

# Shanklea Stars of the Week

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★ These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude and effort during the past week:

★ **Keisha Young** is making fantastic progress in Phonics.

★ **Christopher Dobson** knows some super animal facts and has completed some great addition calculations—all in  
★ his head.

★ **Neve Horn** uses punctuation carefully. Well done, Neve.

★ **Louis Waugh** has shown a great attitude towards his learning since returning to school after the holidays. He is  
★ very mature and has made huge improvements to his handwriting.

★ **Maisie Kilgour** has a great attitude in all lessons. She is trying very hard with her English work.

★ **Libby Barber** has shown a very good work ethic towards some very challenging Maths. Keep it up, Libby.

★ **Jay Landon** is making an amazing effort in Maths. He is showing improved concentration and is producing excellent work.

★ **Summer Gordon** has a brilliant attitude towards school and made an excellent effort in our class assembly.

★ **Keira Stobbs** made some brilliant inferences about Mr Stink during a Literacy lesson. She always gives her best.

★ **Lily Ormston** has shown a fantastic understanding of the Mr Stink book. She made some excellent inferences about Mr Stink and Chloe.

★ **Oliver Craik** showed some amazing problem solving skills in Maths, with some very tricky problems.

★ **William Bruce** is taking great pride in his writing. He is producing some very good pieces of work.

★ **Joshua Follin** is making great contributions in class and in small group work. He has shown an increasing maturity.

★ **Megan Thornton** is showing a mature and positive attitude towards her SATs revision.

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## Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf Superstars

Congratulations to our stupendous Year 3 and 4 Tri-golf team who have retained their title as Champions for the 2nd year in a row.

Everyone was amazing and Mrs McBride was so impressed at the way the team worked together and supported each other.

Everyone contributed to this brilliant win!

Well done **Mathew, Eleanor, Isaac, Mackenzie, Ryan, Isabel, Archie, Hollie, George** and **Billie.**



# shanklea Superstars

## Year 5 and 6 Football Superstars

Both Shanklea teams performed brilliantly and were a credit to Shanklea.

The girls team worked so well together and were amazing throughout, making it all the way to the final. A special Shanklea Shout-Out to Ellie who us goals. Congratulations to **Tori, Lillie, Maddy, Isabel, Aimee, Savannah, Libby** and **Ellie**.



The boys made it to the semi-finals where they were beaten by a golden goal. Their team spirit and ability to work together were inspirational. Well done **Alex W, Alex P, Harry C, William B, Josh C, Harrison M, Gabriel M, and Bradley W.**



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## The Phonics Screening Test

The Phonics Screening Test (otherwise known as the "Year 1 Phonics Screening" or "Phonics Test") is a short phonics assessment.

The Phonics Test is a compulsory test. It takes place in the second week of June at the end of Year 1 and is part of the national curriculum assessment programme. There is only one **Year One phonics test**.

The Phonics Screening Test seeks to test whether children have learned to decode words using phonics to the required level.

Children are expected to sound out and blend graphemes to read simple words. They are also required to read phonically decodable one-syllable and two-syllable words.

Children can fail the Phonics Screening Test. If a child fails the Phonics Screening Check then they are required to take it again at the end of Year 2.

## 2018 Phonics Test

The 2018 Phonics Test will take place at a time determined by school within the week commencing 11th June 2018.

Your child's teacher (or another close teacher) will carry out their Year 1 Phonics Screening. The Year 1 Phonics

## Year 1 Phonics Screening

Test will take place in a relaxed environment - your child's teacher will be aware of any "test anxiety". There will not be an externally appointed examiner present and children are not put under pressure.

Your child will sit with the teacher and be asked to read 40 words aloud. Some words will be simple and familiar, some will be more complex and some will be "non-words", "invalid words" or "alien words". A non-word is a fake word that's used solely to test a child's ability to use phonics.

For example:

**Simple valid word : Chum, short**

**Complex valid word : Feast, shape**

**Non-word : Murbs, blard**

After all children nationwide have completed the Year 1 Phonics Screening, a pass mark will be published. The pass mark for the 2017 Phonics Test was 32 and for previous years it was within the range of 30-32.

Due to the nature of the test, there is no formal time limit. Children can expect the phonics screening check to last around 10 minutes.



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## Shanklea Cycle Crew

The Cycle Crew trip to Amsterdam is getting ever closer. Our next training session, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018, is sure to make everyone more **Cycle Confident** as we aim to unlock Amsterdam by empowering everyone to cycle confidently and safely.

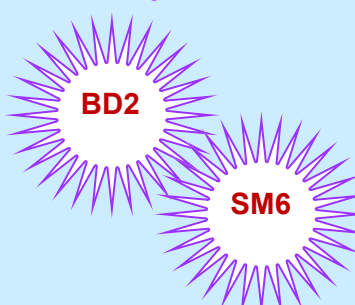
Our children benefit from the positive effects of cycling: improved health, faster travel and a reduction of their personal carbon footprint. Perhaps most importantly it also provides a sense of success, independence and achievement, feelings to which every individual is entitled.

Thank you to parents and families for supporting the children as they develop their skills and stamina in preparation for this exciting adventure.

## Last Week's Attendance

**100% Attendance**

**Superstars**



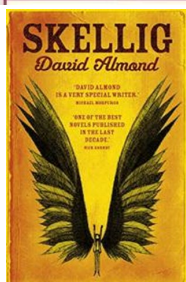
Year Group	Attendance
Rec	99.0
1	97.3
2	99.6
3	97.3
4	97.9
5	96.6
6	99.6





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## Year 6 Author Visit

Our Year 6 children are currently studying **Skellig** a children's novel by British author **David Almond**. Skellig was the Whitbread Children's Book of the Year and it won the Carnegie Medal from the Library Association, recognising the year's outstanding children's book by a British author.

*down. It's told by a boy called Michael. He's moved across town with his parents to an old house that needs to be renovated. Just as they move in, Michael's baby sister is born. She is premature, and she's seriously ill. Michael is fed up and frightened. At the bottom of the garden, there's a tumbledown garage. Michael is told not to go into it. It's far too dangerous. Of course, he goes in there. And, behind heaps of junk and ancient tea chests, he discovers a wizened man or creature....."*

This week our Year 6 pupils received a special invitation to meet David who originates from Heaton, Newcastle, in person.

David Almond stated:

*"I was walking along the street one day, and a story flew into my mind, as stories do. I started to write it"*

The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting this inspirational author and learning about his life, work and what inspires him. Thank you to everyone who made this special visit possible.



## World Kids Colouring Day

All Shanklea children are being given the opportunity to take part in a competition to celebrate "World Kids Colouring Day." This "Typically British" themed competition, run by the Staedtler Teachers Club, challenges children to use their creative and literary skills. Children will take part in school time. Extra copies may be collected from outside the office. Please make sure you collect the right form for your child's Key Stage.

Entries must be returned to school by **Wednesday 23rd May** so that we can send them off before they closing date.

## Toddler Group



Please note that our Toddler Group will not take place on **Wednesday 16th May 2018** due to the SATs.



## SHANKLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Request the pleasure of your company  
At our Royal Wedding Celebration Lunch

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Time: Rec/Key Stage 1 from 11.30am Key Stage 2 from 12.15pm

Dress Code: Wedding Finest or Bridesmaid's Dress/Page Boy Outfit  
(if you have them)

### Wedding Menu

Bread roll (ham, cheese or tuna)  
Sausage roll, crisps & wedding bun

Celebration Fruit & Ice Cream

Or

Celebration Ice Cream tub

RSVP Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Pre order via Live Kitchen

## Can you help?



As you will be aware, school budgets are under ever increasing pressure, Shanklea Primary School is fortunate to have a very supportive PTFA to help us where they can but there are other opportunities, such as **Employer Matched Funding Schemes**, to raise funds for school. Children will shortly bring home a letter with more details. Your help would be most gratefully received. Thank you.

## Royal Wedding Celebrations



Please book your child's place at our special themed lunch on **Thursday 17th April 2018** to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Bookings should be made on Live Kitchen as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



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## EYFS Developments

**We are developing our EYFS outdoors**  
**Can you help?**

We are giving our outdoor area a revamp and would like the help of our local community



A new mud kitchen



A shelter



An outdoor stage



Sensory walk



Painting



Digging area



Teepees

Could you help make some items? (all materials would be provided)  
Could you help paint some of our planters/sheds/tyres?  
Do you have relevant skills? Are you a landscape gardener?

**We need:** seeds/plants, planks of decking, garden trellis, milk crates, planks of plywood, garden paint, old pots/pans/kitchen utensils, guttering, pallets, Plumbers' pipes, artificial turf, cable reels

We are, as you will know, continuing to complete a programme of refurbishment to the Early Years outdoor areas. So far this term, new canopies, an outdoor stage and seating along with nature trails and planting are in progress. Our eco-warriors are working hard to further develop our outdoor learning and are busy encouraging food recycling for our compost bins.

Our School Council have been meeting regularly to improve playground provision and have put their orders in for new equipment.

We have built strong links with Azure Garden Centre, Cramlington and the results are in evidence around school.



We recently sent out a letter asking for donations of outdoor supplies and volunteers to help carry out improvement works with us. Thank you to everyone who has replied. If you haven't yet done so please return the slip from the letter as soon as you can so we can start to plan.

**We are extremely grateful for all offers of help. You are helping us to make our school even better for our children.**

As always, if you are able to offer any help in school please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office. Thank you.



## Forest Schooling



During the Summer Term, the next phase of development is to expand the Shanklea school curriculum using our "forest" and forest schooling.

Thus far, our youngest children have created art work from natural materials, cleared the forest and set up shelters. Over time, we will learn how to work with tools and fire safely, make charcoal, heat water using a Kelly kettle, make scones, toast marshmallows and cook pizza.

Exciting and inspiring times are ahead with the children working together to learn a range of fantastic new life skills!

**Everyone is invited to join St Nicholas Church in their sesquicentennial (150 years) celebrations...**

**Flower Festival 2018**  
**Celebrating 150 years at St Nicholas**

Opening Concert - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Tickets £7.50

Viewing Times

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 12 am - 5 pm  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 10 am - 4 pm



St Nicholas Church Cramlington Village  
cramlingtoncofe.org.uk

Celebrating 150 years at St. Nicholas

Additional Scheduled Events		
Day in May	Time	Event
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	From 2:30 pm The Rock Choir
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm to 5 pm Victoria Sandwich Cake Competition and Wedding Photo display
Wednesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	2 pm to 5 pm Art, Craft, Writing, Photograph displays
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm to 10 pm Backworth Colliery Band and Darling Dollies Concert - (Ticket £7.50)
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	At 10 am Commemorative Church Service conducted by the Right Reverend Mark Tanner

(you are warmly invited to join us for any of the above events, and should you require further information please contact Barry or Sandra Stewart (01670 716543).