

Kindness

Resilience

# 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*

Responsibility

Creativity

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Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community, I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme is around nature. As you probably know, we need no additional encouragement to get out of doors at Shelford, taking our learning outside as often as possible.

### NEWSLETTER IN 30 SECONDS

- Mental Health Awareness Week
- Staff updates
- Internationalism
- School Council
- Celebration
- Worship
- Announcements



Connecting with nature



Mental Health Awareness Week  
10-16 May 2021



*Did you know...*

*we have a page dedicated to Mental Health and Wellbeing on our website [here](#)?  
we have a page dedicated to supporting pupils' emotions due to Covid-19 [here](#)?  
we have one target each year on our School Development Plan linked to Wellbeing?*

It has been wonderful to see the continued connection with nature at school this week: from cloud-bathing (above) to pond dipping and Forest School! As you will know, wellbeing has been a significant priority of the school for a number of years. We know that connecting with nature promotes wellbeing and is a fundamental part of our rationale for prioritising Forest School and outdoor learning.

## TA Job Vacancy

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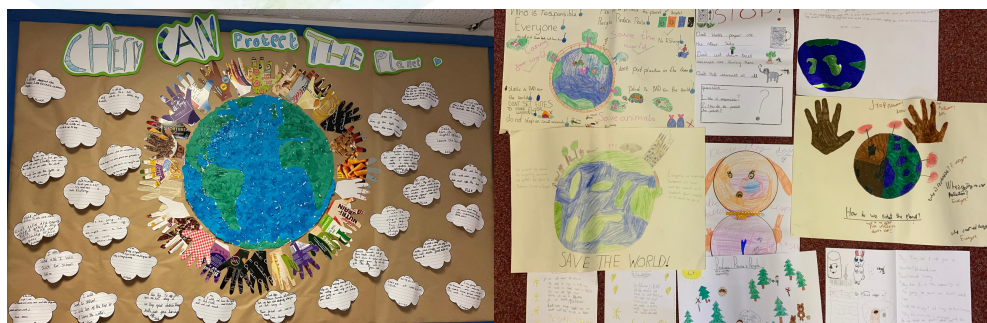
Last week, we shared details of a job advert relating to roles at the school regarding supporting an individual pupil with their medical needs. You can see details relating to the opportunities to work at the school [here](#).

## International Schools Award

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Mrs. Unwin is currently in the process of leading our re-accreditation for our International Schools Award.

Throughout the school a great variety of projects is taking place to continue to underpin our international work. You may recall that one such project was a competition led by School Council. We received entries from Morocco, France, Wales and England. You can see the entries [here](#). A panel made up of our School Councillors will complete the final judging process!



## School Council

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We were delighted to hold our first School Council meeting with our 2021 School Councillors. Our 2020 School Councillors handed over their roles and we held an induction meeting to settle our new School Councillors into their roles. Mrs. Carrothers continues to attend as our Governor Representative. The PTA Representative role is currently on a rota and we were pleased to welcome Mrs. Sidders to this week's meeting. We shared a new outdoor project together - pupils are seeking feedback from their classes regarding ideas for developing a new outdoor zone.

# CELEBRATION WORSHIP

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 7TH MAY 2021

As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared one of our founding scripture passages linked to forgiveness: '**Be kind to one another; tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**' This links to our Monday focus on reconciliation, where we have been recently exploring the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

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

**Cyril - Mr. Cuff** - for going above and beyond in supporting another colleague in the school.

**Pen Licences: Jessie G, Rosie W, Astrid M**

**Shelford Mile:**

**Silver - 25 miles - Joey K, Lelaini C, Lily M-J**

**Silver Bins:**

- Year 2 (second week running)
- Year 4 (second week running)

**Dinner Winner:**

- Year 1

**Star Writers:**

- **Magnus M** - for excellent progress and effort in writing around Sicily - including a great range of vocabulary, sentence structures and super handwriting.

**Headteacher Awards:**

- **Annie S and Simone Q** - for superb determination and commitment to learning in taking their dialogue rehearsal beyond their class-based time into their own time.
- **Filip B** - for hard work across all subjects - especially perseverance in maths challenges.

**Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus praestantium - the house of excellence - The Owls**

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

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## YEAR 3 FRENCH DAY

Year 3 will be holding a French Day next week. The day will include a variety of opportunities across the curriculum and will continue to strengthen links with our partner school in Verneuil-en-Halatte. Additionally, pupils have been preparing some French songs and word has reached me about the tempting gourmet items on offer!

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## BOOK FAIR

We will be holding our annual book fair during the week commencing 24th May. Families will have received separate details on how to order. Ordering through the book fair supports the school's access to reading materials, meaning that every book purchased contributes directly towards reading resources at the school.

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## CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taking place on Tuesday 8th June. There will be no PE on this day to enable all pupils to wear school uniform for their photos.

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## SWIMMING

As many of you will know, we normally hold swimming lessons in the second half of the summer term. We are hopeful that a replacement boiler will be installed in time. We will write to you with further information if we are able to run sessions this year.

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## SOUTH CAMBS SPORTS CAMPS

A variety of sports camps are being run by South Cambs and details can be found [here](#).