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★ **Olivia Browne** has had a consistently good attitude since the start of Year 6.



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Outstanding Phonics Results

We were delighted to receive the letter opposite from the Minister for School standards congratulating staff, parents and pupils for our outstanding 2016 phonics screening check results. As the Minister says, our children are developing **"a firm foundation in reading from which they can develop further and become increasingly fluent readers."**

What's on at OOSC

At OOSC next week, we will be looking at WW1 poetry, visiting the war memorial and taking part in Remembrance Day activities.

Our Wednesday mid-week breakfast special will be porridge.



Extended learning opportunities at Shanklea Primary School



Foreign language classes, dance classes, homework clubs, football matches, and business enterprise skills workshops are just some of the ways in which our school aims to extend your

children's education...

The school day has changed: we are open from **8am-5.30pm** and pupils are encouraged to start the day with a breakfast club and finish with an after-school club. This is great news for working parents - now you can top and tail the day with good quality child care at Shanklea Primary School.

Many of the activities Shanklea offers are in partnership with voluntary or private sector providers, and other Cramlington schools are also working in clusters to share our services and advertise to parents what is available. Clubs are usually heavily subsidised or free. These activities are also combined with childcare in primary schools, community access to adult and family learning and ICT activities and swift and easy access to specialist services and parenting support.

This half term, Shanklea school is offering after-school clubs that teach yoga, computing, dance, football, music, rugby, singing and even art and science, most of which are free. These clubs have an important role to play in enriching the curriculum. Being at school is not just about

what you do between 9am and 3.15pm, it's about acquiring the skills to go into society - it's about widening horizons and showing children they can be a chorist or a scientist.



Not only are these after-school clubs fun, but they also help boost children's self-esteem and self-confidence. We want happy, self-confident children who are motivated and can achieve more. By offering after-school activities our children get the chance to succeed in a different area, then they can take success and use it to overcome barriers in the subjects they find difficult.

One of our parents was delighted with the progress her daughter has made at the homework club and says it has really helped her child to keep on top of her work. **"We find she achieves a better quality of homework if she does it at study club, rather than if she does it at home. At one point we were finding we spent all Sunday doing her homework and it wasn't enjoyable for her or us. Now she does her research on the school computers and if she has a query she can ask the relevant teacher".**



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Accelerated Reader

Children can complete personalised reading challenges through the e-learning programme '**Accelerated Reader 360**'. Accelerated Reader 360 engages pupils in independent and close reading practice. Children complete close reading activities built into non-fiction articles, choose their own independent reading books and take short reading comprehension quizzes. Pupils work toward personalized reading goals and grow!



Sum Dog

Children can also complete additional personal number calculation challenges through the competitive e-learning programme '**Sum Dog**'. There is a national week long competition starting on **Friday 4th November 2016** and we would really like Shanklea children to participate as Mathematics studies have found that the length of time spent using Sumdog has a highly significant impact., with up to 3x faster progress. Pupils and teachers have observed an improvement in both mathematics ability and children's attitudes towards learning mathematics. Why not give it a try?

Maths Mountain

Maths Mountain – Since September 2016, the Shanklea Maths Mountain reward scheme has gone from strength to strength. Each pupil's goal is to climb to the top of the mountain by answering simple maths questions faster than their opponents (computer or human) on a weekly basis. Over time, the children are allocated certificates as they progress up the mountain by answering questions correctly.



STOP~N~SHOP

OOSC are offering their popular late night shopping evening on

Thursday 1st December 2016

Let the children STOP at school until 8pm while you SHOP

Activities include a Christmas sing along, team quiz, prize bingo, party games & a movie. Included in the cost is milkshake & shortbread, hot dog or hamburger & fries, popcorn & ice cream.

Open to children in Reception, KS1 & KS2

£10 per child (additional siblings £5)

shanklea Reading Rollercoaster



Reading Rollercoaster – When it comes to roller coasters, do you like wood or metal, loops or curves, speed or height? Or, do you prefer to skip the roller coaster ride?

What about reading? Do you like fiction or non-fiction, skinny or big books, difficult or easy, fun or serious? Or, do you prefer to skip reading?

Not everyone likes the same things, but reading is important to everyone in the information age. Start thinking differently about the role of books and reading in your life. There are electronic books, ezines, online publishing, and web-based information. Maybe you don't like roller coasters, but have you tried the other rides? Maybe you don't like all books, but have you tried magazines, short stories, and audio books?

Shanklea students will continue to be rewarded for their varied reading through the Reading Rollercoaster scheme. Certificates will be earned over time for all children who demonstrate reading texts containing varied themes, challenging subject matter and engaging plots, to motivate students to keep reading.





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An important message..

I am sure that everyone understands the importance of school and home working together to help ensure that every child has a positive and productive time at Shanklea. In order to promote a happy and healthy learning environment we must jointly uphold the standards that the school has set and expects from all of its students.

Uniform Policy

- SKIRT** Must be a plain black skirt (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee). No others are acceptable.
- TIGHTS** Must be plain black, without patterns
- SOCKS** Must be plain black or white and below the knee
- TROUSERS** Boys and girls trousers must be plain black worn appropriately, not below the hip. Trousers should not be tucked into socks. Please be aware that jeans, skinny jeans, jogging bottoms, leggings or coloured belts are not allowed.
- SWEAT SHIRT AND POLOSHIRT** White long or short sleeved shirt. Plain maroon, embroidered logo. Shanklea jumper or cardigan may also be worn.
- FOOTWEAR** Plain black polish-able shoes. If laces are worn they must be black.
No high heels, no studs, no diamante, no toe caps. No trainers to be worn
Acceptable Styles: Black formal shoes of plain leather material. Laces should be black and shoes should have a proper back.
- JEWELLERY** One plain plastic insert may be worn in each ear.
Diamante, gold and silver studs are not allowed.
No ear tunnels or spikes are permitted
Pendants/chains should be discreet and inside collars
- HAIR, NAILS AND MAKE-UP** Conventional colours only.
No extremes of fashion e.g. crew cuts, tramlines, no less than grade 2.
Clear nail polish only. No nail extensions or false nails.
No Make-up.
- PE TOPS** White PE polo shirt
- PE BOTTOMS** Black plain shorts. Black plain jogging bottoms
Tights/leggings are not acceptable for P.E.
Plain black leggings or school trousers may be worn FOR DANCE ONLY
- PE FOOTWEAR** Trainers must be worn for PE. Canvas or 'Converse' style footwear is not acceptable
- TATTOOS** No student is allowed to have temporary or semi-permanent tattoos in any visible position (including visible during PE).

Has your child tried a Shanklea Grab Bag??

Did you know our kitchen now offer children the choice of a take away style Grab Bag as an alternative to our more traditional hot dinners? Grab bags contain a sandwich in a choice of flavours, a piece of fruit, a biscuit, a dairy product and a drink, Grab bags are available to all children in school. Grab bags are available to all children including those who receive Universal Infant Free school meals, Free school meals and paying pupils.

