

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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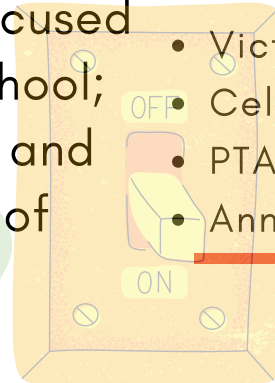
NEWSLETTER IN 30 SECONDS

Dear Members of the Great and Little Shelford Community,

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

This week we continued with our focus on our three green pledges, working towards our Blue Peter Green Badge. Our pledges have focused on reducing electricity consumption in school; reducing meat consumption at lunchtime and being particularly mindful of which items of waste can be recycled.

- Eco Badge
- Collective Worship
- Thank a Teacher Day
- Sports Day
- International Day
- Picture News Day
- Victorian Day
- Celebration Worship
- PTA Raffle
- Announcements



We have been continuing our focus on prayer in Collective Worship. This week we focused on the kinds of places we might choose to pray, which qualities we look for in those places and exploring our preferences. We thought again about praying to say **t**hank you, **s**orry and **p**lease, before exploring how we can pray not matter what we are feeling. We concluded the session looking at the option of praying among nature and linked this to our wellbeing focus of '**Take Notice**', along with the hymn that we have been sharing recently - [The Beautiful Garden of Prayer](#).

Thank a Teacher Day 2021

Today marks Thank a Teacher Day 2021. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful, dedicated and committed team of adults at Shelford.

Throughout the past year and a half, our wonderful staff team have gone above and beyond in so many ways to continue to provide the same excellent education and pastoral support at all times.

Last week, I was delighted to read this nomination that one of our parents had made through Twinkl:

The Reception team worked tirelessly to keep children engaged and parents motivated. They provided fantastic resources and activities throughout lockdown to enthuse learners and continue their team mentality and class identity through regular online show and tells. Thank you!

Working in education is always very demanding and comments and support like this from our wonderful parent and wider community have really supported our wonderful team. Therefore, if you feel like joining the celebration today, you can find out a little more about **National Thank a Teacher Day** [here](#).

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Teacher Day
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Sports Day 2021

Continuing the theme of being outdoors and another of our wellbeing foci - **Be Active** - we are performing a few sun dances to encourage pleasant weather this Friday. Pupils will take part in Sports Day during the morning in groups of 2 or 3 classes, outdoors and distanced in their zones. In the afternoon, our KS2 classes will enjoy their traditional dash races.

Please can all pupils attend school in their PE Kit this Friday 25th June. We will record and capture the day as best we can and share this with families as soon as possible afterwards.

International Day and Picture News Day

On Thursday 1st July, we will be marking our annual International Day. Each class will be focusing on one particular country in their class activities throughout the day, with a particular focus on the Olympics. Each class will also benefit from a dance workshop in the hall - exploring international dance. **Please note, that we will be swapping the menu on Monday and Thursday to support some celebratory outdoor eating on International day!**

Monday 28th June - Sausages and Mash (red option)

Thursday 1st July - Pizza (red option)

On Friday 2nd July, we will be taking part in Picture News Day, which is focusing on the World Alternative Games 2021. Children will take part in a variety of live-link activities and class-based activities throughout the day.

Victorian Day

As I write, Victorian Day is in full-swing in Y3. I look forward to sharing some photos and a summary of the day with you next week.

CELEBRATION WORSHIP

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As pupils joined the Teams call, we shared the hymn '[The Garden of Prayer](#)', linking to Monday's new weekly focus on prayer.

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

Shelford Mile:

Bronze - Zayn S

Silver - Elliot R, Jemima M, Sebastian C, Aaron R-G

Silver Bins:

- Year 2
- Year 5

Dinner Winner:

- Year 5

Wonderful Walkers:

- Year 1

Star Writer

Matthew N - Y2 - for an outstanding series of sentences to mark an opening to a story:

The boat rotated awkwardly. Splash! Splosh! Splash! Erin crashed into the freezing icy sea. "This is a humungous situation!" she thought. "HELP ME!!!" "I'm afraid I could die!!!" The tsunami waves were punching the sharp, dark, miserable rock.

Headteacher Awards:

- **Molly F** - for being an all-round superstar and caring, helpful friend in looking after others.
- **Hannah P** - for great progress with writing, showing such great enthusiasm.
- **Zaire S** - for making great progress in reading, particularly over the past few weeks.
- **Samuel S** - for fantastic work in literacy lessons, including sourcing wonderful vocabulary.
- **Isabelle S** - for hard work and improvement in writing, with a positive attitude and wonderfully powerful sentences.
- **Tommy A** - for wonderful progress in writing, including joined handwriting and detailed sentences.
- **Emily C** - for showing outstanding kindness to all members in our school community, supporting others with learning activities.
- **Zachary G** - for acting as an excellent role model to others, especially through wonderful conduct and responsibility.
- **Bea P** - for determination and enthusiasm for learning in French.

Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus inspiratorum - the house of inspiration - the Eagles

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

CONTINUED COVID SAFETY

Based on the Government's delay to the wider relaxation of measures, we are continuing with our Covid-safe measures in school. This includes all adults wearing face coverings when moving around site - especially at arrival and collection times. We should soon receive further guidance about how we can plan to create wider opportunities for pupils to prepare for September through the rest of this half term

PARKING

Please continue to park responsibly. We are regularly approached by concerned residents about parking on Church Street. It is important for the school and local community to maintain a positive relationship.

READY OR NOT STUDY

The University of Cambridge and the University of Birmingham are undertaking research into school readiness. The project aims to understand the viewpoints of children, parents and teachers on children's wellbeing and success at school. Please do take part at www.readyornotstudy.uk

PTA RAFFLE

The PTA Hamper Raffle is back! As we can't run the usual summer fete this year, the PTA is organising a summer raffle to win colour themed summer hampers instead. Your class reps are collecting donations and if you'd like to be in with a chance of winning one, please buy some raffle tickets. Tickets are £1 each and available by contacting Anna Sidders via Classlist. If you're not on Classlist, Anna can be found at pick-up most days (year 1 and year 4). Thanks for supporting this year's fundraising.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

Pupils will be receiving their end of year reports in July this year. We aim to get these to families on Wednesday 7th July.