

Shanklea Stars of the Week

These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude:

- ★ **Robson Hodgson** has produced some fantastic Literacy work writing CVC words.
- ★ **Harry Taylor** has used super phonics skills this week. He is segmenting with greater confidence, knows all his letter sounds and has been practising writing in our writing area. Fantastic!
- ★ **Lewis Grey** has shown an excellent level of enthusiasm during our Topic work about the Great Fire of London. He has done some brilliant research using lots of non-fiction books.
- ★ **Charlie Summers** has shown an excellent attitude to learning so far this term.
- ★ **Imogen Joyce** is making excellent progress in all areas of her learning. She has a fantastic attitude.
- ★ **Isabelle Armstrong** has a fantastic attitude. She is a great help around the class and a super friend.
- ★ **Angel Armstrong** has had a great week and has done some excellent poetry work.
- ★ **Ryan McDermott** is showing improved concentration in all lessons, working hard and showing what he can do!
- ★ **Megan Wilkinson** has an excellent attitude to learning in all areas of the curriculum.
- ★ **Amber Pearson Hartley** is very helpful and organised. She helped Mr Carr set up lessons and keep the room tidy.
- ★ **Amelia Blair** is consistently hardworking. She produced some brilliant work in Topic, finding word definitions.
- ★ **Harrison Craik** has shown amazing resilience and determination when problem solving.
- ★ **Joe Fitzpatrick** has renewed his efforts and determination, particularly during our Topic work.
- ★ **Luke Calvin** is becoming more involved in class discussions.
- ★ **Rosie Smith** is one of the newer members of our Breakfast Club. She has settled in well, is a polite and well mannered child who participates positively in all our activities.



Congratulations to **Grace** who has recently received a Gymnastics Certificate in recognition of her hard work and skills development. Well done, Grace!

Shanklea Superstars

Isla is a real swimming superstar. She is making great progress in this very important life skill and has received a well deserved certificate. Keep up the brilliant work, Isla.



Mrs Greenwood's Class Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to attend Mrs Greenwood's class assembly on **Monday 5th February at 2.45pm**

The children are looking forward to sharing their learning with you.



Local Government Election - school closed.

Please remember that school will be closed on **Thursday 8th February 2018** as our building is being used as a polling station.



Progress Reports

Your child's Progress and Development reports are issued twice a year, mid-year and also at the end of the academic year. These will inform you of your child's attainment and progress across the curriculum. You are also invited to come in and discuss the report with your child's class teacher at the open evening at the end of the Spring Term.

Reports will be issued on the last day of this half-term.

Year 1 Parents Phonics Workshop

Mrs Allen-Coope, Mr Rutherford and Miss Harris will be hosting a workshop for **Year 1 parents** on **Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 2.30pm**.

This is a great opportunity for parents to see how their children learn how to read and write at school.

The workshop will familiarise you with some of the terminology used in our phonics sessions, provide you with some useful websites, allow us to talk to you about how the phonics check will be administered and what it looks like. Phonics at a glance!

Please come along and make this vital step to help prepare the children for June's Phonics Screening Test!



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Collection of children from school

If you have arranged for your child to be collected from school by someone other than the usual parent/carer who collects each day, it is imperative that you inform the school at the start of the day. In the case of an emergency, please telephone the school office and we can inform your child's teacher.

Bicycles and Scooters in the playground

It is wonderful that so many children are taking the healthy option of travel ing to school on their bicycles and scooters. However, for health and safety reasons, please could you ensure that your child dismounts at the school gate as the playground is so congested. All bicycles should be parked under the shelter and scooters "parked" in the rack and pods in the school grounds.

Dogs

Please can we remind all parents that dogs are not allowed in the school playground when dropping off and collecting your child or permitted close to the school gate. We would be really grateful if dog owners could refrain from tethering their dogs to the railings so that children are not frightened or tempted to pet them. We do have children with severe phobias who are very upset by even the friendliest of dogs.

Snacks

All children may bring a healthy snack (no crisps, sweets, biscuits or chocolate please) to be eaten during morning break. Snacks should not be left in lunch boxes but should instead be taken into class in the morning. As we are part of the 'Fruit and Veg' scheme, all EYFS and KS1 children are provided with a snack every day. Can we remind all parents that nuts are not allowed anywhere in school

Absences from School

You may have seen much discussion on the television and in the press this week about how schools respond when a child is absent from school without any reason given by parents or carers.

The safety and wellbeing of all children at Shanklea is paramount. If a child is unable to attend school for any reason we ask parents/carers to contact us immediately. This may be achieved by:

- Phoning school and leaving a message
- Texting school
- Emailing school
- Telling a member of staff if coming to school with another child.

If no reason for absence is received, our office team will send a text to the person(s) named as the primary contact. If no response is received, our staff will ring through the contacts list until a response is received.

In the rare instance where no response nor any other reason is received we will contact the appropriate authorities to ensure that all is well.

We greatly appreciate the support and co-operation of parents who work with us to ensure all systems operate smoothly and our children's wellbeing is ensured.

Year 2 Parents SATs Information Meeting

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are invited to attend a SATs information meeting on **Thursday 22nd February 2018 at 3.30pm.**

We hope you can come along to find out more about how we can work together to make the SATs process as productive, enjoyable and stress-free for the children as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there.

What's on at O.O.S.C.

Our theme for the week is "Let's party"



This week children will work together to design, plan and produce the perfect birthday party.



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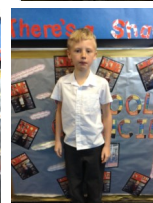
KS2: School Council Elections 2017-2018



Last week saw a very important day in the calendar! It was election day for our Key Stage 2 children! Elections took place to appoint our School Council representatives for our KS2 pupil voice needs. During the previous week, all children discussed the continued importance of pupil voice at our school and the skills required for successful candidates. These were then presented to the other children in the class and through the democratic process of a vote, the representatives were elected.



The result was unbelievably close in every single year group but we are delighted to announce our school council representatives for this academic year.



Congratulations to: **Lewis, Lori, Callum, Grace, Alex, Hollie, Leon, Charlee, William, Leo, Savannah, Brooke, Adam, Amelia, Ellie** and **Ethan**

Year 5 and 6 Author Visit



Children in Years 5 and 6 will visit the JLV on **Tuesday 6th February** where they will attend a talk by highly acclaimed author, Ross Welford. After the talk, if they wish they will be able to purchase a book for £7 and have it signed by Ross.

Year 6 Parents' Consultation

We will be holding our next Year 6 parent consultation evenings on **Monday 5th** and **Tuesday 6th February** between **3.30pm** and **6pm**.

This Spring Term appointment enables parents to discuss their child's progress and identify targets for future learning.

A letter has been sent home to invite Year 6 parents and carers to make an appointment at the appropriate time. The allotted time for each appointment is 10 minutes and it is important this is adhered to for the sake of the other parents waiting. (If, for some reason, 10 minutes is insufficient time, it is requested that you make a further appointment after school with the relevant teacher. In Year 6 pupils are encouraged to attend these meetings to discuss their progress with their parents and teacher.

If you encounter any problems or need any help with your online School booking - please contact the Main School Office.

We welcome any feedback from parents about improvements that we can make to our school.

Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Competition

Selected children in Years 3 and 4 have been invited to take part in a Gymnastics competition/festival on **Thursday 8th February 2018**. As school will be closed on this day parents have been contacted to arrange to take their child to and from the event. Many thanks to everyone who has agreed to support their child in their attendance at this event.



Last Week's Attendance

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Rec	92.2
1	93.9
2	97.5
3	98.0
4	96.4
5	98.3
6	94.8

BD2 were class of the week with **99.2%** attendance



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Gifted Writers Workshop

At Shanklea we hosted an Able Writers' Day for Year 3 and 4 pupils on Tuesday 30th January and Mrs Hagan and the children all had an amazing day.

The day was led by the poet **Andy Craven-Griffiths** who inspired the children to produce fantastic poems whilst working in groups with children from Eastlea Primary, St Peter and Paul's Catholic School and Cragside Church of England Controlled Primary School.

During the day, the children wrote poems as individuals, pairs and in groups, the children also had the opportunity to perform the poems.

*If love was a car, I would be playing on my iPad.
If love was a pizza, I would be sated.
If love was a piece of paper, I would be the paper boy.
If love was a football, you would be my goal to score.
If love was a cat, I would be the king.
If love was the sun, I would be the shine.
If love was the moon, I would be a BANANA!
If love was a magnet, I would be the stick that sound.
If love was a day, I would be the worst.
If love was a cat, I would be the mean.*

By: Isobel Hall

*If love was a...
If love was a car radio, I would be the radio.
If love was a space, I would be a meteor.
If love was a jet, I would be loud.
If love was a forest, I would be the middle spread.
If love was a house, I would be the roof.
If love was a horse, I would be the hoof.
If love was a shell, I would be a foot.
If love was a holiday, I would be the pool.*

By Emily C

We will share poems from this fantastic anthology over the next few issues of our newsletters.

Well done everyone. You are amazing!

Keep safe on the Internet



Live streaming is a live visual broadcast over the internet. All you need to be able to live stream is an internet enabled device, like a smart phone or tablet, and a platform (such as website or app) to broadcast on. At the click of a button, you can be streaming to hundreds, or thousands, of viewers.

With the popularity of live streaming ever increasing and with children and adults both taking part, it is important as a parent or carer to understand what risks children and young people may face when live streaming and the practical steps that you can take to make your child's online experience safer.

Tuesday 6th February is safer internet day and there will be lots of information available about how to keep your child safe on the internet. Please take some time to look at the information on our website, under ICT and Safeguarding and be sure you know how to protect your child.



Fossils Galore!

We would like to send a huge thank you to Amelia's grandad, Mr Heslop, who came into our Nursery this week to help the children learn about fossils.

The children were enthralled to see actual fossils, including a megalodon (a type of prehistoric shark) tooth which was nearly 10cm long.



Valentine's Disco Friday 9th February 2018

What better way to break up for half term than a school disco and let's face it, we all need a little more disco in our lives!!!

Friends of Shanklea have come to the rescue and waved their magic wand to bring a fun filled, Valentine's Disco, on **Friday 9th February 2018.**

KS1: 5.45-6.45pm and KS2: 7-8pm

Children can follow the call of the disco ball and come dressed in whatever they fancy, Valentines themed or otherwise.

The tuck shop will keep everyone fuelled up (while stocks last) and drinks will also be available for hydration before and during the disco.

All children must be accompanied by an adult at drop-off and collection times. Please book (and pay) on the School Gateway. As always, all PTFA funds raised on the night will go directly back to our fantastic school. We hope to see all children there on the dance floor!

