



Weekly Update

Friday 17th June 2022



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Dear Families and Friends,

One of my favourite things this week is seeing all the display boards in our corridors being renewed. The children carried out lots of work based on the Common Wealth countries learning about geography and community, as well as reading and art. The range of displays are so colourful and varied, and we hope you will be joining us for our open event, where you will see a sample of them.

Our Arts week has focused on 'Take One Picture' from the National Gallery and the children have responded in a variety of ways, using sound, drama, crafts, poetry and story. A display of what we have been up to will be here to see, along with some performances when we hold our Museum and Art Gallery open event. This is open to all families and the community. We hope to make this a regular event with our pupils curating and earning their curator awards. As a school, we are grateful for the advice we have had from the Fitzwilliam Museum who have been involved with us from the outset, and also to the Rumble Museum School and Langley School in Slough. Their advice has been instrumental in developing the quality resource we have now. Please share our exciting event.

You may have noticed our visitor on Wednesday in school. Our School Improvement Advisor from the Local Authority was in school for the day. His job is to scrutinise the procedures we have and talk to staff and children to ensure continually good standards. We were delighted with his feedback and thrilled to share some of our results. Having completed our assessments, we have established 90% with our phonics, which is a phenomenal increase on our previous results. We attribute this to your support also, because reading and the love of reading is very much a partnership with home.

This time he also focused on areas such as 'Life Learning', 'PE' and 'Art & Design', taking time to interview each of our subject leaders. The curriculum at Shefford is well designed, with connections built in so that children's learning across subject domains is maximised. Teachers know their areas well and are already poised with how they will keep on progressing for our next year's plan. We do like to hear your suggestions too, and encourage you to keep them coming.

Today we are hosting an internet safety assembly. The scope of the internet poses many opportunities for children, but safe use cannot be over estimated. The links to online fraud, gambling, harassment, exploitation, abuse and harm can be subtle or obvious. We teach children a range of safety strategies each and every year, and post ways that you can learn about safety too. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you are worried about your child's online use, or simply want to know more.

Sunny weather has been great, but it too brings some things to think about—names on hats and jumpers being the obvious ones. Please also ensure children are protected from the sun, and that they have water to drink. Please do link to our current policies;

Safe in the Sun and for Healthy Eating & Lifestyle

This weekend, we have been issued with weather warnings for excessive heat. So do enjoy, and we hope you all manage somehow to keep cool before the rains come.

Have a great weekend

From Mrs Finch

<u>Values</u>

The values of June will be **Thoughtfulness & Patience**

"Be a rainbow in somebody else's cloud." Maya Angelou

Thinking of others and putting their thoughts before our own. Thinking of the needs of others and giving time and space to support them. Enduring hardships and difficulties to achieve you goals.



If you are concerned about a child outside of school you can phone 999 in an emergency or 101 to make a report. The NSPCC operated an urgent helpline on 0808800500



Shefford Museum and Gallery is growing fast at Shefford Lower School. It features copies of some the most famous paintings in the world and authentic historical and natural history artefacts. We would like to share a different exhibit each week in the news letter. This week's featured exhibit is



Mona Lisa

1503-1506 AD Painted by: Leonardo da Vinci (1452—1519)

The Mona Lisa (meaning Lady Lisa) is the most recognised, most famous painting in the world. It was painted during the Italian renaissance by Leonardo da Vinci. It is a painting of Lady Lisa del Giocondo, an Italian noble woman. Lisa's expression is 'enigmatic' which means mysterious. What is she smiling about? It was never given to the family and was eventually brought by King Francis I of France. It is considered the most valuable painting in the world. It is on display in Paris in The Louvre.

Weekly Music Update

This week we have had an amazing arts week and children had the pleasure of watching Samuel Whitbread pupils showcase their talents. We have so much music happening in school now and we hope this only grows stronger. This week's music assembly looked at classical pieces relating to the sea, in line with our 'Take One Picture' artwork. We continued to explore intros and outros and what makes them distinctive.

Piano lessons begin this week, adding to the exiting guitar, ukulele, African drumming, recorder and choir groups. Please do get in contact if your child shows an interest in any of the above and we can see if there is additional space.

Next week we look forward to the museum opening straight after school and the Samuel Whitbread arts event to follow.

We hope to see lots of you there.

Year 4 Faith Tour

On Tuesday, the year 4s went to the faith tour in Queens Park Bedford. We had a brilliant time learning about Sikhism, Islam and Christianity by exploring their places of worship and speaking to people from these religions. Here are some pupil quotes from the day;

'I liked the whole day because it was so much fun. I loved the church because I got to dress up.'

'I enjoyed the mosque as we got to find out what it means to be a Muslim and what they do in the mosque.'

'The Faith Tour was really educational because at the Gurdwara we learned about Sikhism and what was important to them.'



Arts Week

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'I liked making my sea monster'

'I liked making a sculpture because we took our time.'

'Creating a skyline in a beautiful summer evening then a storm and thinking about colour.'







Weekly Good News Calls Here are the children whose parents and carers have received a phone call home this week to let them know how well their child has been working and showing their school values. Keep up the good work Shefford Lower. Reception Peach—Lily, Plum—Charlie, Pear—Rory Chestnut—Eva, Sycamore—Aria, Holly—Evelyn Year 1 Year 2 Oak—Effie, Maple—Lacey-Mae, Willow—Eden Year 3 Hawthorn—Alfie, Elm—Shiron, Cedar—George Year 4 Hazel—Deniz, Ash—Kenzie, Beech—Zion Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised as a Finer Diner this Fine HANK YOU week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime Reception Emilia, Max, Eleanor, Arthur, Callum & Georgia Year 1 Thomas, Chloe, Vinny, Sid, Annabelle & Theo Kayden, Ben, Harry, Serafina, Effie, Holly, Max & Daisy Year 2 Year 3 Oscar, Lily, Myla, Bethany, Laila & Arthur S SCHOOL IS A XCUSE ME Maisie, Georgie, Lexi, Sid, Owen, Kelsey, Frankie & Niamh Year 4

Shefford Sporting Successes

We celebrate children's sporting successes from home as well as those in school. Please send us photos of your child's certificates and/or medals which will be displayed on our PE celebration board and celebrated in assembly. Well done to these children who have shared their sporting success this week.

Air House	Poppy—Football, Kaiden—Football, Joe—Football,
	Jackson—Football
Earth House	Oliver—Football, Sidney—Football, Poppy—Swimming
Fire House	Isla—Football, Thea—Triathlon, Oscar—Football,
	Sophie—Swimming
Water House	Archie—Football, Ayaz—Football, Charlie—Football,

Sam—Football

Upcoming Sporting Dates

21st June—SSG Activity Day (Selected children)

24th June—Quad Kids Festival (Selected children)

5th July—Early Years Sports Afternoon

6th July—Year 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon

7th July—Year 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon





Shefford Lower School Summer Holiday Club

For children who attend Shefford Lower in Years 1-4



Monday 25th July-29th July

9.00am - 3.30pm

Individual days can be booked

Numbers are limited to 30 children per day on a first come first served basis.

£18.00 per day

£12.00 per sibling

BOOK NOW !

Booking forms are available on Parent Mail or paper copies can be collected from the School Office.

Community News

Please note, the following events/activities are run independently of Shefford Lower.



To purchase tickets for this event please click this link



SHEFFORD PRINCE AND PRINCESSES

Invite you to join them at the crowning of the 2022/23 **Prince and Princesses.**



The crowning ceremony on Saturday 16th July will be held at 4pm following the registration and judging which starts at 2pm.

The event will be held on the lawns of St. Michael and All Angels Church Shefford in conjunction with the Jubilee Summer Fun Day.

For further information, queries or application forms please contact Sarah Potter 07929113728/ itsallbizarre@hotmail.co.uk





Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin

Ivel Valley Local Bulletin





Please find the application form attached to the parentmail with the newsletter or requested by emailing itsallbizarre@hotmail.co. uk



Central Bedfordshire Libraries



Summer Reading Challenge



The Challenge

Children must be members of the library service. Join the library here or go to your local library.

- The challenge invites children to read any six library books or more during the summer holidays.
- Families can sign up for the challenge at any library, at any stage in the summer from Friday 22 July.
- Children can borrow books or read our e-books, magazines and audiobooks available from our <u>Virtual Library</u>

Children collect rewards for the books they read – a bookmark for reading 2 books; a pencil for reading 4 books; a certificate and a medal for reading 6 books.

Children aged 4-16 completing the challenge (6 books) will be entered into a lucky dip at their library for the chance to win a tablet computer.



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Events

Science workshops run by **Sublime Science** will be taking place in libraries in August, with mixed demonstration and hands-on science – including gooey slime!

The popular John Kirk who entertained us last year, returns with more online entertainment in the form of science Story Hunts.

There are limited spaces and booking opens on 11 June at 12pm at: <u>https://linktr.ee/centralbedfordshirelibraries</u>

Further details of all activities from <u>www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading</u> <u>-challenge</u>

The Summer Reading Challenge is an annual challenge run jointly by The Reading Agency and public libraries. This year the theme is **Gadgeteers**, with a science and engineering themed challenge, supported by the Science Museum.

Children are encouraged to read whatever they like for the challenge, recognising the importance of reading for pleasure in increasing empathy and improving well-being, as well as in children's educational success.



Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

(further dates will be added and these will be in bold italics)

2022 Upcoming Dates

20th June	Cherry Class Open Evening—Pre-booking required
20th—24th June	Road Safety Week
23rd June	Art Exhibition & Museum Open Evening
24th June	Year 1 Cake Sale—raising money for RSPCA
27th June	Reception Class Open Evening—Pre-booking required
30th June	Year 3 Sing Up Concert—Information sent out via Parentmail
1st July	Shuffle up day
5th July	Early Years Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
6th July	Year 1 and 2 Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
7th July	Year 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon—more information to follow
8th July	SEND transition coffee morning—9am-10am—held by Miss Robinson
12th July	End of year music concert
13th July	Year 3 Cake Sale—raising money for Smiles
19th July	Year 4 leavers performance—Dress rehearsal
19th July	Year 4 leavers disco
20th July	Year 4 leavers performance
22nd July	Last Day of Term
25th—29th July	Mr Tilbury's Holiday Club—Parentmail form available to book
5th September	2022/2023 School Year Begins

Moving to become a primary as part of Central Bedfordshire's Schools For The Future project.

https://www.schoolsforthefuture.co.uk/

To find Shefford Lower's Academic Calendar for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 please refer to our website

Term Dates Link

Please note this will be different to the Central Bedfordshire term dates

Drop off times—08.45—09.00am

Collection times—3.20pm

The school office will be open from 8.30am to 3.45pm for any queries, please call 01462 629123 or email

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