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Shanklea Stars of the Week

- These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude and effort during the past week:
- Max Simpson has been working brilliantly with his phonics and is trying hard to spell lots of words.
- Humaira Chowdhury is making excellent progress in Read Write Inc.
- Lilly May Muir has excellent manners and is working hard to produce neat work in class.
- Sophie Armstrong has worked exceptionally hard during Maths, applying what she has learned about number
- bonds to support her in her investigation work.
- Katie Cutting is making a fantastic effort with her reading comprehension. She has blown everyone's socks off!
- * Kailyn Lockhart has really improved her handwriting and is making a great effort in lessons.
- ☆ Georgia Spedding is making an excellent effort in Maths and achieved a fantastic score in a recent test.
- Angel Armstrong has made a huge improvement in her focus on reading. Well done!
- ★ Jennifer Jones is working hard in all areas and enjoyed our Britain's Got Talent activity.
- ★ Caiden Wilson-Hope continues to maintain his enthusiasm and excellent work rate.
- Ruby Whatnell has done some excellent work on fractions, decimals and percentages, completing some tricky
- calculations.
- Ben Wright has been getting a lot more involved in our classroom discussions and has answered questions well.

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- ★ Katie-Jo Wilkinson shows great determination and a mature approach to her work.
- Finley Fenwick-Dunn is showing an increasingly more mature attitude to his SATs revision.
- Heidi Crowther has been trying new things and joining in well at OOSC.



Congratulations to **Ryan** and **Lilly May** who have both been awarded swimming certificates. Their hard work and determination are certainly paying off.



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Cycle Crew Superstars

Shanklea Cycle Crew have been practising their 'hardcore' cycling skills in advance of the July endurance ride to Amsterdam.

Last week's boot camp included a pacy pedal to St Mary's Lighthouse – a mere 22 miles...in one afternoon.

The children and staff increased their heart rates and had fun, looking out for insects, birds and wild flowers.







OOSC Charity Fundraiser

Our Out of School Club have organised a special one-off fundraising event to raise money for Guide Dogs for the Blind. They will be selling special sweet treats on **Thursday 10th May** at break time. **Treats will be on sale for just 50p each.**

Friends of Shanklea Next Meeting



The next meeting will be held at school on Tuesday 22nd May at 3.30pm. We hope you can come along.

















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Cramlington In Bloom

Green fingered members of Shanklea School Council are planning to make us proud yet again as they enter this year's Northumbria in Bloom awards.

The children will grow seedlings to create a blaze of colour in a wooden container and soil which have been kindly donated by Northumberland County Council. It is the children's ambition to scoop a fantastic award against tough competition from other schools. They plan to show off a beautiful floral display, summer planting and well-tended garden in the competition . Thank you to **Amelia** and **Leo** who kindly accompanied staff to Azure Garden Centre to choose plants and seeds.



Year 3 and 4 Author Visit

Our lower Key Stage 2 children were really excited to be invited to Cragside Primary School on the afternoon of Friday 4th May 2018 to see best selling author and illustrator, Joe Berger.

Joe plans to talk about Sam Lyttle, the hero of his new series and a boy who cannot stop telling lies. Sam's lying gets him mixed up in some very twisty situations (rather like the younger Joe himself).

Armed with a pen and a flipchart, Joe talks about his job as a cartoonist, and gives tips on how to draw comic strips and how to pursue a fun career in the arts. We are confident the children will be inspired.

Shanklea's Little Monkeys

Toddler Group Reminder

Please note that our Toddler Group will not take place on Wednesday 16th May 2018 due to the Year 6 SATs.

May Day Holiday

REMINDER: School is closed on **Monday 7th May.**

Last Week's Attendance 100% Attendance Superstars DAC1/ SH1

Year Group	Attendance
Rec	96.2
1	99.4
2	94.8
3	94.5
4	95.8
5	98.1
6	99.3

EYFS Important Message

Access to Shanklea Primary School and our 30 hour EYFS provision can become very busy during the nursery day.

As you will know, there are no designated parking areas for dropping off and collecting children and Local Authority restricted parking rules are in operation in surrounding streets. Can parents and carers please not leave their cars parked up in local streets as this causes difficulties for other parents wishing to collect their children and it can lead to unpleasantness with local residents.

It is MOST IMPORTANT that cars are not parked in an unsuitable manner that will cause danger to children or the general public and parents must adhere to local parking by-laws. Thank you for your co-operation.



Thank you for your continuing support



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Paperless Communications

At Shanklea, we work hard to be as environmentally friendly yet efficient as we can be. We would be very grateful if parents could give permissions for visits and other activities on the School Gateway. We are hoping to eventually move away from paper permission slips. Thank you for your continuing support.

Medicines and Creams in School

For health and safety reasons, it is very important that children do **NOT** bring in lip balms, sun tan lotions and other creams to school in their bags. All medicines and lotions must be kept safely by school staff.

In hot weather, we recommend that parents apply sun tan lotion at the start of the day. In cases of medical need, sun tan and other lotions will be kept in the school office.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Resources and Funding

This week, children have brought home a letter about ways in which parents and their employers can help school in these times of

ever increasing budget tightening. There are many different schemes, such as **Employer Matched Funding Schemes**, which could raise funds for school. Thank you to everyone who has been in touch. We hope as many people as possible can help so we can work together to make our school and its environment as good as it can possibly be. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs: A message for parents



Since the Easter break everyone has been working hard to ensure the children are confident and prepared for the challenge of the upcoming SATs. With one week to go the focus will now be on revising key areas in Maths and English.

The children are aware of many ways in which they can revise over the next few days—including SAT workbooks, online sites such as My Maths or Frog. Your encouragement and support with this will help your child greatly.

During the week of the SATs a **free breakfast club** will run every day from **8.15am** and we would encourage all pupils to attend as it is a calming way to start the day.

The tests will be as follows:

Monday	SPAG short answer questions Spelling test
Tuesday	Reading
Wednesday	Maths Paper 1 - Arithmetic Maths Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thursday	Maths Paper 3 - Reasoning

This information will be sent to all parents separately.

Thank you for your support throughout the preparation for the SATs!

The Year Six Team.

Free School Meals Eligibility Checker

Help obtain government funding for our school! Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals?

You can check online your eligibility for:

Free school meals

Funded early learning for two year olds

Early Years Pupil Premium

30 Hours Free Childcare

Looked After or previously Looked After children

School can then use this money to provide additional staffing and resources for the children.

You can apply for free school meals if you or your child receive any of the following: Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income of £16,190 or less.

To find out whether your child qualifies for free school meals go to Northumberland County Council's website at http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Meals.aspx

If you are eligible can you please let our office team know as soon as you can. Thank you.

www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk

Please let us know even if your child has Universal Free School Meals.



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Time: Rec/Key Stage 1 from 11.30am

Dress Code: Wedding Finest or Bridesmaid's Dress/Page Boy Outfit

Please Book Now to avoid disappointment