

THE SHELFORD STAR

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

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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,

We hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. Today we have been delighted to mark Candlemas with our [service led by Year 2.](#)

- Candlemas Service
- Chinese New Year
- Eco Committee
- Coming up soon...
- Celebration Worship
- PTA Quiz
- Rainbow Preschool
- Announcements

Thank you to our Year 2 children and the Year 2 team for their hard work in preparing and leading the service. Thank you also to St. Mary's for their kind use of the church.

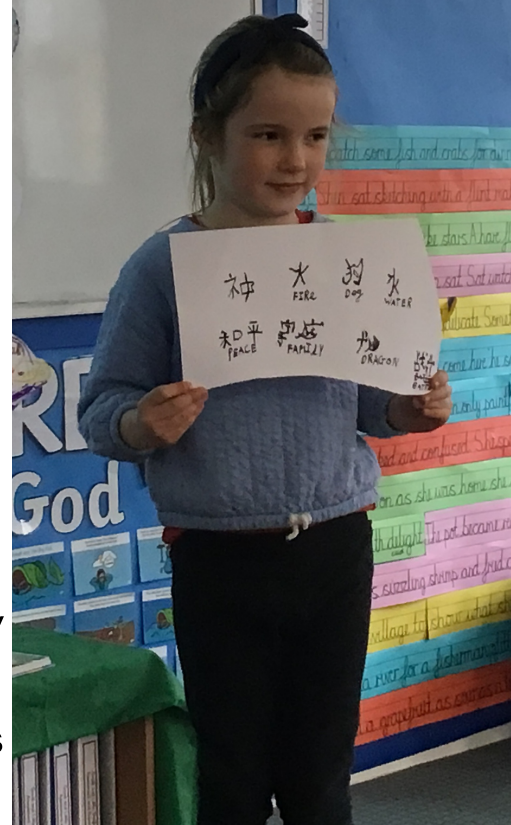


Chinese New Year

Yesterday, we marked the start of the Chinese New Year. This links to Year 2's topic of China. All children were invited to share a special Chinese-themed alteration to the menu, including fortune cookies for every child. Year 2 ensured the room was suitably decorated - they made red lanterns, which Miss Smith kindly hung up for us to all enjoy. One pupil also created a beautiful dragon head - inspired by the dragons used in the traditional dragon dances. This also took pride of place in the hall for lunch!

Year 2 shared some amazing home activities relating to Chinese New Year - from Chinese stamps to learning how to write and speak in Mandarin there were some great examples of extending learning beyond school. I was particularly tempted by the variety of Chinese food that the children had been sampling at home, along with a beautiful book by one pupil that they had filled with their own facts about China.

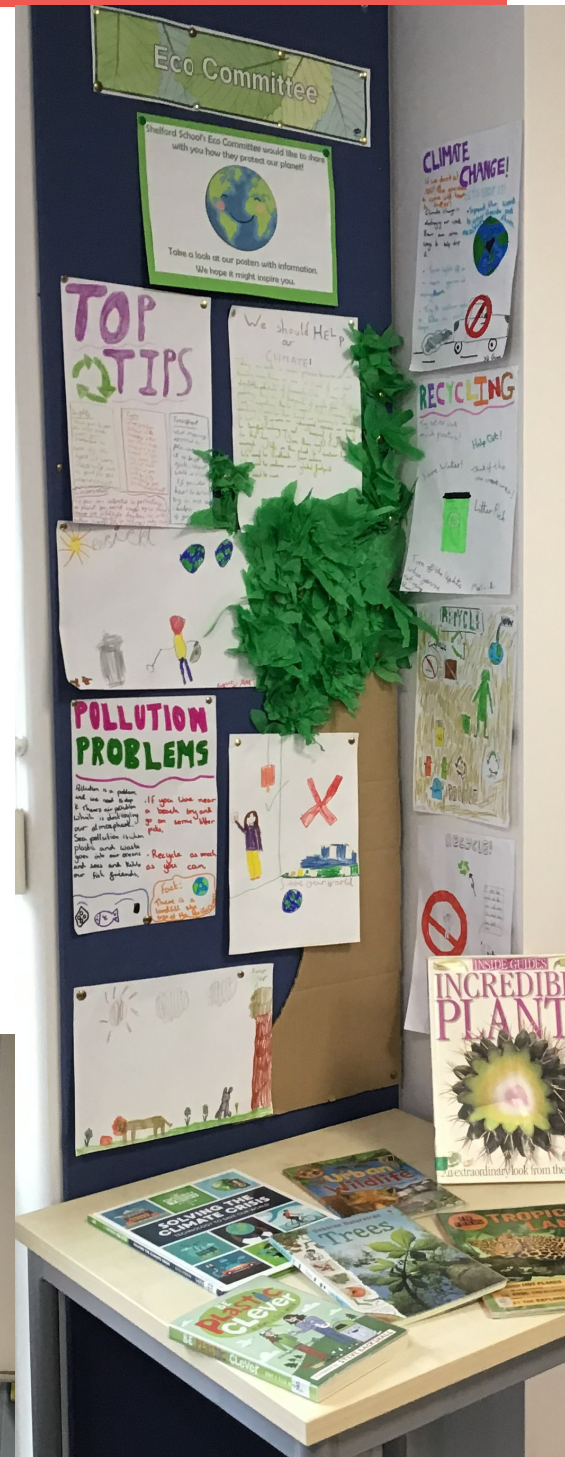
In the afternoon, Alina - one of our catering team - brought two traditional Chinese instruments to play for Year 2. She shared both traditional Chinese songs - such as a congratulations song - and songs familiar to the children. It was a joy to hear the children singing in Mandarin and see their fascination and awe in hearing the instruments being played so skilfully. Thank you Alina!



Eco Committee

Eco Committee have been very active recently.

They have met several times to work on a project within the library. Today, they visited the library with Mrs. Alderson to place their display relating to how they protect our planet.



Coming up soon...

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 8th February, we will be marking Safer Internet Day 2022. Our Digital Pupil Leaders will be visiting classes to share a special class talk on online safety. This also ties in with our current PSHE work on Digital Lifestyles.



World Book Day and Book Week

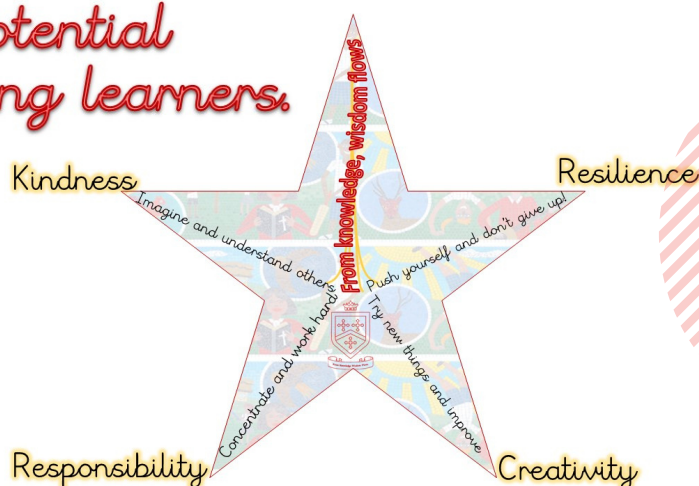
To mark the 25th year of World Book Day, we are aiming to hold week-long celebrations during the week commencing 28th February, sharing our love of reading! Further details will follow soon, with World Book Day itself falling on Thursday 3rd March.



Positive Choices Week

Following half term, during the week commencing 21st February, we will be holding a whole-school week-long focus on behaviour, focusing on making positive behaviour choices. This will be underpinned by our school vision and the Shelford Star Values. We will be linking this into how to show the best version of ourselves; reconciliation and how small acts of kindness can have a much bigger impact. We will be holding daily collective worship sessions focusing on a different theme relating to behaviour and these will culminate in reformulating our whole school

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Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared a [reflection on small acts of kindness.](#)

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

Leader: We live and work in harmony

Response: With love for one another

Celia - Pupil Acts of Kindness - Tomas B and Amanda B

Cyril - Staff Acts of Kindness - Mrs. Weston

Silver Bins: Y1 & Y6

Dinner Winner: None this week

Wonderful Walkers: None this week

Shelford Mile:

5 miles - Y3 - Charlotte C

Silver

Y1 - Alex, Molly, Dylan, Lana

Y2 - Lucas, Sebastian, James, Eliza, Rose, Elliot, Aaron, Zaire

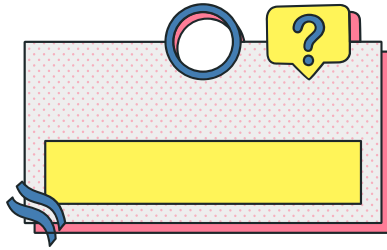
Headteacher Awards:

- **Alex S** - for sharing lots of super ideas on the carpet! You have been engaging and responding well to stories and traditions. You always have something valuable to say!
- **Matylda P** - for building your confidence in both phonics and reading! You have focused hard during phonics time. You have also been really keen to read with your teachers recently.
- **Luke W** - for being a role model to others in the way you approach your learning and all aspects of school life. You consistently work hard with determination and focus and can be relied upon to make mature and thoughtful contributions in class. Thank you for setting an excellent example and for being such an asset to Year 4, Luke.

This week's winning house is - domus venerantium - the house of respect - The Stags

PTA Quiz

Whilst we've decided to run the 2022 quiz via Zoom again, this year you can decide whether you'd like to get your team together in person, and call in from one venue. Or have your team members all join from the comfort of their own homes! Maximum of 8 in a team and please see the details below -



Saturday 5th March 2022
8.30PM

£10 per person

Refreshment pack included - beer/G&T/non alcoholic and snack (please mention allergies or dietary requirements)

£5 for pack of 5 hints

£5 for wildcards (double points for the round, only 2 available to each team)

Raffle tickets available on the night - details of prizes will be announced ahead of the quiz.

Each team will need a team leader who is responsible for signing up their team, making a payment for the whole team to the PTA account and distributing their team's refreshments.

Please organise your teams and send the following details in a classlist message by 16th February to Ellie Rugg-Gunn to sign a team up -

- Team Leader name and address to send refreshment packs
- Team name
- Names of participants
- Number of refreshment packs, specifying which drink and any allergies
- Whether the team intend to participate from one venue together or virtually (so we can have the virtual break out rooms organised in advance - if this changes, we can make amendments closer to the time)
- Hint pack and/or wildcard pack included
- Amount to be transferred to PTA account from team, details below-

Account name: Shelford School PTA

Sort code: 30-91-74

Account No. 01248038

Rainbow Pre-School

Rainbow Pre-school presents

POLAR WALK

12th - 20th February

Follow the map to fact-find your way around the village, learning about the animals from the polar regions. Look out for the wild animals on display too!

Map and question sheet - £5 per family

Support this event by finding answers (prizes to be won) or by displaying a polar animal of your own!

To join the fun please contact
committee@rainbowshelford.co.uk

Rainbow Pre-school

Shelford

A community pre-school for 2 to 4 year olds



Rainbow Pre-school are looking for a part-time **Practitioner** to join our term-time only team.

Essential criteria:

- Previous experience of working with young children.
- Experience in acting as a key person to a small group of children.
- An understanding of play-based approaches to children's learning and development.
- Knowledge of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- Willingness to learn and undertake further training.

Desirable Criteria:

- Level 2 early years education and childcare qualification or equivalent.
- Current First Aid at Work qualification.

For a copy of the job description and application form, please go to:

<http://rainbowshelford.co.uk/vacancies/>

Or email us at admin@rainbowshelford.co.uk

To find out more about Rainbow Pre-school, please visit our website
www.rainbowshelford.co.uk

Closing date for Applications: Friday 25th February

Announcements



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Monday 14th - Sunday 20th February

Intensive Swimming Lessons

Monday - Friday
09.00-09.30am Tadpoles
09.30-10.00am Tadpoles
10.00-10.30am Frogs
10.30-11.00am Frogs
11.00-11.30am Penguins
£30.00 for 5 days

Public Swim

Monday - Friday
11.30-12.30
£2.50 Children
£3.50 Adults

Trampolining

Wednesday
1.00-2.00pm
£5.00 for children aged 5+

Bubble Swims

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
12.30-1.30pm
£20.00 for a family of up to 6 people

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EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS!

Join us for our **Easter Holiday Camps!** They run from 10am to 3pm and are open to all children aged 5-11 years.

We provide all the fun stuff, just bring a packed lunch and clothes that you don't mind getting messy. Places are strictly limited & early booking is recommended.

£35
PER CHILD

SIBLING
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EASTER EGG - STRAVAGANZA!

A whole heap of Easter-themed Fab Science fun! Find out about 'magic' seagull eggs, see the weight of air make them plop into a bottle, make eggs fly but try not to break them! There will be challenges and lots of interesting egg-sperimenting!



WEDNESDAY 6TH APRIL

Bishop's Stortford - Windhill21 School

THURSDAY 7TH APRIL

Hertford - St Joseph's in the Park Prep School

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

Saffron Walden - R A Butler School

MONDAY 11TH APRIL

Cambridge - Queen Edith School

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL

St Albans - Garden Fields School

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