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Weekly Newsletter



PHSE – invitation for parents and carers to attend a Zoom meeting

You will be aware that, as a part of your child's educational experience at Shanklea Primary School, we aim to promote personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensively taught programme of **Personal, Social, Health and Education (PSHE)** that gives children the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.



The Department for Education (DfE) is making **Relationships and Health Education compulsory** in all primary schools. Primary schools are also strongly encouraged to deliver sex education to help prepare children for their transition to secondary school.

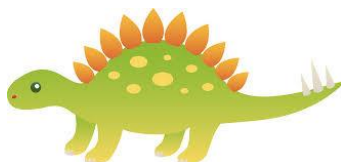
Most schools are already delivering very effective Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and the new guidance is simply about ensuring that **all** children get the information they need and want. The lessons will help children to learn about their bodies including the changes that take place at puberty, and will help keep them safe, so they can form healthy relationships (friendships) with others, now and in the future. At our school we are using the leading children's health and wellbeing charity, Coram Life Education (CLE) to support us in meeting these legal requirements.

Parents and carers are invited to join a **Zoom meeting** on **Monday 7th June at 4.30pm** so we can present the reasons why the DfE feel it is important for primary schools to deliver these subjects. The aim of the meeting is to inform you as parents about the guidance and how we are planning to do this at Shanklea. There will be the chance to see a few of the resources we will be using too.



Due to it being a Zoom meeting there will be no opportunity to ask questions but we will follow up the Zoom meeting with a google doc questionnaire where you will be able to give feedback on the delivery and ask any questions you may have. The rationale behind this is that we work together to create a curriculum that meets the needs of all children at Shanklea Primary. We will send the link to join the meeting after the half-term break.

EYFS Dinosaur Workshop



Reception children enjoyed a fantastic Dinosaur Workshop this week. They made dinosaur puppets which they then used as props in a story, looked at lots of different dinosaurs and joined in a quiz. Thanks again to everyone for your support in making this such an engaging experience for the children.





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Breakfast and OOSC

We are delighted that children continue to enjoy coming to our Breakfast and Out of School Clubs. It's wonderful to see so many happy faces. The children have been enjoying lots of fun activities including learning French, road safety games and construction challenges.

If you are booking online, please make sure to book the sessions you require as well as making the payment. Simply making a payment **DOES NOT** reserve your child's place at a session. All bookings made after the cut-off date need to be made through the office so that we can ensure all staffing ratios are met.



Northumberland Bike Month



National Bike Week – Northumberland Bike Month

This year National Bike Week is during half term and so it will be difficult for all schools to get involved as we usually would.

Instead, June has been designated **Northumberland Bike Month**, to give schools a bit longer to join in and promote or deliver any cycling initiatives. We will keep you informed.

Great British Spring Clean

Children have this week been learning about the Great British Spring Clean. This initiative is run by **Keep Britain Tidy**, runs from 28th May to 13th June and is aiming to encourage everyone to do their bit. You can find more information at the link below:



<https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

Safety near the Railways



Network Rail have advised us that there has been a very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in our local area. They are working in partnership with **Learn Live** to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery. The link below will

allow families to access a 15 minute safety video explaining why it is important to stay safe near the tracks. They have asked that parents/carers watch the video with children over the half-term break, as accidents are usually more frequent around this time.

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>





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Shanklea Superstars



Congratulations to our **Year 3** and **Year 4** gymnasts who all performed brilliantly in the virtual School Games gymnastics competition performing a set routine and winning the Club Gymnasts Award. We achieved a first and a second place with only 0.3 points between the two teams. Well done everyone. Well done to **Sophie A** who achieved first place, performing a Step 3 routine, in the category for competitive gymnasts.



Millie H **Martha D** **Niamh C** **Charlie S** **Lily S** **Matilda C** **Sophie A**
Zeva V **Savannah P** **Grace M** **Lexie C** **Olivia J** **Isla B**

Shanklea Team 1 will now progress to represent Cramlington and Seaton Valley in the virtual live County finals in June.

A huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 football team who showed a magnificent team spirit playing against Craggside and Whitrigg schools last week. It is fantastic that the children can resume playing matches against other schools and they are real Shanklea superstars. We look forward to hearing about their future matches.

Within their classes, our Year 5 children competed in the school games virtual area competition, completing different challenges within their PE lessons, **Mr Brown's Year 5 class** finished second overall and will progress to the county finals in June. Well done everyone.

Congratulations to the **Shanklea Stars** of last week:





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Congratulations to our castle points winners for this half term:

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| 1st 679 POINTS | Ella B |
| 2nd 677 POINTS | Olivia J |
| 3rd 683 POINTS | Evie H |

| POSITION | CLASS NAME | POINTS |
|----------|------------|--------|
| 1 | CC6 | 8986 |
| 2 | KS1 | 8057 |
| 3 | BD2 | 7971 |

| POSITION | HOUSE NAME | POINTS |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1 |  Bamburgh | 9416 |
| 2 |  Prudhoe | 7915 |
| 3 |  Warkworth | 7538 |

We hope you enjoy a lovely half-term break. We look forward to seeing everyone when school re-opens on **Monday 7th June 2021**.

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