



Weekly Update

Friday 24th June 2022



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Dear Families and Friends,

Well the week has been quite eventful. Last week, we ended with a google assembly about internet safety. Our visitors from Google took our older children on a fun adventure through Interland, teaching them about phishing, about fake news and lots of other online harms children could encounter when playing. The game is free to access and some of our children played it immediately that weekend and became 'internet legends'. You can access it here

[Interland Link](#)

The subject of internet safety is so crucial, and culture secretary Nadine Dorries MP was there to raise the profile of this vital education. Our captains were also able to speak with her about their own experience of being voted in, after writing manifestos and holding a hustings and a ballot.



Naturally, as culture secretary, we didn't miss a trick with sharing out Art Gallery & Museum. We felt this too deserved attention for all the hard work that has created this resource for our school family and community.

We were thrilled this week to be able to open our doors and show case this resource, alongside the work that we undertook for the 'Take One Picture' project. Our wonderful choir performed with the excellent Miss Mansell and Mrs Lawson, whilst our dancers (Photo) demonstrated with the amazing Mrs Pearson. To be able to have our school family come inside and share in the wonderful things we have been doing felt brilliant. Our mayor and school governor, Ken Pollard, was there to see it for the first time as well. Also visiting, was Nicola Wallis from the Fitzwilliam Museum. We are working with them to sue this amazing museum and gallery so that our pupils can work towards a curatorship award. We have an exciting trip planned for them next term.



This week, the school SIP joined us to assess the performance of the school over the year she has been working with our governors. I was incredibly proud to be able to present our pupil outcome data and to show case all the rich curriculum opportunities we have had. We worked together on the project mapping for primary, which we revisit again, since the recalibration of the plan by Central Bedfordshire. We are working to a 2025 or 2026 timescale, pending further confirmation from the local authority.

Next Friday is our official 'shuffle up day' which the children are very excited about already. As part of our move towards primary, and to ensure classes stay balanced, we reset now at three points. Nursery into Reception, Reception into year 1, and then from this year, at the end of year 3. This is no small task and the teachers take into account the needs of the children, their academic levels and importantly, their social needs. We know this prepares them well for the end of year 4, and it is at this point currently that children transition to their next school.

You will have had Parentmail invitations at this point to the holiday clubs available. If you are also considering before and after school support in September, this is available through Dawn Til Dusk inside the school building, and through Mighty Oaks next door to us.

We are now prepping for sports day, and look forward to seeing you all then too.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Finch

Values

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.

House Points

Air—1566

Water—1449

Earth—1085

Fire—1046

House Points and Attendance

W/E 17/06/22

Well done to last week's house winners.



House Attendance & Punctuality

Winner

Fire

Safeguarding Information

At Shefford Lower School we take our responsibilities to promote safeguarding the welfare of all children seriously. The designated persons for safeguarding children is the Headteacher who can be contacted via the school office on 01462 629123

Please find useful information updated weekly

Mythbuster

Myth: "It's up to me if I let my child wear a t-shirt with Fortnite on it for Forest School."

Buster: The school has an obligation to prevent influences that may be harmful to children. At Shefford Lower School, we would record this on *CPOMS because the game 'Fortnite' is rated as a 12 certificate, and children should not have access to it.

*Child Protection Online Management System

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



Composition II in Red, blue and Yellow

1930AD Painted by: Piet Mondrian (1872—1944)

Some people say that the bright primary colours crossed with bold black lines represent the 'rhythm and vibration of life' and that the contrast (difference) in colours show the 'inner reality' of life. Other people say this painting is just bold abstract colours. It represents a style of modern art called De Stijl (The Style in Dutch, the language spoken in the Netherlands). It is thought to be inspired by the flag of the Netherlands. What do you think the painting means? It is **abstract** which means the meaning isn't obvious just by looking at the painting. You will have to think about it.

Modern Art 1870 - 1946

Composition II is an example of modern art



Mondrian is a French Artist



Creative Arts in Sheffield Lower School

This week we have lots of news about the different activities the school has taken part in to promote and celebrate creative arts in our school and wider community.

We were excited to invite parents into school to share the creative artwork from our Take One Picture initiative which is organised by the National Gallery. Take One Picture is their national programme for primary schools, which aims to inspire a lifelong love of art and learning. Every year they take one picture from the collection to inspire cross-curricular work in primary classrooms. This year's painting is, 'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas' which is a painting by Claude-Joseph Vernet. Completed artworks will be submitted to the gallery and if successful, will be displayed in the National Gallery next year



Weekly music update:

This week we thoroughly enjoyed putting together our Museum opening with an array of talents to showcase. We hope everyone enjoyed their visit around the school and the performances. This week in music assembly, the year 3 recorder's performed several pieces and we have a special solo performance. We continued to explore the terms intro and outro, and unfortunately, Harry Styles lost the music vote to Pearl Jam – Alive. 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.

Sports Festivals

On Tuesday, 10 children from Year 4 went with Mrs Farnan to take part in a variety of activities and teamwork games with children from other schools in Bedfordshire.



"The Danger run and the spider's web were my favourite activities"

"I loved playing bin ball and working as a team"

"I enjoyed using the slingshot to aim the tennis balls at the giant target"

Year 1 Cake Sale

Year 1 had a cake sale today to raise money for the RSPCA. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for us to sell after school and to everyone who brought a delicious treat.

Money raised today was an amazing
£202



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.

<u>Reception</u>	Plum—Reagan, Peach—Jack, Pear—Alfie
<u>Year 1</u>	Holly—Sid & Vinny, Sycamore—Annabelle, Chestnut—Sienna
<u>Year 2</u>	Maple—Esme, Oak—Freddie, Willow—Isla
<u>Year 3</u>	Elm—Ronnie, Hawthorn—Paige, Cedar—Katya
<u>Year 4</u>	Ash—Georgie, Beech—Heidi, Hazel—Felix



Congratulations to the children below who have been recognised as a Finer Diner this week for displaying good manners and values at lunchtime

THANK YOU

<u>Reception</u>	Emila, Elsie, Alfie, Imogen, Noah & Kovah
<u>Year 1</u>	Louie, Theo, Miles, Evelyn, Annalise, Ava & Alex
<u>Year 2</u>	Bradley, Michelle, Eva, Harry, Beau & Jesse
<u>Year 3</u>	Blake, Leeia, Amber, Albie, Remy & Sidney
<u>Year 4</u>	Jessica, Freddie, Phoebe, Charlotte, Kairo & Livvie



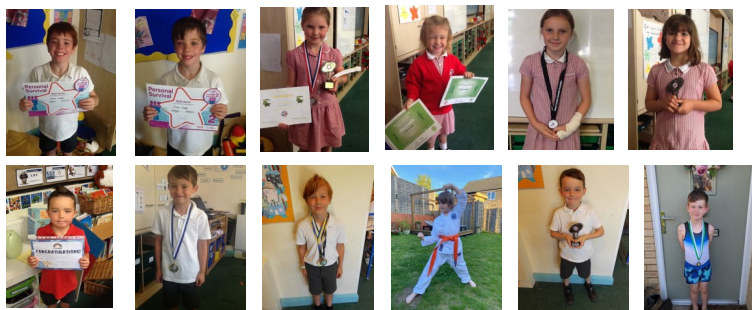
EXCUSE ME



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.

Water House	Grace—Taekwon-do, Ollie—Swimming, Indianna—Karate, Annabelle—Swimming, Lowri—Dance
Fire House	Rose—Trampolining, Thea—Taekwon-do, Harry—Gymnastics, Raith—Taekwon-do, Elodie—Swimming, Oscar—Football
Air House	Theo—Swimming, Daniel—Swimming, Fabrizio—Football, Forrest—Football, Louie—Swimming



Upcoming Sporting Dates

- 5th July—Early Years Sports Afternoon
- 6th July—Year 1 & 2 Sports Afternoon
- 7th July—Year 3 & 4 Sports Afternoon



Sheffield Lower School Summer Holiday Club

For children who attend Sheffield 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.

PSA News

Following the success of the recent Pre-Loved Uniform Sale, we would like to make these a more regular event. Ecologically it makes sense and financially, it benefits both families and the school!

If your child has outgrown any of their school uniform and it is in reusable condition, please send it in to school. We would like to be able to offer a range of sizes from 3 years upwards. Where possible, name tags should be removed.

Prices range from 50p to £2.



Items Accepted:

Red Jumpers

Red Cardigans

Pinafore Dresses

Red Gingham Summer Dresses

Grey Skirts

Grey Trousers

Grey Shorts

Red Polo shirts

White Polo Shirts

Black PE Shorts

PE T-shirts

Paired Shoes

Coats



We can accept both SLS branded and non-branded items.

Thank you in advance!

Community News

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

Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre

INTRODUCTION TO FIRST AID FOR PARENTS

This is a basic first aid course for parents or carers of babies and young children. It covers all of the essentials like CPR and dealing with a choking casualty.

Saturday 9th July

9.30am - 11.30am

Shefford and Stotfold
Children's Centre
School Lane,
Shefford,
SG17 5XA

Booking is essential.
Please contact Shefford
and Stotfold Childrens
Centre for availability.
Phone: 0300 300 8112



Central Bedfordshire

Parenting Insight

Opportunity to ask questions, gain information, advice, and guidance on

Anxiety around Transition



Guest Speaker Rebecca Gooch Emotional Health and Wellbeing Practitioner

Parent session Tuesday 28th June 2022
4.30 - 5.30pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams

Register for your place via the Eventbrite link below

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/327302078327>

Resources will be sent out after each session

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:

For more information, please contact

North Early Help earlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

News Central

Ivel Valley Parent Bulletin

Ivel Valley Local Bulletin



IT DOESN'T HURT TO ASK FOR HELP!

Safe Space

What is a Safe Space?

- a place for you to go if you need to access support
- a place where you can contact a domestic abuse support service who will be able to help you safely

For more information, speak to a member of staff or contact BDAP centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

[@beddiv](https://www.beddiv.org.uk)
[beddiv.org.uk](https://www.beddiv.org.uk)



SHEFFORD PRINCE AND PRINCESSES



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

Are you age 5-13 years?
Do you live in Shefford or attend Shefford Lower School or Robert Bloomfield Academy?
Do you want to be the Shefford Prince or Princess?
Email in your application form to enter.

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

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

NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS

5TH - 8TH JULY 2022
AT 7PM SWA MAIN HALL

£7 ADULTS • £5 CONCESSION
Speak to a member of the cast for an exclusive discount code for 25% off.
For tickets please scan the QR code on the right or visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/swaconcert

Summer Reading Challenge



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.

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 [Virtual Library](#).

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.



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:

<https://linktr.ee/centralbedfordshirelibraries>

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



Loved by over 1 Million Children!

Central Bedfordshire Libraries

Storytime with Drag Queen Story Hour UK

great lifestyles

Saturday 9 July
12noon at
Shefford Library

Join Aida H Dee for this fun and exciting storytime that celebrates inclusivity. Everyone is welcome.

Ideal for children aged 4 and above
Tickets: £2 per child (£1 for siblings) are available from the Library

Shefford Lower School

Diary Dates

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

2022 Upcoming Dates

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

schooloffice@shefford.cbeds.co.uk