford Team.

Firstly, we have the opportunity to join the Shelford Staff Team as Breakfast Club Leader. Further details can be found [here](#).

Secondly, we have an opportunity to join the work of the Governing Board through our Clerk to the Governors vacancy. You can find details [here](#).

Mrs. Cusano - one of our Teaching Assistants - will be leaving us at the end of this term. We are very pleased to announce that she has secured a role in another setting as Early Years Inclusion Manager. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs. Cusano in her new appointment.

# Report from Governors

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The fourth full Board meeting of the year took place last week and we were really pleased to share information about visits we have made into school again, after many terms of being unable to do so. Peter Ede and Liz Jenkin reported that it had been wonderful to learn more about the curriculum implementation across the school in Science and English. Liz had also met with Mrs Paterson around the SEND provision in school who we would like to thank for her incredible work with pupils during her time at Shelford. We wish her all the best as she moves on to new things but are confident that an effective handover is taking place with our new SENDCo Mrs Robertson.

Liz presented a third report outlining her regular Safeguarding monitoring, which is an essential part of keeping children safe and I had also met with Mrs Alderson about wellbeing provision for pupils and staff as this is a key part of the school's vision, and we jointly reported this back to governors.

At this time of year, governance work also involves work with the County admissions team, and work with the school to set the budget for the next year. We are involved with health and safety visits, recruitment and as always, ensuring the school is working for the very best outcomes for the pupils.

We would like to offer a huge thank you to the staff and pupils, who consistently make us very welcome when we visit and keep us excellently informed. However we suspect there was more enthusiasm for a different group of visitors recently ... but I don't think we can compete with the PAT dogs!

Anna Caroe  
Chair of Governors

# PTA Announcements

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## Shelford School Tea Towels

The PTA will be selling tea towels with the self portraits of all of the children in the school for £5. A perfect addition to your kitchen or as a gift for family members.

More details to follow next week about when you will be able to purchase them.



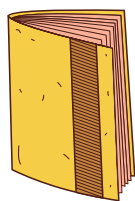
## PTA Readathon Challenge – is back!

We are asking the children to set themselves a reading challenge over the Easter holidays. Whilst helping the children to develop a love of reading, the children can help raise vital funds for the school.

The Readathon isn't intended as a competition to see who can race through as many books as they can. Your child may prefer to be sponsored per number of pages/chapters instead, or for the time spent reading each day. Why not challenge your child to read in a different place every day such as on the trampoline or in the dark with a torch? We would love to share photos of children reading in the school newsletter next term, so do send in any photos via the school office email if you wish.

Please see the form below for the children to use to collect sponsorship. Please pay total sponsorship money raised directly into the PTA fund (Account name: Shelford School PTA, Sort code: 30-91-74 and Account No: 01248038) with 'Readathon' as the reference.

**Happy Reading!**



# Readathon

## Gt and Lt Shelford Primary School Readathon Challenge 2022



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I am raising money for Shelford school by taking part in a Readathon over the Easter holidays.

Between 2<sup>nd</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> April, my goal is to read \_\_\_\_ books/chapters OR read for \_\_\_\_ minutes per day.

Name of sponsor	Address	Amount pledged (per book/minute or flat rate)	Total due	Collected Yes/No

I read \_\_\_\_ books and raised a total of £ \_\_\_\_ for Shelford school.

I read for \_\_\_\_ minutes and raised a total of £ \_\_\_\_ for Shelford school.

Please transfer total sponsorship money directly into PTA account: Shelford School PTA, Sort code: 30-91-74 and Account number: 01248038. Please write 'Readathon' as the reference.

Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared our song relating to Positive Choices.

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

**Digital Leader Poster Competition** - EYFS & KS1 Winner - **Elliot R**; KS2 Winner - **Erica S**. Each winner received an Easter Egg and each child that entered received 2 housepoints.

**Netball Competition** - Annie S, Eleanor H-W, Gwen D, Teddy P, Eddie C, Erica S, Evie B-E shared news from their recent Netball Competition (as above)

**Celia** - Pupil Acts of Kindness - **Florence D** and **Florence O** for kindness, compassion and consideration to other pupils.

**Cyril** - Staff Acts of Kindness - **Mrs. Page** - for working hard to ensure the children in the school get the right support - including walking all the way home to retrieve her Forest School kit!

**Silver Bins:** Y1 & Y5

**Dinner Winner:** Y3

Wonderful Walkers: Y2

Shelford Mile:

Gold - 50 miles!

- Hannah B
- Lily M-J

Star Writer:

Dylan P - for your fantastic story. 'Lost Tigy' - with careful planning, use of phonics and full stops.

Headteacher Awards:

- Hatty L - for a positive attitude to learning, especially enthusiasm during Science Week when designing an animal that could live on Mars.
- Oscar S - for thoughtful and enthusiastic contributions to class discussions during Science Week.
- Amber K - for being an Exploring Elephant throughout Science Week - with the aim for all activities especially watching the ball game

# Rainbow Preschool

## Rainbow Pre-school

Shelford

A community pre-school for 2 to 4 year olds



## OPEN DAY

Saturday 26 March 2022 | 10:00 to 12:00

Rainbow's experienced and caring staff strive to get each child's early years education off to the best start by encouraging learning through play.

Contact us at: The Rainbow Room, Great and Little Shelford Primary, Church Street  
Great Shelford, CB22 5EL

T: 07985 216603

Charity number 1036946

E: [admin@rainbowshelford.co.uk](mailto:admin@rainbowshelford.co.uk)

Ofsted URN 221758

**Rainbow Pre-school**  
[www.rainbowshelford.co.uk](http://www.rainbowshelford.co.uk)

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a morning of family fun!  
The Pavilion, Great Shelford Recreation Ground

## Sunday 27 March

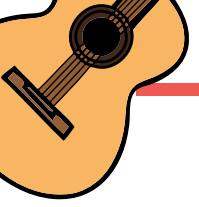
From 09:30am | last entries 11:00am  
£4 per child | £3 per sibling

Complete the hunt to receive a chocolate egg

Special appearance: The Easter Bunny

**Pop-up café:**  
cakes &  
drinks

All proceeds to Rainbow Pre-school - registered charity 1036946



# Announcements



## Virtual Instrumentalists Concert

We are holding our usual annual Spring Term Instrumentalists Concert virtually this year. Our Music Teachers are working very hard with instrumentalists to record performances. Once completed, we will share the virtual concert with you.

### Home Learning

Please be aware that pupils who test positive with Covid are entitled to home learning materials. Pupils ill with other illness or electing to isolate are not entitled to home learning materials. However, we may be able to signpost resources.

### Cambridge Festival



Simon Watt, biologist and stand-up comedian will be hosting 'The Ugly Animal Preservation Society' about the animal kingdom's most monstrous and what makes them amazing. Book [here!](#)

In 'Covid for Kids', an interactive show for ages 7 upwards, we follow Corry the Coronavirus around the world causing chaos and misery until she is brought under control by a team of Super Scientists. Presented by Professor Tom Solomon, the Director of the UK's Emerging Infections Research Unit at the University of Liverpool, book [here!](#)

Ginny Smith helps you make the most of your memory with quizzes and games in 'Mastering Memory' and explains why we can't always trust what we remember. Book [here!](#)

Hands-on and drop in activities for children and families will be across central Cambridge locations on the 2/3 April. To see the full list of events, both online and in-person please click [here!](#)