

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

1st April 2022

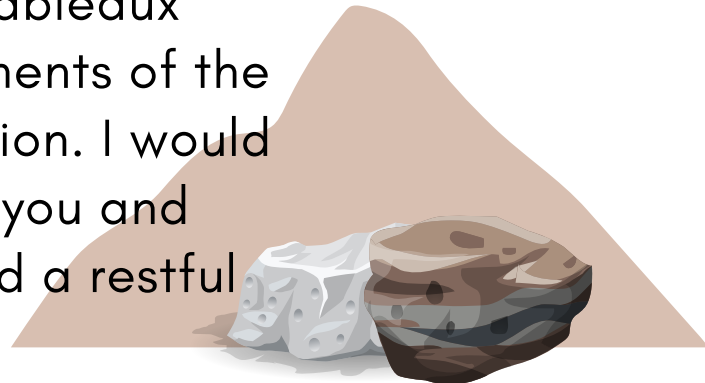
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NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well. In Collective Worship this week and last week, we have been leading our Holy Week reflections. Y6 have been leading tableaux around the different important elements of the story building towards the resurrection. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful Easter and a restful holiday.

- Easter Tableaux
- Rugby Tournament
- Enrichment (lots!)
- Staff Updates
- PTA Announcements
- Celebration Worship



Our Rugby Team, formed from our Tournaments Club attendees, attended the Rugby Tournament this week. All the children were a credit to the school and showed good sportspersonship.

We welcomed the team back to school with gold medals swinging from their necks ... huge congratulations to the team for winning the tournament! Thank you Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Rose for leading the visit.



# Enrichment throughout the School

Recently, there have been a wonderful range of engaging and interactive experiences going throughout the school. This has really breathed life back into our wonderful school. Thank you so much to all the staff for their incredible work in inspiring our amazing pupils.

Year 4 have been very busy recently with their artwork:  
**Etheldreda**

We have been learning about St Etheldreda's life and how she came to found the monastery in Ely. We learned about the artwork of Matisse, practised our collaging skills, found out about what Saxons wore and ultimately created a design for a wall hanging depicting a key part of St Etheldreda's life.

Ely Cathedral will choose twelve winners and the collages will be made into wall hangings for St Catherine's Chapel by their Broderers Guild and displayed during 2023 as they celebrate the life and legacy of St Etheldreda.



## River of Hope

River of Hope is an arts-based learning project linking schools around the world through the study of rivers.

River of Hope forms a central part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

Year 4 created individual pieces of art, which have been combined into one piece, inspired by the Cam and our desire to reduce river pollution.

We have submitted our entry to the competition, where two hundred of the artworks created will be printed onto silk flags and will be processed as part of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pageant. Even if our artwork is not selected, it will be displayed on an online gallery with all the artworks received from around the world.





# Enrichment throughout the School

On Thursday 31st March, all pupils in class groups enjoyed a retelling of the Easter Story by Victoria Goodman from Church Schools of Cambridge.

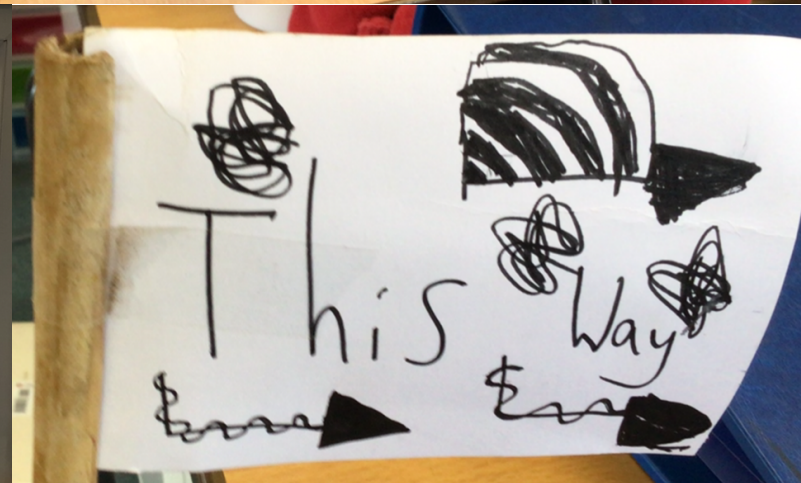
We were delighted to be able to host this at St. Mary's Church. Following the story, Victoria shared a variety of related activities, where pupils created different responses to the story.





# Enrichment throughout the School

Year 5 have celebrated the end of their topics - "Egyptology" and "Life on the Nile" with an Ancient Egyptian museum experience. Each class visited the museum. It was clear how knowledgeable the tour guides were and they were excellent at welcoming the different age groups to their museum! Photographs supplied by the Museum Photographers!





# Enrichment throughout the School

Throughout Collective Worship, we have been exploring Bishop Stephen's Lenten Challenge – Brave Believers.

We have explored tales of people from around the world that are brave believers, along with hearing about their hopes, dreams and visions for the future. We have then explored our own hopes for the future and beliefs that are important to each class. This will culminate in a display in our foyer.

Meanwhile, please do take some time to add your own tales of bravery! We have invited the whole school community, including our global school community, to share their tales of bravery.

Click the map below to read the contributions of others and add your very own! Thank you to Mrs. Unwin for leading the Padlet and inviting all our international partner schools.

The image shows a screenshot of a Padlet map titled "Lent Challenge: 'Being Brave Across the World'". The map is a world map with various countries labeled. There are several pink pins placed on the map, indicating contributions from different locations. The pins are numbered 1 through 6. Pin 1 is in the United States, pin 2 is in the United Kingdom, pin 3 is in Norway, pin 4 is in France, pin 5 is in Italy, and pin 6 is in Poland. There is also a blue pin in the Pacific Ocean near New Zealand. The Padlet interface includes a search bar, a heart icon, a REMAKE button, a SHARE button, a settings gear, and a plus sign in a red circle. The map is credited to Google and has a copyright notice for 2022.

# Enrichment throughout the School

This half term, we have been preparing to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

One way that we have been preparing for this is through artwork. Mrs. Stewart led an art competition across the school for creating crowns. Do have a look [here](#) at all the hall displays full with crowns and even some Y1 portraits of the queen. Thank you to our judges, Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Lazarus and Mrs. Stewart. The winning entries can be found below!

## Overall Winners:

**KS1 - Hannah B**



**KS2 - Rosie B-E**



## Class Winners

**Reception - Charlotte**



**Y1 - Hanna P - Crown**



**Y1 - Tilly H-W - Portrait**



**Y4 - Molly C**



**Y5 - Phoebe F**



**Y6 - Teddy P**





# Enrichment throughout the School

Today, the Y2 team have been leading their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Day, linked to their Chocolate topic. It was a pleasure to welcome many Mr. Wonka's to the school, along with a gleaming golden ticket and an edible tree!

The children have taken part in a variety of creative activities throughout the day linked to the text!



Y2 also welcomed Miss Cusano - Mrs. Cusano's daughter. Rose L shared a great summary of what Miss Cusano shared with the class. When younger, she dreamed of making chocolate. Through a lot of hard work, she realised this dream and created Coco Vitto.



# A Reminder of Staff Updates

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At the end of this term, we say goodbye to several staff members.

**Mrs. Alcock** is leaving her role of Teaching Assistant at the school. We want to thank her for all of her hard work over the past two years and wish her all the very best for her next steps.

**Mrs. Cusano** is starting a new role as Early Years Inclusion Manager. We want to congratulate Mrs. Cusano on her new role and thank her for all she has done in supporting pupils at Shelford.

**Mrs. Hallebro** is moving from a permanent role at the school to a Casual Teaching Assistant role. We thank Mrs. Hallebro for her dedication and commitment to her role over the past three years and look forward to hopefully still seeing her at school soon.

**Mrs. Paterson** is retiring from her role as SENDCo at the school. Sincere thanks from all the school community for your incredible contribution over the years in securing the best possible provision for pupils throughout the school.

At the end of April, we will also say farewell to **Mrs. Fox**, who is commencing a role at a school locally to where she lives. We will thank her again nearer the time - but we are very grateful to her for her excellent hard work in Y4.

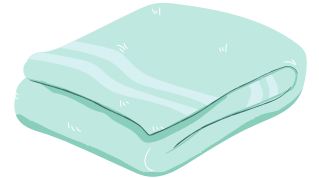
Soon, we welcome two new members to the Shelford Team.

**Mr. Kerin** will work in Y4 for Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9th May. **Mrs. Robertson** will join us as SENDCo from 16th May. In the interim period of 18th April to 16th May, I will act as acting SENDCo.



## Shelford School Tea Towels

Thank you to the PTA for the coordination of the school tea towels and thank you to all the families and staff who purchase one (or more!) to raise funds for the school.



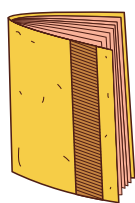
## PTA Readathon Challenge - is back!

We are asking the children to set themselves a reading challenge over the Easter holidays. Whilst helping the children to develop a love of reading, the children can help raise vital funds for the school.

The Readathon isn't intended as a competition to see who can race through as many books as they can. Your child may prefer to be sponsored per number of pages/chapters instead, or for the time spent reading each day. Why not challenge your child to read in a different place every day such as on the trampoline or in the dark with a torch? We would love to share photos of children reading in the school newsletter next term, so do send in any photos via the school office email if you wish.

Please see the form below for the children to use to collect sponsorship. Please pay total sponsorship money raised directly into the PTA fund (Account name: Shelford School PTA, Sort code: 30-91-74 and Account No: 01248038) with 'Readathon' as the reference.

## Happy Reading!



# Readathon

## Gt and Lt Shelford Primary School Readathon Challenge 2022



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I am raising money for Shelford school by taking part in a Readathon over the Easter holidays.

Between 2<sup>nd</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> April, my goal is to read \_\_\_\_ books/chapters OR read for \_\_\_\_ minutes per day.

Name of sponsor	Address	Amount pledged (per book/minute or flat rate)	Total due	Collected Yes/No

I read \_\_\_\_ books and raised a total of £ \_\_\_\_ for Shelford school.

I read for \_\_\_\_ minutes and raised a total of £ \_\_\_\_ for Shelford school.

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Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship. As we joined, we shared our song relating to Positive Choices.

We opened the celebration worship with our signed gathering statement linked to our school vision.

**Celia** - Pupil Acts of Kindness - All of Y6 - for leading their responsibilities throughout school with kindness.

**Cyril** - Staff Acts of Kindness - Mrs. Fuller - for kindness and caring nature to pupils.

**Silver Bins:** Y2 & Y4

**Dinner Winner:** All Classes

**Wonderful Walkers:** Y1

**Shelford Mile:**

**Silver** - Amelie A, Grace P, Izabella K-R

**Star Writer:**

**Henry F** and **Alexandra P** - for wonderful time travel stories back into the Stone Age, especially with a great use of powerful verbs and excellent adjectives.

**Molly C** - for your diligence and progress in writing this term. You used adventurous vocabulary and sentence starters in our recent Big Write.

**Dylan P** - for your fantastic story. 'Lost Tigy' - with careful planning, use of phonics and full stops.

**Headteacher Awards:**

- **Lily E** - for fabulous focus and diligence this week, applying enthusiasm and effort this week across the curriculum.
- **Theo B-C** - for a beautiful painting of The Easter Garden, being a creative chameleon in including many details.
- **Matylda P** - for fabulous phonics work this week, being a concentrating crocodile in learning many new sounds.

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