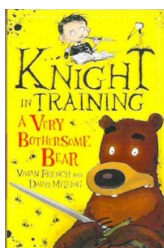




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Author Visit



This week, pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 made a trip to Eastlea Primary to meet author **Vivian French** and came back bursting with ideas! They heard a stirring story, found out that authors get to do all kinds of things as well as write (e.g. travel, go to festivals, do book signings and maybe appear on TV); enjoyed the sound of laughter as funny facts and jokes were shared from her books and experiences.

Vivian French is a bestselling author of over 250 books. She writes novels, plays and non-fiction books for children and young adults. She has worked as an actor and a community drama worker and was described by the Sunday Telegraph as a "sublime storyteller."

On meeting Ms French, the children were given insight into how successful poems, stories and factual books are created. They were able to ask questions. They got to know where ideas come from and how characters were brought alive.

This fantastic author visit was full of great book recommendations, overflowing enthusiasm, brilliant ideas for writing, useful tips, encouragement to keep trying, real-life stories of meeting rejection but not giving up.



Year 1 phonics

At Shanklea, we believe that it is important for teachers and parents to work together to give children the best start. Reading

together at home is one of the easiest but most important ways in which you can help your child.

To support your child in becoming an effective and confident reader, we work with you to develop their knowledge of phonics. This will enable them to decode the different words they come across.

Phonics is all about the sounds that make up words. Children start by learning the letters and the sounds they make, and how to put them together to make and read simple words. Then they learn how letters combine to make new sounds (such as 'th') and move on to longer words and new reading skills.

We use the **'Read, Write, Inc'** phonics programme.

To help parents we are offering a parent workshop on **Wednesday 13th February** at **2.15pm** to help you support your child in their phonic development, and ultimately their reading and writing. We look forward to seeing you there.

Coming Up Soon

Wednesday 13th February	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler Group 9am Firefighters Charity Bag Collection 2.15pm Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop
Thursday 14th February	2.45pm Mrs Baxter's Year 6 Class Assembly Valentines Day Lunch : Please pre-order on Live Kitchen Valentine's Disco: Rec & KS1: 5.45-6.45pm; KS2: 7-8pm
Friday 15th February	School closes
Monday 25th February	School re-opens STEM week
Tuesday 5th March	Year 5/6 Topic Immersion Day
Friday 8th March	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights Programme
Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th	Year 5 Robinwood Residential
Thursday 14th March	Mr Wadds Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day Year 5 Skipping Festival
Wednesday 20th March	Mrs Kane Year 2 Class Assembly

Last week's attendance

Class of the week with **99.6%** attendance is

DAC1

Well done Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	91.7
1	99.0
2	96.9
3	94.2
4	91.5
5	94.6
6	92.9



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Valentines Celebrations

Valentine's Day is just around the corner and the Friends of Shanklea are bringing everyone together. The Shanklea disco is an opportunity to throw a themed event, have lots of fun and raise some school funds too.

Please reserve your child's disco place on the School Gateway. Please note that for safety reasons we keep registers and do not issue tickets.

Please pre-order your child's Valentine's themed lunch on Live Kitchen.

If you have any problems, please contact our Office Team.

Don't miss the chance to do something fun for this special day – you still have time!



Valentine's Day Raffle

Children have brought home two strips of raffle tickets this week. These cost £1/strip. Please return stubs, unused tickets and cash to the office no later than **14th February 2019**. More tickets are available from the office if you require any. Thank you.

1st Prize: Valentine's Hamper

2nd and 3rd Prizes: Meal Vouchers

Shanklea's Little Monkeys Play Group

arts and crafts
snacks
music

Wednesdays
9.15am-10.15am
In the main school hall.

building blocks sensory play

Come and join us for our Toddler Group for children under 3 years.

£1.50 entry, includes a drink and a biscuit

01670 715205

Available to everyone, please share with family & friends of children 0-3 years



VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH
THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Menu

Sweetheart Spaghetti & Meatballs
Or Quorn Meatballs
in Tomato Sauce with
Cute Corn

Valentine Biscuit
Served with Juice

Pre order via Live Kitchen

An Electrifying Assembly from AK4

Well done to Mr King's Year 4 class who gave a fantastic performance on the theme of electricity and electrical circuits this week.

