

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 30 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

This week, we have heard that the government plan to ease the restrictions in place in society. At present, there are no plans for schools to change their procedures prior to the end of the summer term. We will write to you if there are further changes. This means, we continue to expect adults moving about site to wear face coverings, including at drop off and pick up times.

- Continuation of Protective Measures
- Sports Day
- International Day
- Spotlight on Y6
- PTA Events
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements

At present, we are aware of an alarming number of pupils in local schools - including our Sawston cluster - that are either testing positive for Covid-19 or isolating due to contact. There are some schools in Cambridge where all but two classes have returned to home learning. Please help us avoid this by working together. We wish for all of our children and families to experience a wonderful end to the summer term and a smooth start to the summer holidays. Therefore, please continue to exercise caution and follow the isolation and testing guidance.

Sports Day

Sports Day took place on Friday 2nd July and the weather was firmly on our side this time!

Children enjoyed a great variety of activities in the morning:

- hurdles;
- shuttle run;
- standing long jump;
- shotput;
- javelin.



All the points were counted up by Miss Beck during her lunchtime to reveal which house had won! We gave her a big round of applause for arranging and leading such a wonderful day!

In the afternoon, pupils from Key Stage 2 took part in the traditional Dash Races. You can see a video of the Dash Races and reveal of the winning house to pupils [here](#).

We are finalising the snapshots of the three morning sessions and will also post the on the school [vlog](#) when complete.



International Day

International Day took place on Thursday 1st July. Each Class focused on one country. You can see that Year 1 and Year 2 are brandishing their passports with the hope to fly off to their destination for the day.



Pupils explored a variety of activities in their classes linked to their class' country.



Additionally, we were delighted to enable each class to take part in a dance workshop, exploring traditional dance from their destination!



Thank you to those of you who were able to complete our International Activity surveys!

Spotlight on Year 6!

As you will be aware, our Year 6s are approaching their last few days with us at Shelford.

Recently, they have been rehearsing, preparing and performing a version of *The Tempest*. As usual, they have dazzled us with their wonderful performing skills and we look forward to sharing the recording. Meanwhile, the rest of the school have also been involved in creating some wonderful artwork to represent scenes of the play. We will share photos of these next week.

We have been privileged to see our Year 6s flourish in every aspect of their development - academic, social and beyond! We are very proud of the wonderful well-rounded young people they have become. Looking at one part of their development, we wanted to share their wonderful outcomes from their time at Shelford. As you will be aware, the usual statutory assessments were not administered this year. However, our wonderful Year 6s completed a previous paper and I am pleased to share their successes below:

Achieving Expected or Above:

Reading - 97%

Maths - 84%

Grammar and Spelling - 87%

Achieving 'Greater Depth':

Reading - 81%

Maths - 19%

Grammar and Spelling - 31%

Congratulations to our wonderful children and heartfelt thanks to the families and staff for their exceptional support during their time at Shelford.

On Monday, I was delighted to be able to draw the hamper raffles with Mrs. Sidders - who kindly organised the event.

The Raffle Winners are:

Green Hamper - Bev Cornaby

Blue Hamper - Liz Jenkins

Yellow Hamper - Natasha Woodbine

Gold & Silver Hamper - Laura Whitworth

Brown Hamper - Charlotte Smith

Red Hamper - Rachel Bennett

White Hamper - Holly Gregory

Clip n Climb tickets - Laura Humphreys



Thanks to everyone who donated items and bought raffle tickets, and also to Clip n Climb for giving us a lovely extra prize. The raffle has raised over £900 for the school.

PTA Virtual Camp Out 2021

The forecast is looking ideal for our camp out on Friday 16th July. If you'd like to take part, you can camp in your garden, build a den inside or take your camp out packs away with you later in the summer!

Camp out packs can be ordered by messaging Ellie Rugg Gunn on Classlist.

Kids packs: hot chocolate, marshmallow, and a breakfast pastry for £5

Adult packs: G&T or a beer, snack and breakfast pastry for £10

This year we also have some limited edition metal water bottles, which will be engraved with the Shelford Camp Out logo. These are £13 each. Your orders will be delivered to your door before the evening of the camp out. This is the last PTA event of the year, and we'd love as many people as possible to join in.

Finally - thank you so much to members of the community who have donated via our [Just Giving page](#). £1,620 has already been raised and will make a huge difference to the extras for children in school. Thank you for all your support with fundraising for the school in 2020/2021, we hope to be able to bring back some in person events after September!

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared Baba Yetu, linking to Monday and Wednesday's weekly focus on prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Cyril:

Mrs. Murray :This person has worked incredibly hard this week in coming in on days they don't normally work and in going above and beyond to support one particular class. They have picked up extra things they don't normally do and all with a smile and lots of positive energy.

- **Silver Bins:** Year 2; Year 4
- **Dinner Winner:** Year 5
- **Wonderful Walkers:** Year 1
- **Shelford Mile:** Bronze - Henry H, Alex D Silver - Hannah B, Austin C, Rosie F, Georgia M, Henry R, Zaire S, Elliot M

Headteacher Awards:

- Amelie A - for fantastic enthusiasm during International Day - from food tasting to Flamenco dancing, you were a real 'Go for it gorilla'!
- Evelyn A - for amazing enthusiasm on International Day, enjoying all the activities but particularly the dance workshop, where you thanked your teacher for arranging the session.
- Luke W - for a wonderful presentation about Greece for Y3's International Day. You were the resident expert and shared many facts, along with a thoughtful gift of chocolate wafers for your class.
- Jacob M - for concerted effort in writing, persuading the Prime Minister to allow Ahment to be reunited with his family. (Linked to the text, The Boy at the Back of the Class)
- Amanda B - for impeccable manners, treating everyone with respect and kindness.
- Milo M - for always working hard, tackling tasks with enthusiasm, focus and care.
- Alan G - for a wonderful design and outstanding contributions to Y5s recent DT bridge project.
- Eddie C, Humphrey W and Sebastian S - all for their consistently outstanding contributions to the class, acting as great role models to others in helping others.
- Gwendolen D and Maxson C - both for their caring, kind and supportive approach in helping a younger member of the school community.
- Year 5 - for excellent behaviour and maturity in how they demonstrated responsibility and waiting patiently.

Sports Day: 6th - Stags; Joint 4th - Swans and Otters; 3rd - Owls; 2nd - Eagles; 1st - Red Squirrels

Dash Results:

Y3 Girls: 3rd: Jessica H; 2nd: Florence O-C; 1st: Olivia P

Y3 Boys: 3rd: Matias B; 2nd: Barnes H; 1st: Max M

Y4 Girls: 3rd: Ruby S; 2nd: Annie S; 1st: Lottie S

Y4 Boys: 3rd: Harley S; 2nd: Rowan A; 1st: Gus M

Y5 Girls: 3rd: Evie B-E; 2nd: Gwendolen D; 1st: Eleanor H-W

Y5 Boys: 3rd: Flynn D; 2nd: Teddy P; 1st: Maxson C

Y6 Girls: 3rd: Jessica P; 2nd: Caitlin B; 1st: Rosie W

You can view the Dash Races [here](#).

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus aequorum - the house of equality- the Otters

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

LITTLE SHELFORD CRICKET CLUB

Little Shelford Cricket Club is starting softball cricket for 6-10-year-old girls and boys on the Wale Recreation Ground from this coming Saturday 3rd July and every Saturday through July and August. Children would be welcome in this age group from the Shelfords or beyond. Neil Orpwood, Little Shelford Resident and Cricket Coach will lead the effort with another parent and our Junior Section Coaches. [Further details are here!](#)

COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember to inform us if you have changes to your children's usual collection - for example another parent at the school. In-line with safeguarding procedures, we need to know that pupils are being collected as arranged by parents.

READY OR NOT STUDY

The University of Cambridge and the University of Birmingham are undertaking research into school readiness. The project aims to understand the viewpoints of children, parents and teachers on children's wellbeing and success at school. Please do take part at www.readyornotstudy.uk

CAMBRIDGE CONSTABULARY

This month's Safer Schools newsletter can be found [here](#) on our website.

