

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.

NEWSLETTER IN 30 SECONDS

- EYFS & KS1 Curriculum
- Eco Warriors
- Staff updates
- Celebration Worship
- Announcements
- Class Photos

We continue with our thread of **growth and change** this half term. This been seen in the pupils' progress and topics in school. Of course, Reception have enjoyed hatching chicks from their living eggs, observing their **growth and changes**. Meanwhile, Y1 have taken to the national skipping week with great enthusiasm, **growing** the different ways they can skip! Y2 have recently been learning about positive **change** to cocoa production and the difference buying Fairtrade items can make. They also have some tadpoles in their class that they are enjoying watching **growing and changing**.

Last week we saw the welcome return of our Eco Committee. Our Eco Warriors met with Mr. Cuff to explore some new class-based Eco challenges, which will lead some positive **change**.

This half term's curriculum thread is growth and change.

Staff Updates

We have shared some further growth and changes with our amazing staff team. As you will be aware, Mr. Cuff will be spending next year in Canada, returning in September 2022. Miss Nairac has developed her specialism of maths teaching this year, completing her Master of Education and will be applying this in the role of Maths Teacher in a new setting. We were pleased to report high levels of interest in the roles we have advertised recently. We are holding interviews at school tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday for the roles we have available. I look forward to sharing news regarding the appointments soon.

Miss Runham, who works in Reception, has secured a new position in-line with her interest in Social Care. Miss Runham will be working for South Cambridgeshire with their Children's Centres. We will be reviewing our staffing and may be sharing adverts for a roles at the school to start this summer and in September.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

CELEBRATION WORSHIP - 23RD APRIL 2021

As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared [time lapse imagery of flowers blossoming](#), linked to our curriculum thread of **growth** and **change**, as well as Monday's Collective Worship on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. We linked the idea of reconciliation and the act of forgiving others to the idea of our growth and blossoming as a person.

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



Individual Successes

We shared Mason's photos of his sponsored 20 mile bike ride to raise funds for WWF's campaign to protect Elephants. Mason shared his experience and we congratulated him for living out our vision and standing up for something he believes in.

National Skipping Week

Miss Beck gave an overview of the skipping challenges that have taken place this week at school during National Skipping Week. Pupils and staff have loved trialing the different challenges!

Silver Bins:

- Reception
- Year 4

Dinner Winner:

- Year 2

Headteacher Awards:

- **Isabelle K** - for demonstrating kindness towards a class mate, helping him to draw a heart for his mummy.
- **Amelia P** - for being an all-round superstar: listening beautifully, acting as a role model and demonstrating kindness towards our chicks.
- **Humphrey W** - for outstanding contributions to Year 5, showing compassion and maturity.
- **Ellie S** - for demonstrating curiosity and enthusiasm towards learning, applying 100% effort across the curriculum.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus venerantium - the house of respect - The Swans!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

PARKING

Please be considerate with your parking. We know this is really difficult due to the limitations on parking. However, we need to maintain relations within the community and would ask you to be considerate to our neighbours in your parking.



CLASS PHOTOS

Class photos will be taking place on Tuesday 8th June.



TERM DATES

Just a little reminder that the term dates for this year and next year are available [here](#).

