

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:

★ **Willow Ford** has come back to school with a fantastic hardworking attitude.

★ **Chloe Morrison** is doing so well beginning to learn doubles up to 5+5. She is making great progress, recording her number sentences using the addition and equals signs.

★ **Evie Rose Hailes** is working hard to write full, clear and interesting sentences.

★ **Maddie Smith** is making great progress in Numeracy this week. She is a model learner with a fantastic and resilient attitude.

★ **Anna Smith** has great comprehension skills and is showing great understanding of the stories and poetries she reads. Anna is always ready to give an answer.

★ **Priya Bhamra** has a great attitude to work and is making fantastic art at home. Priya is a great friend too.

★ **Dexter Heatley** is doing brilliant coding and computing work. A fantastic effort, Dexter!

★ **Leo Armstrong** is making an excellent effort in Maths and is showing a super understanding of grid multiplication.

★ **Leon Wrightson** has made a vast improvement in his attitude to learning in all areas of the curriculum. Mrs Hagan
★ is really proud of him.

★ **James Routledge** has made a huge improvement in his attention and work rate which is particularly noticeable in his English and Maths.

★ **Lily Oetting** is an absolute pleasure to have in class. Her classroom involvement continues to impress.

★ **Katie Blackett** is showing amazing enthusiasm in all lessons. She asks lots of questions and is making excellent progress.

★ **Brooke Chamberlain** has shown continuing hard work and application across the curriculum and extreme dedication to winning the SumDog contest.

★ **Erik Pettersson** has taken time to give answers with more depth and is showing greater understanding, Well done!

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Congratulations to **Amber** and **Libby** who have both won certificates for creative writing in the recent young writers competition.

We are so proud to tell you that **Savannah** has been awarded a Good Turn Award from her Rainbows Group. What a lovely award to achieve.

It is lovely to see children taking part in clubs outside school and developing as caring and kind individuals.



Shanklea Superstars

Year 4 Class Assemblies

Due to the bad weather, **Mr King's class assembly** has been re-scheduled to **Tuesday 13th March at 2.45pm.**

Ms Rigg's Class assembly will take place on **Wednesday 14th March at 2.45pm.**

We always look forward to seeing family members in school when their child is involved in a class assembly. You are most welcome to bring younger children in to watch these events.


There will be an opportunity for you to congratulate the children afterwards for a few minutes before they head off back to their to class.

Year 5 off to Robinwood!

Despite the atrocious weather conditions, the go-ahead has been given for a fantastic 3 days at Robinwood for our Year 5 pupils. The heavy snow and the torrential rain had flooded the route to the activity centre but after lots of work things are heading back to normal.

After a probable quick change into dry and warm clothes the activities will begin in earnest –straight through the mud of the obstacle course as well as tackling 8 more activities, including: The Giant Swing, the Zip Wire and the dreaded Piranha Pool! It is going to be amazing for everyone.

Barhaugh Hall, Alston, Cumbria

A photograph of Barhaugh Hall, a large, light-colored stone building with multiple gables and windows, set against a backdrop of green trees. The building has a traditional architectural style with a mix of stone and brickwork.



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Walking Bus

Shanklea continues to operate our fantastic walking bus - an organised group of children who walk to school together, accompanied by school staff, starting from the Masonic Hall every morning. Bus participants wear high visibility jackets to give maximum visibility near traffic and keep everyone safe,

The walking bus travels every day and it's free.

The 'conductors' (members of school staff) meet at the Masonic car park at 8.30am. You can drop off your children with our staff and leave, confident that they are in safe hands. The bus walks to school for 8.40am where the children are 'handed over' to the member of staff on gate duty. A return journey leaves school at 3.30pm.

If you are interested in using the bus please contact the school office by text, email, in person or on 01670 715205.



Thank You

As you will be aware, school budgets are getting tighter all the time, leaving little money available for some of the finer touches.

Losing a "baby tooth" is an important occasion for primary age children, not least because of the expected visit from the tooth fairy. We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to two local dental practices who have kindly donated tooth envelopes so children can keep their lost tooth safe and clean till they get home.

Thank you to

- **Cramlington Dental Practice** at Quarryside House, Middle Farm Square (01670 712100 and
- **Rivenhall Dental Practice**, High Pit Road (01670 712221)

for your amazingly generous support.

Shanklea Primary School is tremendously lucky to have the support of families and the wider community.

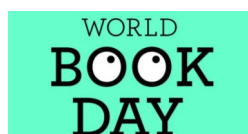
If anyone knows of any businesses, organisations or individuals who can support our school, please let us know. Thank you.



Shanklea Celebrates Chinese New Year

Our OOSC and Nursery have recently captured their pupils' imaginations by introducing them to a traditional Chinese story and the Chinese New Year.

The children brought the story to life by preparing and acting it out, using traditional music, costumes, and props, to make things more authentic. At our OOSC, we made a collection of Chinese scrolls and paper lanterns for decorations. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities to use them.



World Book Day

To avoid disappointment World Book Dressing Up Day was re-scheduled to **Friday 9th March 2018** and saw the classrooms brimming with colourful characters including Captain Jack Sparrow, The Artful Dodger, with a spoonful of Mary Poppins and a flock of ducks as Shanklea School and Nursery pupils celebrated World Book Day in spectacular style.

The day was jammed packed with Literary lessons including bookworm sessions, book title charades and literary snowballs. Children designed book tokens for a competition, and wrote wacky stories, and the library was packed out all day with eager readers grabbing a copy of their favourite book.

This is a favourite day in the school calendar as children from Nursery to Year 6 put so much time and effort into their costumes, to bring their favourite literary characters to life.

The day ended with Reading Partners, a very popular activity where older children read to the younger ones. We hope to share some photos with you next week.

Well done everyone—you are amazing.

Sports Relief 17th—23rd March 2018



Shanklea staff and pupils will be joining in a plethora of sports activities during Sports Relief week. Can parents please ensure that **ALL** children have their sports kits with them every day so that they can join in the fun. We will provide you with lots more information soon.





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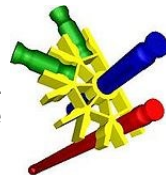
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SPS proudly presents A Carnival of Reading

Reading is a thrill and we would like to invite you to come along and join in our Fabulously Fun Carnival of Reading

On **Wednesday 21st March, 3.30—5pm**, we will be hosting a reading carnival at our school. This fun event will give our students a chance to demonstrate the reading skills they have acquired and their parents a chance to become a larger part of their education.



The Carnival will host a selection of exciting and fun reading activities, providing an informal and appealing way for the kids to practise deciphering words and other basic reading concepts.

Examples include:

EYFS and KS1	KS2
Storytelling sacks	Computer generated puppets
Stick puppets for story telling	Lego technics
Computer generated puppets	K'Nex
Lego Technics	Little Red Hen—French murder Mystery Story telling

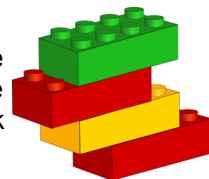
There will be two sessions, which will be customized for different reading levels so all of the family enjoy the learning process together. The aim is for parents and children to work/have fun together to build a strong foundation for future learning. This will be a fun way to wrap up the school spring term with these engaging literacy centres.

We will run a book swap stall at the Carnival, where children can swap their books for ones they have not read before. There will even be a stall for parents and guardians to swap books too. We would be very grateful for donations of books for our stalls please. They should be in reasonable condition and brought to the office no later than Friday 16th March.

Please bring along some change and have-a-go at our raffle and look out for **Literacy Looky-Likey** competition:

We have set the children the challenge of searching for their own official book lookalikes and impersonators of some of the world's biggest book stars – perhaps granddad is passable as the BFG, maybe mum is just knock out as Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz....We're looking for photos that are fun to take and see.

Friends of Shanklea continue to provide amazing support to our school. You will have the opportunity to see some of the fantastic resources they have funded to inspire and challenge the children. Refreshments will be on sale in the school hall. Thank you for your support—we look forward to seeing you.



Easter Tombola



Friends of Shanklea will host their ever popular Easter celebrations on **Thursday 29th March**. There will be lots of fun activities, including the Easter tombola and a visit from a very special Bunny.

We would be grateful if donations of Easter chocolates, sweets or any easter themed goodies such as craft sets or colouring books could be brought into school on **Friday 23rd March**, ready for our Easter tombola. As a thank you for your support, children will have a non-uniform day on this day



Bad weather refunds

Thank you again for your support and co-operation following our school closure due to the bad weather. It is greatly appreciated.

Breakfast & OOSC	Accounts have been credited
Music Tuition	The cost of the missed lesson will be deducted from next term's lessons
Swimming	Refunds will be arranged at the end of the course as appropriate
Rugby	Under review. Additional sessions may be arranged or money refunded at the end of the course.
Dinner Money	Credit will remain on pupil accounts. Pupils have NOT been charged