

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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NEWSLETTER IN 60 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

We hope this week's newsletter finds you and your family well.

Last week we shared that children in Years 1 - 6 will be focusing on the lives of different 'Great Black Britons' across **Black History Month** in October.

Year 4 have been studying the life of Yvonne Conolly, the UK's first female black headteacher.

Year 6 have been learning about Margaret Busby, the UK's youngest and first female black publisher.

- Black History Month
- Important Information
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We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mr Grey and his family have welcomed a baby girl called Seren. We wish them all the best at this exciting time.

Important Information

Please check regularly check your dinner money and top up your account on www.schoolgateway.com

As previously circulated, Parent Consultations will take place in the week commencing 18th October. The booking system is now open and will close on 17th October at 4pm.

Booking is through: <https://shelford.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Year 2 are looking forward to their 'History Off The Page' day which takes place on Thursday 14th October. We look forward to seeing their costumes!

Miss Bachewich is introducing a new role for pupils across Years 4,5 and 6 called 'Digital Leaders'. She will provide further information at Friday's Celebration Worship. Deadlines for applications will be on Friday 15th October.

Navigating Covid Cases

Thank you so much for the continued support from parents, staff and governors over the past weeks in dealing with the positive cases in the community.

We continue to share the number of cases in the year groups affected regularly. Some of our families have experienced symptoms different to those listed officially. Please do remain vigilant and seek a PCR test if in any doubt. We are also happy to work with and support families that have a confirmed case if they choose to isolate all members of the household.

PTA Update

The PTA AGM was held on Thursday 7th October via Zoom. Three new chairs were elected at the meeting; Mrs Dootson, Mrs Sidders and Mrs Rugg-Gunn.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Hannah Mohamad for her amazing work as PTA Chair over the last two years. We are extremely grateful for her time, dedication and support which has included running many successful fundraisers.

House T-Shirts

The PTA are organising the **House T-shirts** again this autumn. As soon as we're ready, we'll put information on how to order on Classlist and also in the weekly newsletter. We expect they will be ~£15 each. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school office, who can liaise with us on the cost.

If anyone would like to donate house t-shirts they no longer need to the PTA, please contact Anna Sidders via Classlist. We'll offer these for sale at a future second hand uniform sale.

PTA Bike Sale

The famous second hand bike sale will be held in Great Shelford Memorial Hall in the morning of Saturday 6th November. If you've got a bike or scooter you'd like to sell, please email shelford.bike.sale@gmail.com

You'll receive 70% of the sale price, with 30% going to the PTA.



Governor Update

It is a pleasure to finally be writing the first governor update of the academic year. For our Board meeting last week we had hoped to meet in person, but were back online after all, where I was re-elected as Chair for the coming year. Liz Jenkin will serve as Vice-chair and Polly Stanton as Treasurer. I know the school community will echo my thanks to all the governors for their ongoing, voluntary dedication to ensuring the successful strategic direction and oversight of our brilliant school.

Our new 3-year strategic plan has been finalised and it focuses on 5 key areas; behaviours for learning, wellbeing, high quality teaching, inclusion, and partnership with other organisations. These areas will feed into the annual School Development Plan and influence the priorities for professional training, the school budget, and the wider curriculum offer.

Several times during the meeting it was noted how fortunate the school is to have such a fantastic staff team. Under considerable pressure through the pandemic and from other national policy decisions, they continue to support each other, prioritise the pupils and provide top quality learning experiences. Please do encourage and show your appreciation for our staff when you see them around the school!

Governors serve a term of 4 years on the Board and one of our Foundation governors will soon be finishing. A sincere thank you to Emily Button for all she has done during her time in governance. Additionally, we will soon have a vacancy for a Clerk to the governors. The clerk ensures that the governing body operates properly within legal frameworks, prepares and presents vital data, and provides professional support. Currently this role is undertaken by Laura Humphreys who has very kindly offered us a long notice period. I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in the vacancy or would like further information.

Anna Caroe
Chair of Governors

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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Celebration Worship - 8th October 2021

Pupils gathered together on Zoom for our weekly Celebration Worship.

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

Cyril: I would like to nominate the office staff Mrs Ward and Miss O'Bryan for Cyril award for their consistent kindness towards others. They always look out for pupils and staff to make sure we are all healthy and safe at school. I have seen them both go out of their way for members in our community recently and this week in particular they have worked even harder in making sure Mrs Alderson has all she needs (and more!) as she takes over from Mr Grey during his paternity leave.

Silver Bins:

- Reception
- Year 4

Dinner Winner:

- Year 2

Wonderful Walkers:

- Year 2

Shelford Mile:

•5 miles (2 house points)

•Y1 - Evelyn, Rocky, Ethan, Tilly, Izabella, Harrison, Freddie, Robert

•Bronze (10 miles - 4 house points) - first of the year!

•Y2 - Hannah, Lelaini, Lily

Star Writers

•Lola & Ralph - their version of The Incredible Book Eating Boy including powerful verbs and great adjectives.

Headteacher Awards:

- **Teddy** - Teddy for fantastic concentration and application in maths. Challenging himself to attempt the hardest questions and exceedingly the target asked.
- **Zachary** - beautiful handwriting in Literacy
- **Luca** - always giving your best. Diligent and dedicated learner.
- **Rosie** - the fantastic drawing you did for the front cover of the Harvest Festival Order of Service.
- **Isla** - DT work constructing a castle. A clear design with different pieces and a high standard of decorative finish.
- **Evelyn** - DT work constructing a castle. A clear design with different pieces and a high standard of decorative finish.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

HALF TERM ATHLETICS AND NETBALL

South Cambridgeshire Schools Sports Partnership are offering Athletics and Netball Camps during October Half Term. Click for details: [Athletics Camps](#); [Netball Camps](#).



GIRLS' FOOTBALL



WE ARE BACK!

Join us for wildcats, to have fun, make friends and play football

TO BOOK OR ENQUIRE
CONTACT:

BURLING.PAUL@GMAIL.COM

PRICE

£3 a session £30 for block booking

WHEN&WHERE

Starting from:

Friday October 1st

@ Netherhall school

5-6pm

CAMBRIDGE UNITED KICKS FOR FREE

Cambridge United are running some free sessions for children Y5 and upwards. To find out more, see their flyer [here](#). The booking form can be found [here](#).



Great Shelford
Free Church

All Hallows Eve Family Festival!

*Join us on the 31st of October from
5pm - 7pm for a family festival in the
grounds of Cara Coffee!*

Test your strength on our **Rodeo Bull ride**
and then enjoy a delicious BBQ!

There will also be crafts and games as well as a
free goodybag for children!

Book now on our website to avoid missing out!

*Please note all children must be accompanied by an adult.
Please do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid.*

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