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*We live and work in harmony with love for one another so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners*

Headteacher: Mr. Chris Grey PGCE, MEd

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear members of the Great and Little Shelford community,



I hope this week's newsletter finds you and your families well. This week we were delighted to welcome back all our wonderful children to the school. It has been great to resume some sense of normality in school – with sounds of excited reunions and laughter filling the school site. We also love the wonderful banners bedecking many of the classrooms to welcome pupils back to school (*left*). In the photograph (*left*), you can also make out the hints of blue sky behind the clouds! The wider opening of school, along with the brighter days does carry an air of *hope* with it.

**Newsletter in 30s:**

- Re-opening
- World Book Day
- Arts Day
- Parents' Consultations
- Lenten Challenge
- Clap for Children!

Last week, we loved celebrating World Book Day together. Thank you to Mr. Cuff for leading and organising the day. You can still view the three Padlets that capture the different events that took place to mark the day:

- [Virtual parade](#) (prizes for the best costumes);
- [Book in a jar](#) (create a scene / clues for a book in a jar);
- [Potato Character!](#) (dress up your potato as a book character).

We have loved seeing you apply your Shelford Star Value of *creativity* in

these three competition challenges! The winners will be selected by the judging panel: Mr. Cuff, Jessie (our Head Girl) and Dougie (our Head Boy). We also loved the [video](#) retelling of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' that Year 6 prepared to mark book day for their Reception buddies! Again, this resonates with our school's vision and wonderful relationships between older and younger pupils.

Another Shelford Star Value that our wonderful children have applied in abundance throughout the past year is *resilience*. Last week I was delighted to hear of an idea born in Shelford for everyone across Cambridge to **clap for children** in acknowledgment of this! There are further details below, but it will take place tomorrow at 6pm!

On Friday, we also announced the winners of the Arts Day Competition. You can see the results in the Celebration Worship summary below, along with photographs of the winning entries in the collage below. Thanks again to Mrs. Ashton for leading and arranging the event.

Families will have seen a letter yesterday on how to book Parents' Consultations for the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March. We look forward to discussing the transition back to school as well as learning behaviours both during home learning and at school.

Finally, as we journey through Lent, we continue to explore Bishop Stephen's Lenten Challenge. Mrs. Alderson has been leading this through our Wednesday [Collective Worship sessions](#). Today, children are creating paperchain prayers linked to the theme of *hope*. We look forward to sharing the culmination of our Lenten Challenge response later this term. As we journey towards Easter, we will be sharing special Holy Week worship sessions during the final week of the term. These will be led by our wonderful Y5s, who normally lead our Easter Service.

With best wishes,  
Chris Grey,  
Headteacher





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**Arts Day Winners**

**Winners Reception & Y1**



**Winners Y2 & Y3**



**Winners Y4**



**Winners Y5 & Y6**



**Snapshot of the World Book Day Virtual Parade**



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### **Celebration Worship - 5th March 2021**

As pupils joined the Zoom call, we shared [this video](#) of Y6 performing 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt!' for their Reception buddies on World Book Day!

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 Achievements:**

**Eddie C** - Initial Grade Guitar with merit

**Gwendolen D** - a wonderful poem called 'Crazy Things about My Hound' that will be published in a Young Writers' Anthology.

### **Arts Day Competition Winners:**

Class	Runners up	Winners
Rec	Ethan D, Arabella H	Dylan P, Florrie B
1	Theodore D, Aaron R-G	Molly W, Lelaini C
2	Lola S, Isla A	Georgia F, Ralph S
3	Jayden P, Florence D	Andrew W, Tom C
4	Mia R-G, Mhinaku G	Annie S, Gus M
5	Oscar C, Erica S	Isabelle L, Wilf W
6	Tommy H, Oliver S	Magnus H, Jessica P

### **Star Writer Awards:**

**Rowan A** - for an informative non-chronological report about penguins. This included a range of interesting facts, good use of subheadings and eye-catching 'did you know' fact boxes.

**Ruby S** - for a great non-chronological report about pandas. This included great organisation with subheadings, a range of sentence openers and a 'did you know' fact box.

### **Heateacher's Awards:**

- **Robert S** - good listening around the classroom and a great start to the half term.
- **Isabella L** - super progress with phonics at home, leading to a real improvement!
- **Joey K** and **Elliot R** - both, for wonderful problem solving and perseverance in Forest School building challenges.
- **Sebastian C** - for great progress in reading during home learning, applying phonics and increasing the number of words to read on-sight.
- **Daya M** - for significant growth in focus and engagement in all areas, leading to great improvement since January.
- **Zayn S** - for a wonderful healthy eating poster that was eye-catching and effectively organised.
- **Evelyn C** - for a lovely healthy eating that was informative and creatively laid out.
- **Andrew W** - for a fabulous advert for 'the ultimate ice axe'. The carefully planned script supported a wonderful video advert!
- **Nina M** and **Alice W** - both, for creative and imaginative art work with great attention to detail.
- **Tommy H, Ella G, Ella S, Charlotte N** - all, for showing kindness in sharing their creatively-written pieces of work to inspire this year's Year 5s!

**Housepoints: this week's winning house is domus pertendentium - the house of determination - the Red Squirrels!**





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**Announcements**

**Clap for our Children!**

Please join us in a Cambridge-wide 'Clap for Our Children': front-gardens on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm, to thank them for their incredible *resilience* and sacrifice over the last year. Bring your rattles, shakers, and musical instruments.

Children, you are our heroes! Please spread the word.

**Great and Little Shelford School Prayer Meeting**

A group of us will be meeting virtually to pray for our school on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm. Do please join us if you can – use this [link](#), or the details below.

Meeting ID: 832 6055 7755 Passcode: 380418

**Great Shelford Free Church Garden of Hope**

Great Shelford Free Church are holding an Easter craft competition! We are encouraging all children and adults to create an Eater garden of hope!



Instructions cards and crosses can be collected from the Ashen Green entrance of our church, and PDF versions of our instructions as well as full competition rules can be accessed from our website [here](#). There will be an Easter prize for the most creative and colourful garden in each of the following categories: Under 5's, Under 11's, Over 11's.

All entrants can collect and Easter goody bag from the church on 3<sup>rd</sup> April between 10am and 12pm!

**PTA**



**PTA  
Readathon  
Challenge**



We are challenging the children to see how many books they can read over the Easter holidays.

In addition to improving their reading skills, the children can help raise vital funds for the school. Please see [this form](#) which the children can 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 number: **01248038**) with 'Readathon' as the reference. You can also email your child's class teacher to let them know they completed this challenge which will entitle them to some much sought-after house points! **Happy Reading!!**

**Cambridge Constabulary – Safer School's Newsletter**

This month's newsletter can be found [here](#).

**Virtual Sleepout and Writing Competition**

The United for Cambridge [Virtual Sleepout](#) will be taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> March. They are also running a [writing competition](#), which is open to Y1-Y6 to write a 500 word bedtime story.

**Shelford COVID Support Group**

The Shelford COVID Support group has been created to help people access basic amenities, should they become unable to do so as a result of COVID. In the first instance, touch base with Chris Smith - [Christopher.i.smith3@gmail.com](mailto:Christopher.i.smith3@gmail.com) and you will receive details of your local volunteer.

