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Congratulations to Hollie Osborne who has gained her yellow belt in Hung Sao Do Freestyle Karate.

Well done to Ruby Kennedy who has been awarded a trophy for Latin American dance!



Shanklea Superstars



Congratulations to Maddison Taylor who has received a medal for her fantastic front crawl and butterIfly at the Blyth Swimming Competition.

Well done to Alexander Burt who has recently progressed through another grading at taekwondo.





Staff changes

As always, at the end of the school year, there are a number of changes in school staffing as people move on to new opportunities and rnew staff are recruited. Therefore, we have sad news and good news.

Sadly, Mr Carr will be leaving Shanklea School at the end of

the Summer term as he is retiring after 36 years as Head of Science, Assistant Headteacher and as a Deputy Head Teacher. We are very grateful for all that Mr Carr has done during his time with us and wish him well for the future.

Mrs Sivell is retiring too after years of helping our SEND pupils make good progress. She will also be greatly missed. We hope Mr Carr and Mrs Sivell

have a very happy, well-earned retirement.

We are sure you will join us in congratulating Miss Martin who has been promoted to a position of seniority at a North Tyneside primary school and will be taking up her new position in September 2016. Miss Railton will also be leaving at the end of this academic year to work in another school. We wish them both every success in their future careers.

Congratulations to Mrs Allen-Coope and Mrs Crowther who are expecting babies and will be going on maternity leave from October 2016. This is lovely news for them and their families and we look forward to meeting their new arrivals.

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating our staff on their achievements and wish them all the very best in their new ventures.

Finally, we are delighted to welcome new teachers to the staff team: Mrs Downes into Year 2, Mr Winter into Year 3 and Mr Cartner into Year 4. They have a wealth of experience and have much to offer Shanklea, its staff, pupils and parents. During this term, there will be a thorough hand-over of Sports and Extra-Curricular Leadership from Miss Martin to Miss Rigg.

















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What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "Sun Awareness

We will be doing lots of sun safety activities, including: Sun safety dress up, Save Our Skin Posters, sun catchers and sunflower seed planting Our Friday Breakfast special will be beans on toast.



Friday Special Breakfast



Close Encounters of The Critter Kind!

This week, our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed an extraordinary visit from a range of Beastly Bugs and the Crawliest Critters which was a great link with our latest topic. The ranger and his animals gained the immediate interest of the children, exciting their curiosity and covering many subject areas within the EYFS curriculum.

The children explored the world of mini beasts and discovered weird and wonderful facts about creepy critters, fantastic flies and Earth's mini-creatures, from the coolest to the craziest. Children were given the chance to see, touch and handle animals increasing their knowledge and confidence in the world around them. For a whole hour, they were up close and personal with real animals...





Year 5 Puberty Talk

We have arranged for our Year 5 pupils to work with the School Nursing Team to learn about puberty and hygiene.

The sessions are designed to inform and support the children through the physical, emotional and moral developments they will all experience.

The children will be encouraged to respect themselves and others enabling them to move with confidence from childhood into adolescence.

Year 5 is an important time to discuss body changes as puberty can begin as early as 8 years of age. It reduces anxiety for the children if they can appreciate that what is happening to them is normal. We will be discussing body changes for boys and girls.

This work will include the use of the correct terminology for the parts of the body and discussions about the changes that will happen during puberty. All discussions are age appropriate and happen in a fun way and will address any misconceptions held by the children.





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Year 2 Synagogue visit

Next week, Shanklea Year 2 pupils will be visiting the friendly Jewish community in Newcastle.



During this educational visit, our children will enjoy a talk, geared to their age, about Judaism, the Synagogue, the Torah scrolls and the use of ritual objects .

Transition Day - 30th June 2016



The transition from primary to secondary school is an important time in the lives of children and their families. At Shanklea, we have a robust system to ensure all students will have a successful transition to Cramlington Learning Village and other feeder secondary schools. We work hard

to help students and parents and to minimise any anxiety about the change.

We also want all new pupils who choose Shanklea Primary School and our current children who are moving to a new class to get used to their new routines and school organisation with great ease; develop friendships and improve their self-esteem and confidence.

On the morning of **Thursday 30th June 2016**, all children from reception upwards will meet their new teachers who will provide them with interactive, fun class challenges...



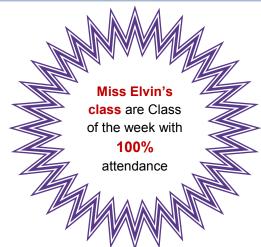
Bringing Science To Life

A team of professional educators from The Royal Institution visited Shanklea this Friday and brought science to life in a way that engaged and inspired our young audience. Budding boffins even gained a

little education along the way as they enjoyed the free live science show. The show was jam-packed with food experiments and the odd explosion!

Indeed, we learned about food and its often explosive nature. In the community show, we found out about the incredible amount of energy contained in the food that goes in our mouths packed with exciting chemistry and physics demonstrations. This was a great way to show that our school emphasises and celebrates science. Thank you to **Miss Elvin** for helping to organise this special event and to the R.I. Team for their amazing efforts.





Win 4 tickets to Alton Towers

Two very caring and enterprising Year 6 students, Joshua Murphy and Seth Allan, will be selling raffle tickets from next Week to raise funds for Cancer Research. The draw will be made on Friday 1st July. We hope you will support them in their endeavours to raise funds for this worthy cause.