



# Shanklea Primary School

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## shanklea Stars of the Week



- ★ These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude:
- ★ **Phoebe Lawson** is an amazing member of our class. She has settled in well and is working very hard.
- ★ **Bailey Weedy** has been fantastic. He is trying so hard with all his tasks, is such a good listener and is kind and helpful too. What a star!
- ★ **Taliah Ezer** is an amazing artist. She is confident when talking about her work and has drawn some fantastic James Rizzi style buildings.
- ★ **Libby Rose Thornton** has begun to settle into the routine in Year 1 and the challenges it has to offer. She is such a mature learner. Keep it up Libby!
- ★ **Harry Mitchell** is an excellent role model to his peers. He is always keen and ready to learn in all of his lessons.
- ★ **Amber Crulley** has an amazing attitude to school work. Her behaviour is fantastic, she is always ready to learn and tries her best in all lessons.
- ★ **Ryan McDermott** has a super, hardworking attitude and is making excellent progress with times tables.
- ★ **Angel Armstrong** has an amazing attitude towards writing. She always tries her best in everything she does.
- ★ **Logan Crouth** has had a brilliant attitude to learning so far this year. He has completed some fantastic shared reading sessions.
- ★ **Billie Wharton** has really got to grips with Times Tables Rockstars, improving her pace and scores each day. Live the dream Billie—become a true Rock Hero!!!
- ★ **Libby Jones** has achieved the highest number of words read in our class—over 16000 since we came back!
- ★ **William Larmouth** has begun Year 5 brilliantly. He produced a fantastic piece of Reading Journal homework.
- ★ **Arron Birch** responds well to advice given and, as a result, is making good progress.
- ★ **Poppy Beesley** has an exceptional attitude and makes a great effort in all lessons. Her Accelerated scores were particularly impressive.
- ★ **Finley Fenwick-Dunn** and **Joe Fitzpatrick** have been excellent role models and are supportive of the younger children at OOSC.



### Harvest Celebrations

There will be two Harvest Festival Assemblies this year:

#### EYFS and KS1

Parents of Key Stage One & Foundation children can come along on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 9.10a.m.** Please note only children in Foundation, Y1 & Y2 will be present at this assembly.

#### Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6)

Parents of Key Stage Two children are invited to view an assembly on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2.30p.m.** Please note only children in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 will be present at this assembly.



I am sure you will understand that for Health and Safety reasons we will have to limit the amount of parents/carers who can attend these Harvest Celebrations.

To accommodate all those who may wish to attend please only attend the assembly relevant to your child's year group.

The children really enjoy collecting tins or packets of food to share out to people in the local community. I would be very grateful if each child could bring in tins or packets of food (within the best before date) to school by **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017** at the latest in order for a display to be prepared for the assembly. Unfortunately we are unable to receive fresh produce.

We are inviting nominations of people within our community who would be grateful for the gift of a small food package. This could be an elderly person, a friend or even a neighbour.

After the assemblies have taken place, food donations will be bagged and sent home with children to give to their nominated person. We feel this will help the school to strengthen its links with the local community. If your child would like to nominate a person please complete the form, on the reverse of this newsletter giving their reasons why they have nominated this person.

I am sure the assembly will be fantastic and we look forward to seeing you there. Once again many thanks for your support.



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## Teddy Bears' Picnic

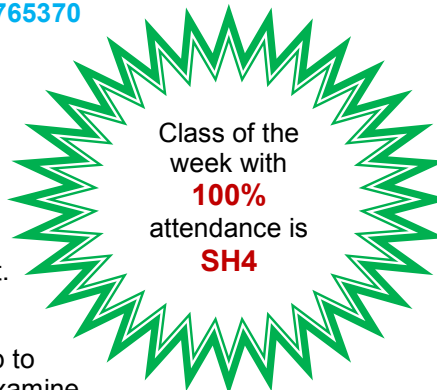
### News Post Leader

If you go down to the Garden today



Shanklea Primary School at the teddy bears' picnic in The Alnwick Garden. Picture by The Bigger Picture Agency  
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Friday 22 September 2017

Recently, some of our pupils enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic, thanks to Northumberland Freemasons. We joined children from schools all over Northumberland and Newcastle for the event at The Alnwick Garden. It was part of celebrations to mark the 300th anniversary of the United Grand Lodge of England, during which Northumberland Freemasons have given £300,000 to local charities. The event, hosted by Masonic charity Teddies for Loving Care, featured a teddy bear trail, picnic box and entertainment. A teddy bear was given to every child. You can read more in the News Post Leader at <http://www.newspostleader.co.uk/news/if-you-go-down-to-the-garden-today-1-8765370>



### Last Week's Attendance

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	94.2
1	96.9
2	94.4
3	94.2
4	99.4
5	94.5
6	97.5

### Ancient Egypt



Next week, our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be travelling back in time to Ancient Egypt.

They will welcome a very special and knowledgeable visitor, Mr Egypt, who will help to bring Ancient Egypt to life. The children will examine artefacts and participate in a carousel of activities including writing in hieroglyphics and dressing up in Ancient Egyptian clothing. They may even see a real life mummy! It should be a fantastic day, where the children learn lots and have fun.

### Scholastic Books



Can orders for Scholastic books be returned as soon as possible please, preferably by **Friday 29th September 2017**.

If you prefer to collect your order from the office please let us know.



### Year 5 & Year 6 Able Writers' Day

Shanklea Primary School is set to become a host school next week for Able Writers' Workshops. Able writers from Shanklea and other local schools will get together to work with author, Graham Taylor, and share ideas and inspiration throughout the day.

Ofsted inspectors have highly praised this programme on many occasions as it not only gives the children the opportunity to work with a current writer, challenges the more able children, approaching literature from a different angle but it also helps to further build links between schools in the local community. The day also serves as an excellent professional development day for the accompanying teachers...

Please note that the old-style round £1 coins cease to be legal tender on **October 15th 2017**.

As more and more people are able to pay bills online it means our office is becoming increasingly cashless. If you do need to pay for anything in cash can you **PLEASE** make sure you bring the right money. Thank you



### Junior golfers

Come and join us at

**Arcot Hall Golf Club**

On

**Sunday 1st October 2017 at 2:30pm**

**for the Re-launch of the Junior Section**

Come along and meet Kris Bangsøen and organizer Michael Wilson. Bring your clubs for a 9 hole competition and hear about the Junior programme and special membership offers. Non Members welcome for a free taster session

For further details contact Kris on 0191 236 2794

### Christmas Cards



What lovely weather we are all having! Probably one of the last things most parents will be thinking about is Christmas cards! However, here at Shanklea we are already planning great things for the approaching festive season, including the very popular cards designed by children.

We will be sending out your child's Christmas Holiday card designs at the end of next week. Please check your child's reading bag to ensure nobody misses out and return your orders to school by **Friday 13th October**





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## Year 6 Responsibility Roles

As the oldest children, Year 6 have an incredibly important role within school and are encouraged to be positive role models for younger children.

As a way of developing their life skills linked to their future employment and longer term aspirations, we have advertised positions of responsibility and sought applications from interested children, giving them the opportunity to experience the process of applying for a job and completing an application form.

The positions available include: **Reading Champions; Maths Whizzes; Super Scientists; IT Techies; Handy Helpers** and **Office Assistants**

Successful candidates for these specially designed 'jobs' were announced at this week's achievement assembly.

Continued guidance, support and encouragement will be given throughout the children's period in post. Children will receive payment in castle points.



## Live Kitchen

We are delighted that parents and pupils are taking advantage of our online meal ordering system. We are seeing the benefits in terms of reduced waiting lines already.

It is important that parents continue to pre-order wherever possible with their children to help us ensure sufficient supply stocks. As the weather gets colder you can help ensure your child has a delicious, hot and nutritionally balanced meal every day.

### SPECIAL MENU—FOR ONE DAY ONLY

Thursday 5th October

REMINDER: Our kitchen is offering a special menu on **Thursday 5th October**. Could parents please pre-order this meal as soon as possible to ensure your child does not miss out.

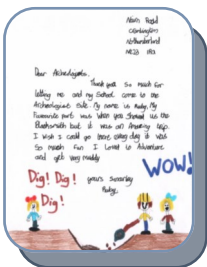
**Sausages, chips and beans**



**Chocolate cake with chocolate sauce**



## Archaeology Update



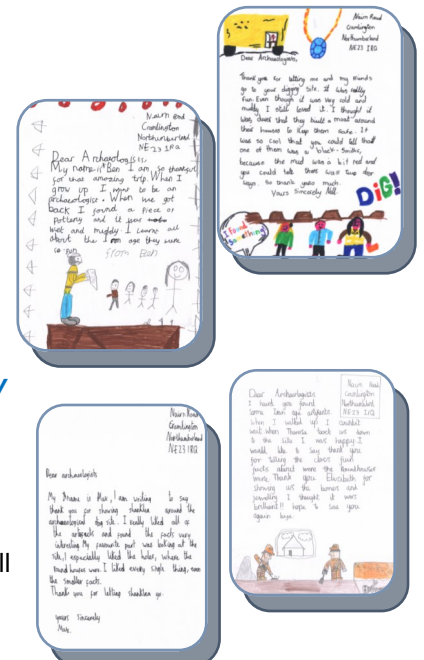
You may remember that, during the last academic year our Year 3 and 4 children were given the opportunity to visit the Iron Age archaeological dig near Nelson Hill, right on our doorstep!

With the support and encouragement from Mrs Hagan, many children wrote to the archaeological team to thank them for the opportunity to visit the site and handle some artefacts. Here are some examples-

We have received a wonderful "Thank You Back" from Mr Matthew Town, Project Manager for NAA Heritage Consultants. He said

*"I am just writing to say how delighted we were to receive so many lovely letters about the open day, with such wonderful drawings. There were so many clever insights and observations too, and it really made working on the site so worthwhile!"*

The team were so impressed with our letters that they plan to include some on their website and they will feature in the next issue of the magazine "Archaeology in Northumberland" which is produced through Northumberland County Council. We will provide more information when we can.

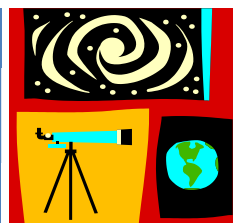


## What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "Space"

Children will be participating in lots of age appropriate activities on the theme of space, including moving monsters and designing your own planet

Our Wednesday special breakfast is sausage and beans





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## Harvest Celebrations 2017: Food Donation Nomination Form

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

The name of person I would like to nominate to receive a harvest celebration pack is:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to nominate this person because: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Child's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

- I agree to help my child to deliver the package to their nominated person if selected.
- I/we will/will not attend the KS1/KS2 assembly

*(please delete as appropriate)*



**Please return this form to the office**