

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: ★

★ **Archie W** always tries hard with everything he does. He is
★ doing really well with his sounds.

★ **Malika W** has impressed all the staff with all the words she
★ has learnt to read. She is sounding out her letters beautifully.

★ **Layton G** is showing an amazing attitude in class and
★ follows advice to “wow-up” his work.

★ **Flynn S** has shown great resilience in Maths. Well done
★ Flynn.

★ **Jessica C** has an excellent attitude to learning, working maturely and independently. She is always a wonderful friend.

★ **Matilda C** created some fantastic Remembrance Day artwork. Well done Matilda.

★ **Max R** has an excellent attitude to learning and has
 ★ produced some fantastic work in English. He is a super role
 ★ model.

★ **Georgia S** has made an amazing effort in her new Maths
★ group, showing how hard work pays off.

★ **Jay L** has shown a brilliant attitude towards his learning this week and has demonstrated his excellent listening skills.

★ **Mathew J** has made great efforts in English, particularly
★ handwriting.

★ **Kaitlyn R** always has an amazing attitude. She is a pleasure to have in class and is making great progress.

★ **Imogen M** showed amazing questioning skills during our debate. Her teachers are very impressed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Staying Safe Outside School

IMPORTANT NOTICE The area around our school is generally trouble free but there is always a possibility of things going wrong. For example, we are aware that a member of the public made, what they probably thought were jokey comments, to a Shanklea family whilst children were present. Such incidents can be unpleasant and we must acknowledge that there is a small risk that things could become serious. We therefore need to help all our children develop strategies to keep themselves safe.

We all want our children to have happy, carefree lives but we also need to make sure they are safe and to warn them of possible dangers, how to minimize risks and what to do if things go wrong.

We have included some advice within this newsletter on how to talk to children about strangers and what to do if they find themselves separated from their trusted adults. We hope you find it useful and we can continue to work together to keep our children safe and happy.



Maggie was so proud to be awarded the Trainer of the Week trophy at her team's training session. She is trying hard and having fun as she learns lots of new skills.



Charlotte has only been going to gymnastics for a few weeks and she has already received her second certificate for her floor work. Well done Charlotte - you are amazing.



Poppy has been awarded Beaver of the Month. She has been trying really hard and has been an amazing beaver. Well done Poppy.

Shanklea Superstars



After 36½ glorious years, Mrs **Turnbull** will be retiring this week. We are sure you will join us in thanking her for her tremendous contribution to our school and to wish the happiest of times ahead. We will miss her so much.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Children in need appeal. The children enjoyed wearing bright colours and we raised a fantastic **£213.27**. Well done Team Shanklea.



Ordering School Dinners

Our catering team provide a fantastic selection of top quality, hot meals every day. Many of our parents and carers take the opportunity to pre-order their child's meal at home. Others allow their child to choose each morning in the classroom. This system lets the catering team know how many of each menu option to make, minimizing wastage whilst ensuring everyone gets what they have ordered

Can families please take time to discuss the chosen options with their child as increasing numbers of children are complaining they do not like the option that has been ordered for them. Whilst we try our best to accommodate everyone it is not possible to allow lots of children to “change their minds” without impacting on other children. We will therefore offer an alternative of soup and a sandwich for any child who really does not like their order.

We strongly recommend discussing choices with your child and pre-ordering on School Grid to avoid disappointment. Thank you.



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Keeping Our Children Safe Outside School- What should we tell our children?

A stranger can be described as someone that we don't know or someone that we don't know well. We can say that nearly all people are kind but that there are a small number of people who might not be. We cannot tell who is kind just by looking at them. We must never go anywhere with a stranger or do anything for a stranger. It doesn't matter what they say to us, we should always tell the grown-up who looks after us if a stranger talks to us.

Basic Stranger Danger rules include:

- never go anywhere with a stranger
- never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger
- never get in a car with a stranger
- never go off on your own without telling your parents/carers or a trusted adult
- tell your child it is okay to break the rules if they are in danger
- encourage your child to **YELL, KICK, SCREAM, LIE** or **RUN AWAY**, if they feel they are in danger
- give your child a code word or sign that only you and your child (and another parent/carer) know. They can use it when they feel they are in danger but don't want other people to know
- tell your child to stay with their friends and not to go e.g. to the park on their own.

As well as understanding that some strangers are dangerous, it's important for children to know about adults they can turn to if they are on their own and in trouble.

Safer strangers will usually be wearing a uniform. They could be Police Officers, Police Community Support Officers, traffic wardens, shopkeepers, check-out assistants, paramedics and others. We can all recognise them quickly because of their uniforms.

Safer buildings could be banks, post offices, libraries, medical centres, shops, supermarkets, leisure centres and others. If your child can't see a **safer stranger** outside they should look for a **safer building** to go into to ask for help from the people who work there. Your child could tell the safer stranger their name and where possible the parent / carer's phone number.

Help your child to learn the **safer strangers, safer buildings code** gradually, so that it eventually becomes 'second nature'. Talk about it in a low-key, matter-of-fact way, whenever the opportunity arises naturally. The phrase **safer strangers, safer buildings**, is a positive alternative, giving children an immediate strategy to use, as part of their growing understanding of stranger awareness.

Safe people and places

Stranger Danger is not just about teaching children who or what to avoid, but also includes positive rules so that children know how to keep themselves safe. For example:

- Knowing who they can trust if they need help - such as a uniformed Police Officer or a teacher.
- Having the confidence to trust their instincts if they have a bad feeling about a place or person.
- Being aware of their surroundings.
- Learning to be assertive.
- Knowing that they should tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by a stranger.

Stay close

To prevent your children from getting lost, communication is key - talk to your children about the possibility and what to do if the situation does arise:

- Encourage your children to stay close to you in shops and to hold onto your hand or the trolley.
- Use reins or wrist bands on young children in busy places.
- Don't leave children unsupervised in play areas.
- In case they get lost:
- Teach them to recite their name, address and telephone number.
- Make sure your children know the store layout and where to locate a member of staff - show them the uniform they wear, you should also point out customer service.
- Teach them to go and tell a shop assistant with a badge, if they are lost.

If you lose your child

- Don't panic - go and tell the closest member of staff or an enquiry desk.
- Listen carefully to any public address announcements.
- Alert the shopping centre's security staff.
- Enquire at the nearest Police Station.

Tell your children:

- **To STOP** - stand still and look around if they are lost, not to run around trying to find you. It is better that you go to them by retracing your steps.
- If they get lost in the street, **DO NOT** approach anyone in the street, but instead go to the nearest shop and ask for help.
- Older children may carry a mobile phone with them – they should call you immediately and stay put.
- Pre-arrange with your child what they should do if someone knocks when they are at home without an adult. Can they check who it is? If unsure – **don't** open the door, phone their parents to check.
- Should they answer the phone? Can they check who it is? If they answer they could listen, but not answer or give any information about their situation.
- What to do if you need to send someone else to collect your child from school clubs etc.

Author Visits



At Shanklea we are passionate about enabling children to experience the magic of books and meeting their favourite writers or discovering new ones. What better way to encourage reading for pleasure than by having a top-quality speaker enthuse and motivate children about the joy of reading. Meeting an author, illustrator, poet or storyteller in real life and hearing them convey their passion for their work can fundamentally alter a child or young person's relationship to books and ignite a life-long love of reading. Our Years 4 and 5 children had a fantastic time meeting bestselling author **Sibéal Pounder** last week, coming back to school full of excitement and ideas.

On **Monday 25th November 2019**, our Year 6 children will have the amazing opportunity to meet **Eoin Colfer**, author of the phenomenally popular Artemis Fowl series. We can't wait to hear all about it.



We hope you can come along to our fantastic Christmas Fair. We have lots of fantastic prizes on our raffle.

Raffle tickets cost £1 per strip. Please write a name and contact number on one side of the tickets and return them to school with the correct money as soon as possible. You should keep the other side of the tickets for collecting any prizes.

More tickets can be obtained from the school office. Please return any unused tickets.

Winning tickets will be drawn at the fair. Thank you for your support

Coming Soon

Wednesday 27 th Nov	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler Group 3.30pm Nursery Intake Meeting
Thursday 28 th Nov	Years 5 and 6 Able Writers Day. Top young writers will team up to share a masterclass to stretch their imaginations through a number of challenging and fun writing activities.
Friday 29 th Nov	1pm Futsal Sports Competition Years 3/4 Christmas Fair 5-7pm
Monday 2 nd Dec	Years 4/5 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 3 rd Dec	EYFS Dress Rehearsal—morning Reception Christmas Crafts afternoon
Wednesday 4 th Dec	Years 4/5 Christmas Productions 9.30am and 2pm No Toddler Group today Squirrels New Intake Meeting
Thursday 5 th Dec	9.30am EYFS Christmas Production 1-3pm Years 1 to 6: Friends of Shanklea: Pantomime 'Rapunzel' 3.30pm-7pm OOSC Late Christmas Night
Friday 6 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Production, 9.30am
Tuesday 10 th Dec	9am Flu Vaccinations Reception-Year 6 9am KS1 Dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	Christmas Dinner Nursery Home Visits No Toddler Group today Years 1 and 2 (KS1) Performance, 9.30am & 2pm Year 3 and Year 6 Christmas Carol rehearsals, 1.45-2.45pm
Thursday 12 th Dec	General Election – school closed
Friday 13 th December 2019	Years 3 and 6 Christmas Carols 10.15-12.15pm No Music Tuition Reception Christmas Party pm

Attendance

Last week's attendance

Class of the week with 100% attendance is RB4/5

Year Group of the week is Year 3

Year Group	Average Attendance
Reception	91.8
1 and 2	97.4
3	97.8
4 and 5	95.6
6	96.0



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Christmas Fair



Our Christmas Fair which will take place on **Friday 29th November, 5-7pm** is a fantastic, festive way for our school to raise funds. We intend to make fundraising event stand

out with Christmas activities including a few seasonal twists on some familiar games!

Santa's Grotto, Name Mrs Goose, Pin the nose on Rudolph, face painting, Guess the weight of the cake to name a few.

Thank you so much to everyone who has been working so hard to help us to gather so many fantastic raffle and tombola prizes. **You are all amazing.**

We will send home books of raffle tickets shortly; the raffle will be drawn during the Christmas fayre. Please help support us by selling to family and friends. If you need additional tickets these are available from the office.

New Book Launch

A letter has been sent to advise parents and carers of children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 of the launch of a new home reading scheme. This is part of our phonics Read, Write, Inc programme and is closely matched to each child's capabilities. We look forward to working with you in developing your child's confidence in phonics.

"The more you **read** the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn** the more **places** you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

OOSC

This week in Out of School Club, the children have been keen to share their favourite traditional tales and explore some stories that are not so familiar to them. The children have enjoyed reading, discussing and role playing some popular tales including Rapunzel, The Three Little Pigs and The Gingerbread Man. They have taken on the challenge to sequence a variety of traditional tales and beginning to explore different variations of key traditional tales. Some of our Key Stage 2 children have been setting challenges for our other OOSC members by making their own word searches filled with different character names. It has been wonderful to see so many children excited and enthused by reading and storytelling. A wonderfully magical week!

In cooking this week, the children have been preparing and making their own sandwiches. Learning key skills such as these allows and encourages children to become more independent and aware of food hygiene and the importance of a healthy diet.

Next week in OOSC, the children will be preparing for our school Christmas fair. The children will be responsible for designing products, posters and signs for our stall. The children will be involved with creating, assembling and making products that will be on sale at our Christmas fair. A very exciting and enterprising week ahead! We are all looking forward to it!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019

Menu

Roast Turkey served with Chipolata
Sausage & Stuffing

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts
& Gravy

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Christmas Ice Cream Tub
Jelly or Festive Biscuit



Pre order via School Grid

Event Coming Soon!

Out of School Club - Annual Late Night

Thursday 5th December 2019 (3.15pm-7.00pm)

The children will enjoy an evening full of exciting games and films with their friends. Refreshments will be provided throughout the evening. Providing parents and carers a great opportunity to get some of your Christmas shopping done!

Places can be booked and paid for on the school Gateway under Clubs. Book now to avoid any disappointment!

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1st Child £12

Additional children £6 each