

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 after a peaceful Easter. Welcome back and welcome to the summer term!

- **Welcome back!**
- **Curriculum Thread**
- **Summer Music Events**
- **Key Dates**
- **Announcements**

It is hard to believe that we are in the final term of this academic year. This week, we have explored the idea of 'being prepared' in collective worship. We heard some examples of preparing for adventures over Easter, along with how being prepared can help us in emergency situations.

This half term, our curriculum thread is '**growth and changes**'. We look forward to seeing the variety of ways growth and change occur in nature, society and have occurred through history.

One way in which Reception is exploring **growth and changes** is through their exploration of life cycles. As part of this, they welcomed their 'living eggs' on Monday and have been delighted to welcome their first chick, who hatched today! We look forward to welcoming the remaining chicks and observing their **growth and changes** over time.



Summer of Music!

We are delighted to share some key performance and concert dates with you for the term ahead!

Younger Pianists' Concert

Y2, Y3, Y4 pianists
2nd May 2023

2:00pm
School Hall
open to parents of pupils
performing

Book here!

Instrumentalists' Concert

Y5 & Y6 pianists plus all other
instrumentalists
4th May 2023

6:00pm
School Hall
open to families

Book here!

Choir and Orchestra Concert

Choir and orchestra members
TBC - 21st June 2023

6:30pm
Great Shelford Free Church
open to families

No need to book!

Y6 Performance

Y6 pupils
28th June - 6:30pm
29th June - 2:00pm
School Hall

Booking to follow

Paduano Science Prize

This year, we will be introducing a new Science Prize in memory of former teacher, Mike Paduano, who taught at Shelford for 25 years.

The School Council discussed ideas for a memorial and decided that they wanted to do something that honoured his creative and enthusiastic approach to science teaching.

Older members of the current School Council fondly remember his passionate approach to teaching science in an engaging way. One former pupil remembers how she came home inspired to grow her own crystals after one of his lessons.

The prize will be awarded to a pupil for progress in science and will be given out in the summer term each year, alongside the Philippa Pearce Prize for English and the new Ada Lovelace Prize for Maths.

We hope that the Mike Paduano Science Prize will continue to inspire many more generations of children.

If you would like to donate to the Prize Fund in Mike Paduano's memory, please transfer donations to:

Shelford School Governors

20-17-19

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Please include the reference 'SCIENCE'.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation, the form is available [here](#).

Clare Mellor

Parent Governor and School Council Link

Key Dates

A link to key dates has been circulated to families. These can be found [here](#).

PTA Quiz

The popular annual PTA quiz will be taking place on Saturday 20th May at 8pm in the school hall.

Teams of up to 8 players can now sign up. Please assign one group leader to sign up your team and send a classlist message to Ellie Rugg-Gunn to book your team place stating the number of players on your team.

Tickets are £10 per person and the team leader should transfer payment for their entire team to the PTA account.

Account name: Shelford School PTA

Sort code: 30-91-74

Account No: 01248038

using the reference quiz and your surname

A bar with drinks and snacks will be available on the night.



PROJECT 11

A free after-school tag rugby club for girls



SHELFORD
RUGBY CLUB

EVERY WEDNESDAY
DURING TERM TIME
4.45 - 5.45
AT SHELFORD RUGBY CLUB
FOR YEAR 4/5/6 GIRLS



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