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Weekly Newsletter



It's been another busy week at Shanklea. Everyone joined in our Neurofibromatosis Type 1 Awareness day with great enthusiasm. Thank you for your support.

Our KS2 children have taken part in a highly engaging Egyptian workshop. They found out lots of interesting information about the Ancient Egyptians and took part in a Mummy Investigation workshop where they looked at different sources of evidence to find out more about the mummies at the Great North Museum.

Investigating our Mummies

- Are the mummies male or female?
- When did they come to Newcastle?
- What have Egyptologists done to them to learn more about them?
- What has happened to their brains?
- Has anything been left/put inside them?
- Any extra facts



Children in Year 4 have enjoyed tennis coaching and Years 2 and 5 continue to develop their creativity and expression at specialist dance workshops. Next week children in Early Years will be taking part in an exciting dinosaur workshop and we would like to thank everyone who has so generously brought in dinosaurs for the EYFS collection.



This week, we were very lucky to have a visit from **Daft as a Brush** to thank us for raising money for their charity. As we've shared with you in previous newsletters, a few girls in Mrs Hagan's Year 4 class had sold their toys to raise money and sent a lovely card and the funds to Daft as a Brush.

Two volunteers, **Alan** and **Jean**, came to Shanklea and shared a video presentation about the charity and how they help patients who are having treatment by providing free transportation. They praised the children for their behaviour and for being very attentive during the presentation. Jean said she couldn't believe how focussed the children were and they were both very impressed with the children's enthusiasm.

We would like to thank Daft as a Brush for organising the visit as the children loved it. They are all now wanting to sponsor an ambulance. **Mrs Hagan**, who organised the presentations, was so proud of all of the children and was pleased to hear great things about Shanklea children.



Half-term Meal Vouchers

Children who are entitled to means tested Free School Meals (not Universal free school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2), will receive vouchers via the Huggg system. We have also been informed that vouchers have an expiry date and that there will be no opportunity to issue vouchers that have expired after 9th July 2021.





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Staying Safe

We continue to follow covid-safe procedures within school and we thank everyone for wearing masks and maintaining social distancing on our site. Staff are taking twice weekly lateral flow tests to reduce transmission risks as far as possible and we understand many parents and carers are too. Thank you. Please remember, however, that lateral flow device (LFD) tests are only appropriate for use if you have no symptoms. Anyone displaying symptoms should book a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test.

Dogs



Families are reminded that **dogs are not permitted** on the school site at any time. The only exception to this rule is guide dogs. Can dog owners please keep dogs close to them and under control in the areas around the school site and not tie them up near school gates. We understand that many dogs are friendly but some children have allergies or are frightened of dogs. It is important that they have a calm and happy start and end to the school day. Thank you for your support.

Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights Programme

The NHS team have been in touch to reschedule the Heights and Weights checks for children in **Reception** and **Year 6** to **Wednesday 26th May 2021**. As we have already communicated with families, anyone not wishing their child to take part should contact the School Office.



Attendance



The half term holidays will be here soon and it is important that children continue to attend every day so they continue to access the many opportunities school offers. School will close at the end of the day on Friday 28th May and we will re-open on Monday 7th June. The training days have now been agreed between local partnership schools and the latest list of term dates are included with this newsletter.

Supporting Mental Wellbeing through Nature - Online and offline

Following on from Mental Health Awareness Week, (from 10th May 2021) we will email families a separate leaflet from the National Online Safety Team with some tips on how to promote and support mental wellbeing through nature. We hope you find it useful.



County Lines Leaflet



Northumbria Police have produced an information leaflet for families of older children with advice and guidance on County Lines. We will email this to families of Year 5 and 6 children separately. It may also be viewed on the Northumbria Police website.





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A Message from Cramlington Blue Star Football Club

Cramlington Blue Star FC are an established football club located in the heart of Cramlington. We aim to deliver the best possible coaching and give our players the best football education and experience.

We are recruiting players and coaches for the 2021/2022 season. Also after a lot of interest shown we are looking to develop a girls section as well as summer camps, birthday party packages, community outreach events and much more.



Cramlington Blue Star has lots of exciting developments happening and we are working hard behind the scenes to get things moving as quickly as possible. A big thank you for the support, backing and advice of other local community groups and football clubs, just shows fantastic community spirit and sportsmanship and we wish you all the best for the upcoming seasons.

Shanklea Superstars

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



Jemima R William M Eliza S Alfie H Sean J Declan B Georgie P
Isaac F Mariah S Ella B Charlie S
Riley K Maisie F Sophie M Mya H



Charlie P is a swimming superstar. He has been trying hard and has recently earned his 10m certificate. Keep up the excellent effort, Charlie.

Many in the Shanklea community are already aware of **Miss Wood's** amazing artistic talents, including the wonderful card she designed for Mrs Hume's retirement. We thought you might also like to see the front cover of the Phoenix magazine which she designed. Phoenix is a very popular national weekly comic for children between 7-14 years old so this is such a fantastic achievement.





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Shanklea Primary School Cramlington School Holidays 2020–2022



	School closes	School opens
Easter 2021	Friday 26 th March 2021	Monday 12 th April 2021
May Day Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2021	
Half Term Holidays	Friday 28 th May 2021	Monday 7 th June 2021
Summer 2021	Friday 16 th July 2021	Tuesday 7 th September 2021
Training Day	Monday 6 th September 2021; Friday 22 nd October 2021	
Half Term Holidays	Thursday 21 st October 2021	Monday 1 st November 2021
Christmas & New Year	Friday 17 th December 2021	Wednesday 5 th January 2022
Training Day	Tuesday 4 th January 2022; Friday 25 th February 2022	
Half Term Holidays	Friday 18 th February 2022	Monday 28 th February 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022	Monday 25 th April 2022
Half Term Holidays	Friday 27 th May 2022	Monday 6 th June 2022
Summer 2022	Friday 22 nd July 2022	Monday 5 th September 2022



Please check our website and newsletters for the latest information.

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