

# 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. This week and the coming weeks there are many exciting events and opportunities for pupils in (and out of) school.

- Y6 visit to Genome Campus
- Letters to Morocco
- Book Exchange
- Meet the Teacher
- Key Dates
- PE Uniform and House T-Shirts
- PTA AGM
- Celebration Worship

On Tuesday, pupils in Year 6 visited the Wellcome Trust at the Genome Campus. The focus of the visit looked at micro-organisms and included great links to our half-termly curriculum thread of **identity**.

Pupils enjoyed an informative talk about micro-organisms, before learning about the features of bacteria and creating their own giant paper versions! Each bacteria had specific features relating to its shape, walls, number, flagella location and special features!

Towards the end of their visit, pupils went to the Discovery Zone and were able to explore further hands-on activities, along with experiencing the amazing surprise feature moving wall!

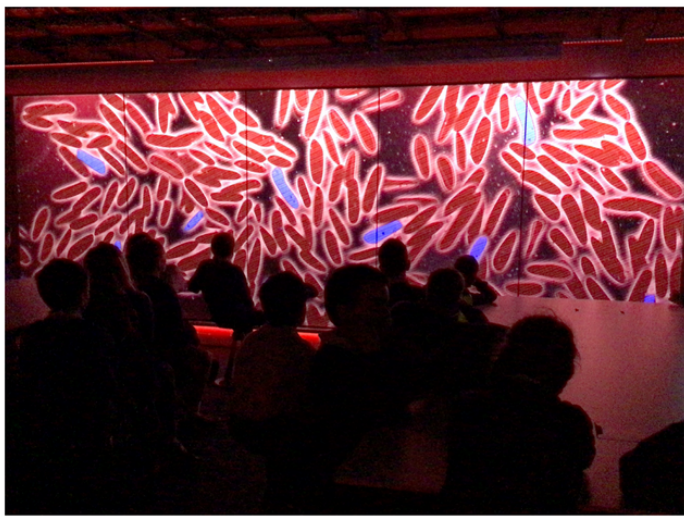
# Curriculum Thread - Identity

Year 6's visit to the Wellcome Trust - Genome Campus:



**Build a Bacterium**

Feature	Gene Card
Bacterium shape (choose a blue card)	<b>Bacterium shape: Sphere</b> Draw a circle shape
Bacterium cell wall (choose a purple card)	<b>Bacterium cell wall: Gram negative</b> Don't add a border to your bacterium
How many bacteria? (choose an orange card)	<b>How many bacteria? Chain of 3</b> Make three of your bacteria (or add any number)
Flagella location (choose a green card)	<b>Flagella location: At two ends</b> Add some pieces of string to both ends of your bacterium
Special Features (choose two pink cards)	<b>Special Feature: Immunity evader protein</b> Add  to your bacteria
	<b>Special Feature: Toxin release</b> Add  to your bacteria

A completed bacterial model is shown on the right. It consists of a central yellow circle with purple and red dots, surrounded by a purple circle, a pink circle, and another yellow circle. The model has several colorful string-like structures (flagella) extending from the top and bottom.



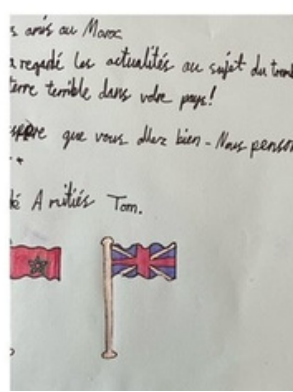
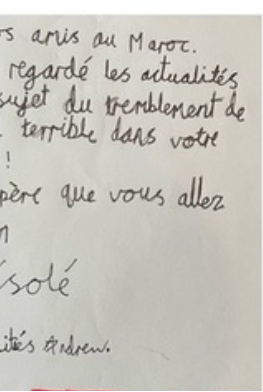
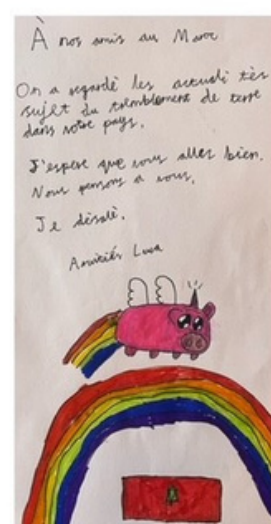
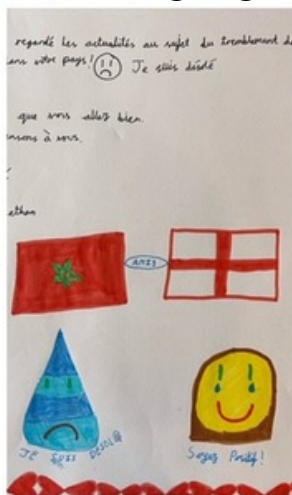
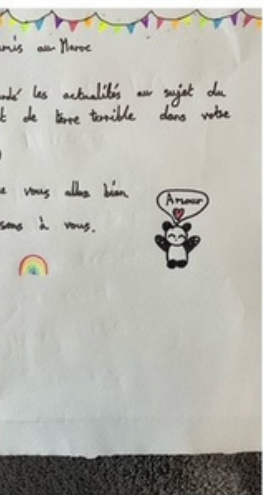
# Meet the Teacher Presentations

The presentations from the Meet the Teacher are being populated [here](#) and will all be available shortly.

## Letters to Morocco

In a previous newsletter, we shared with you an update from our partner school in Morocco following the earthquake that struck near them.

Pupils in Year 6 have written letters to their pen pals, applying their French and passing on the best wishes of our school community to them at this challenging time.



# Key Dates Summary

A helpful summary of the key dates for this academic year can be found [here](#). We also have these on our [website calendar](#).

## Book Exchange - coming soon!

Soon, there will be a small school community book exchange just outside the office area for all to use. Please consider bringing in gently-used books to swap for new reads. This is primarily aimed at adults in our school community. Any gently-used children's books will always be gratefully received for class book corners.

Mrs. Alderson  
Deputy Headteacher



## House T-Shirt Orders

New T-shirts are £12 and organised by volunteers at the PTA and Class Reps. Please note - if you are experiencing financial hardship, do contact the school office who will liaise with the PTA to ensure no child goes without a house T-shirt.

Please order by using [this link](#) by Sunday 8th October 2023. Payment by bank transfer to the Shelford School PTA bank account is preferred:

**Account name:** Shelford School PTA

**Account No:** 01248038

**Sort Code:** 30-91-74

**Payment reference:** Please label your payment with 'TS' and 'your surname' E.g. TS Smith so that we can match your payment to your order.

Please contact Amanda Smith (Y5) or Rebecca Stacey (Y1) via Classlist messenger for any queries.

Once placed, the order will take approximately 3 weeks. We will then distribute t-shirts via your Class Reps.



# PTA AGM

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Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notification.

Please be invited to the yearly meeting of the Parent Teacher Association: **Tuesday 10th October at 8pm** in the school hall.

We will tell you about the fundraising plans and welcome our new committee members. The meeting is open to all teachers, parents, careers and guardians of children at the school. Come and be involved!

The PTA organise events to raise money for extra equipment, resources and activities for our school children. We fund things that wouldn't otherwise be funded. We recently purchased iPads, Beebot robots, living eggs, outdoor wooden play blocks and circus skill workshops. We plan activities such as the Easter Hamper raffle, the readathon, Quiz night, Christmas fair and the Camp Out sleepover.

If you would like to help, or be a committee member, come to the meeting and speak to the PTA team.



# Celebration Warship



## Kindness

**Bethan M, Ember B, Florence D, Florence O-C and Olivia P** were awarded the Celia Award for helping another pupil to support their Reception Buddy.

**Ruby J** received a Headteacher Award for her kindness to others, especially at Forest School.

## Creativity

**Olivia T** was recognised with a Headteachers Award this week for her creativity in problem solving.

Meanwhile, **Alexa J, Dylan P and Amelia P** were awarded Headteachers Awards for their creative use of language in writing.

## Resilience

**Ava P and Jack S** were acknowledged for their resilience in school this week with Headteachers Awards.

**Rufus M, Bob S, Ethan D** all received Headteachers Awards for their resilience in writing this week.

## Responsibility

**Arabella H and Lily-Rose B** were awarded Headteachers awards for how they take responsibility for their learning. **Deacon J** was noticed for his responsibility in supporting his Reception buddy and **Sylvie G** was acknowledged for showing responsibility by acting as a role model. **Year 4** demonstrated double responsibility, winning Dinner Winners and the Eco Award.



## Housepoints for our Shelford Star Values

Many housepoints have been given out this week for our Shelford Star Values and we are pleased to announce the arrival of new Housepoint values stickers for each of the values.

