



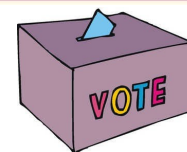
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Shanklea School Council Election Results



Following class elections in which the children were the electorate we are proud to announce that the following pupils have been elected to the Shanklea School Council.



Reception	Savannah Palmer		Isla Bunting
Year 1	Amber Clark		Harry Mitchell
Year 2	Joe Gainford		Eryn Robertson
Year 3	Lucy Wilson		Elliot Weedy
Year 4	Myriam Gaultier		Ruby Whatnell
Year 5	Ethan Haslem		Max Lucas
Year 6	Katie Whatnell	Nina Chambers	Harry Shires

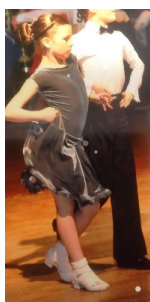


Congratulations to our new councillors.
We look forward to listening to your views as you represent your classmates.

Strictly Shanklea Superstar



It's official!! **Savannah Houlden** is the 2017 British National Samba Dancing Champion after competing against stiff competition at Blackpool last weekend. Before we know it, Savannah may be set to be the



next Strictly Come Dancing Head Judge as Len Goodman is hotfooting it out of the ballroom and she is already an expert ready to take charge of his sparkly score paddles.

Congratulations Savannah on winning such a prestigious award. We look forward to seeing and hearing about your future achievements....



Parents and carers are invited to come along to **Mr McGregor's class assembly on Tuesday 17th January at 2.45pm.** We look forward to seeing you.

Loom Bands



Loom bands were on many children's Christmas present list this year so some of our Year 3 children set themselves the challenge of creating the longest loom band chain ever....

The loom band measures over 30 metres so far and is still growing. Can we please remind parents and staff to be aware of the potential risks and to keep a careful eye on young children who are playing with the colourful rubber bands. Some hospitals have reported inhalation of rubber bands and there have been cases of them becoming stuck.

Well done Year 3. What fantastic, team work, determination and perseverance.



Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **CC5** and **SM6**



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Powerful Practice



Reading is a skill and, as with every skill, it requires not just instruction but practice. Reading practice serves a number of purposes. It enables pupils to apply the skills and strategies that they are taught. It gives you opportunities to check their learning and identify any weaknesses. And, it draws pupils into the world of "real" reading - a world in which families learn from and enjoy books.

Practice does not automatically lead to growth, however. To be effective, practice must: be at the right level of difficulty, cover a sufficient amount of time, be guided by an instructor, and be enjoyable enough to sustain.

Reading remains a crucial part of the school curriculum. In response to parental and pupil feedback we have made some changes to home reading and homework at Shanklea Primary School.



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a computer package which allows pupil to undertake quizzes to assess their comprehension. Pupils are able to earn rewards for these quizzes. The programme assesses the pupil's current reading level and suggests a selection of books from which they should choose. This means that reading practice is at the correct challenge to ensure maximum impact and progress.

We are trialling the use of Accelerated Reader within school and it will be used as follows:

Y5 and Y6	will read Accelerated Reader books all the time and complete quizzes as soon as they finish them.
Y2, 3 and 4	will take home an Accelerated Reader book every few books and will complete quizzes on these. The rest of the time they will continue with the Oxford Reading Tree.
EYFS and Y1	will continue with the Oxford Reading Tree with some free choice books sent home for sharing with their parents every couple of weeks.

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have already started with this scheme and their first impressions are very positive. They enjoy choosing the books and are becoming very competitive over their quizzes and word counts!



Homework – Reading Journals and Learning Journals

Reading Journals

Key Stage 2 (Year 3 – 6)

In future English homework will be completed in the children's new Reading Journals. It is hoped these books will become a record of the children's enjoyment of reading and the progress they make.

Each week the children will be given a category of task by their teacher. Each category has a selection of tasks available. The children will then be allowed to choose which task they wish to undertake. These tasks should be based upon a book the child is currently reading. How the pupils complete the task is left to them to decide allowing pupils more independence and the ability to show initiative. We hope the children will be creative and the books will become a colourful and memorable record of their reading over the year and something of which they will be proud.

Pupils should still continue to have their reading records signed. Maths homework will continue to be a mix of online and written tasks.

Learning Journals

Key Stage 1 – (Year 1 and 2)

Pupils in Year 1 and 2 will receive an English and Maths task each week. One of these will be an online task and the other a task which requires a written response. The tasks will alternate from week to week.

Pupils will still receive spellings and reading books and parents are asked to continue to sign when they have read with their children.

We hope these changes will provide the pupils with inspiring and engaging learning opportunities for the family to share. If you have any queries about the above please speak to your child's teacher or Mrs Baxter.

We would welcome any comments on these changes.



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Our Tuesday special is tomato soup and bread.

What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is
"Chinese New Year: Year of the Rooster"

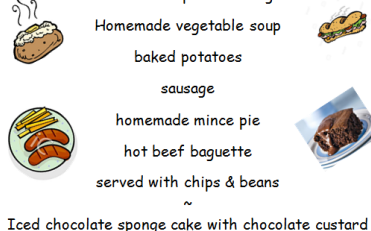
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chinese masks	Rooster Collage	Chinese Dragons	Money Wallets	Chinese Lanterns



Our Wednesday mid-week special is crumpets.



We would like to invite you to enjoy a hot & hearty meal to warm them through on these cold January days. Choose from a selection of our best winter warmer recipes including:



Shanklea Winter Warmer Day

Winter Warmer Raffle



Next week, our Winter Warmer themed curricular week occurs. As part of the enterprising food and drink events, the school is hosting a raffle. We have received a wide range of appealing wintry raffle prizes from friends of the school. These generous donations include funky Ski-jackets; 3 family sessions of snow tubing, a family ticket to a New-castle Eagles basketball game and a day pass to the Holiday Inn spa facilities at Gosforth Park!

Raffle tickets will be sent out shortly. They are £1 each and the draw will be made on our Winter Warmer Day, Thursday 19th January 2017. **Good luck!**

Free School Meals

Free School Meals (FSM) are available to any full-time Shanklea pupil who is still at school and meet certain eligibility criteria You can get Free School Meals for your child if you or your partner gets :

- Universal Credit.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less, as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs



Where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school lunches. Children who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right are also eligible to receive Free School Meals.

It is really important that you let the office know immediately if your child is eligible for FSM as there is a government census taken in school on Thursday and this decides all funding arrangements for the next academic year...

School Census Day

Thursday 19th January 2017

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