



# 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. This week, we have been enjoying Shelford STEM week (well, fortnight actually!).

- Shelford STEM Week
- Sporting Tournaments
- Staff Update
- Announcements
- Celebration Worship

The week commenced with a visit from local science author - Isabel Thomas. The day started with Isabel leading a talk to the whole school to explore how an inquisitive mind and 'silly questions' can lead to great science ..and science writing! (based on her book The Bedtime Book of Impossible Questions). The children really enjoyed the engaging and thought-provoking questions, which included some amusing examples such as, "Can dogs swim in ice cream?"

This was followed by interactive workshops for Early Years, KS1 and Y6 combining science, art, and storytelling across a variety of themes including biodiversity, adaptation and inheritance (based on her books 'Moth: An Evolution Story' and 'Full of Life').

Children in Early Years and Year 1 explored moths, looking at their features... including discovering about the biggest moth and the moth with the longest tongue, before creating their own moths.

**We look forward to sharing more about the events in next week's newsletter!**

**I enjoyed listening to the story 'Moth' . I like learning about how one type of moth survived, but the other died in the first part. Then at the end, it was the other way around. - Sihali S**

*The moth with the longest tongue!*



**I enjoyed creating our own moths. - Delphie I**

*Exploring moth patterns!*



*Exploring the biggest moth!*



# Sporting Tournaments

This week, we were pleased to take part in two sporting tournaments.

Firstly, on Monday, a group of Year 3 and Year 4 finalists attended the Indoor Athletics Final at Sawston Village College. After a variety of athletic activities, the scores were totaled.

We were delighted to hear the reveal that Year 3 pupils came first across the competition. Subsequently, the results for the Year 4 competition came in and the Year 4's had also placed first!

**Congratulations to both teams and thanks to those families who supported transport!** It was also a pleasure to see some familiar faces in the form of Shelford Alumni, who are now Year 9 Sports Leaders!



# Sporting Tournaments

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Secondly, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, who attend tournaments club, represented the school at a Football Tournament on Tuesday 14th March.

The team played their best and worked well to demonstrate good sportspersonship. The team placed 6 out of 9 and were recognised by our staff for their good behaviour.



# Staff Updates

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We have three staff updates to share with you this week.

Firstly, I am pleased to share that we have appointed a new teaching assistant to the team - **Miss India Runham**. Miss Runham has previously worked at the school and we very much look forward to welcoming her back to the team!

I have heard from Mr. Cuff that he will be transferring three months of Mrs. Cuff's maternity leave to enable her to complete her consultancy 'sign off'. This means that we will be advertising for a teacher for Year 2 for May, June and July. Mr. Cuff will return to the school in September 2023.

I have also heard that Miss Hudson's partner's medical placement next academic year will be in the North West. This means that Miss Hudson will be relocating at the end of this academic year. Again, we will be advertising the vacancy soon. Although we have many months yet to enjoy working with Miss Hudson, I know that you will join me in warmly wishing her the very best for her venture northwards.

I will keep families updated with the recruitment process as it progresses.

# Travel Survey

As you may remember, in the Autumn term, we welcomed local members of the community and the Parish Council to seek the views of pupils around safe journeys through what we called the 'Our Streets' project. As part of this there is a new anonymous survey for families. Please see the details below:

***Great Shelford Parish Council is looking at ways to make all journeys in and around the village safer and more pleasant. Understanding how families make their way to school and pre-school (and how they would prefer to, given the right circumstances) will help the Parish Council develop proposals.***

***Great Shelford Playscape is running a short, anonymous travel survey on behalf of the Parish Council and the school, and would be grateful if every family completed it by Monday 27 March:***

***[Here is the survey link](#)***

***The Parish Council has also created an online form to report any traffic accidents, concerns and near misses directly to them.***



# Shelford Cricket Club

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There are lots of cricketing opportunities this season at Great Shelford Cricket Club! All Stars (age 5-8) and Dynamos (age 8-11) will again take place at 4:30pm on Great Shelford rec on both Tuesdays and Fridays during May and June. Click on the link and search for 'Great Shelford' to find the courses that are available to book:

All Stars: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>

Dynamos: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/dynamoscricquet>

**Girls' cricket:** In addition to the mixed All Stars and Dynamos groups, there is the option to book a girls only Dynamos group. This will take place on Fridays at 4:30pm- beginners and those who have played before are very welcome. The direct link to book this is:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/11d4ea9f-8b1a-458a-bbb5-72e15df3208b>

There is also an Under 11 girls' team that will play in festivals against other girls' teams - please email Julia if you would like further details about this team.

**Minis:** New for this year! This group is open to children in school years 1 and 2 who enjoy cricket and want to develop their skills further. It is particularly suited to those who want to play more cricket than just the once a week All Stars session. There will be Sunday afternoon sessions during May and June on Great Shelford rec. Please find further details on the registration form which is available on the Great Shelford Cricket Club website:

[https://gtshelford.play-cricket.com/web\\_pages/junior\\_club](https://gtshelford.play-cricket.com/web_pages/junior_club)

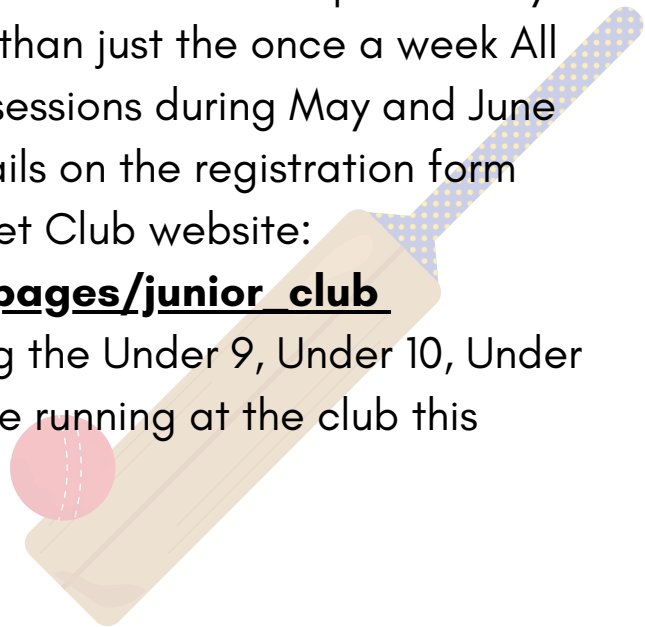
The registration form also has details regarding the Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 13 mixed league teams that will be running at the club this season.

Kind regards,

Peter Ede (Chair Great Shelford Cricket Club) peter.ede@ntlworld.com

Julia Creed (Co-ordinator for juniors Great Shelford Cricket Club)

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## Book Fair

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**During the last week of term, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair!**

It is a great way to discover new texts and there is an added benefit that each purchase gives the school a small commission to spend on new texts for classes and the library!

**The book fair will take place on Tuesday 28th March; Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March in the Think Tank. It will be open from 3:45pm to 4:00pm.**

## Rainbow Open Morning

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**Rainbow Pre-school**  
Shelford

A community pre-school for 2 to 4 year olds



## OPEN DAY

**Saturday 25 March 2023 | 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

## Twinning

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We are pleased to share that the village twinning visits will recommence. You can find information about the twinning association's upcoming visit to Verneuil-en-Halatte [here](#).





# CELEBRATION WORSHIP

Friday 6th March

## GATHERING

We entered the hall to  
Never Giving up, by  
Fearless Soul

We gathered with our  
vision statement - also  
signed in sign  
language:

*We live and work in harmony  
with love for one another*

## LEBRATIONS ->

## SENDING

We were sent with our  
vision statement - also  
signed in sign language:

*we can achieve our potential  
within a community of life-long learners.*

and 'Shine from the  
inside out'

**Individual Success - Emily F** - Emily told us about her amazing charitable work in donating 17" of hair to the Little Princess Trust, to be made into wigs for children undergoing cancer treatment. We were delighted to hear about her incredibly kind choice - along with the amazing funds of over £500 that she raised. We wanted to acknowledge her kindness with a round of applause and 10 housepoints!  
**Celia - Lilianna S** - for putting others before herself - giving up some of her own lunchtime to wait for a friend.

**Silver Bins** - Year 1 and Year 4  
(second week running)

**Dinner Winners** - Year 3

**Headteacher Awards:**

**Nina L** - for being a helpful and friendly member of the class.

**Maria-Eleni G** - for wonderful artwork of a nest and a dormouse, linked to what you can do to look after wildlife.

**Richard P** - for super participation in maths activities.

**Housepoints: this week's  
winning house is domus  
fortium - the house of courage  
- The Stags**



**Whittlesford Warriors U10 Red  
are looking for new players.**

**Come along on  
Sunday 23 April between 10-12  
Hauxton Sports Ground, Cambridge Road,  
Cambridge, CB22 5HT**

The trial is open to all in Year 5 and coaches' focus will be on attitude, fit and balance with the current team.

We are a friendly team, currently in the middle league, so a good mix of development, fun and winning. Training is Thursday evenings, matches on Saturdays.

To book your place email [pgilfrin@gmail.com](mailto:pgilfrin@gmail.com) by 16 April.

**Season from September-May**

If successful we will ask you to attend some of the team sessions with a view to being included in the full squad starting September 2023. Whittlesford is run by volunteers so parents who are willing to assist on matchdays and training could tip the balance.