

Shanklea Stars of the Week

★ These children have been recognised by their teachers
★ for exemplary attitude and effort during the past week: ★

★ **Kenji K** has been brilliant with his number sequences,
★ number formation and CVC words. Super work, Kenji!

★ **Michael M** has tried really hard to do his best this week in all
★ his lessons.

★ **Oliver T** has had a brilliant boost to his confidence which
 ★ has meant that he is flourishing in all lessons. He
 ★ demonstrates an outstanding attitude to his learning and is
 ★ really challenging himself.

★ **Mariah S** has put amazing effort into her writing work and to
★ our classroom discussions.

★ **Izzy H** is a lovely, friendly girl who has exceptional manners and a caring attitude. She is a great role model.

★ **Owen R** has a consistently positive attitude within his
★ lessons and towards his peers.

★ **Zane V** has a fantastic attitude towards his learning, showing
★ excellent behaviour at all times.

★ **Lucas B** put in a tremendous effort in English, self-checking
★ his own writing.

★ **Josh S** has been brilliant at writing and learning his part in
★ our play.

★ **Keira S** is continually pushing herself in all lessons and has a very mature attitude.

★ **Bronson M** has a great attitude, completing homework and trying very hard with his writing tasks.

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To comply with the Health and Nutrition Act we are unable to have cakes, treats and cans/bottles of fizzy drinks coming into school. Please remember to provide your child with a bottle of plain water. Please help us by encouraging your child to have a healthy snack.

As we have pupils in school who suffer from a severe nut allergy please could I take this opportunity to remind everyone that our school has a **"No Nuts Policy."** Those pupils if they come in contact with a nut product, can suffer life threatening consequences. **As a result nuts and any foods containing nuts are not allowed on the schools site, this includes chocolate snacks.**



Millie, Zeva and Savannah competed in their second dance competition this weekend. We are so impressed that their crew achieved first place in the BDO street dance championships. The girls competed brilliantly in the impressing everyone with their skill. Well done to Millie who was

Shanklea Superstars



Christopher is becoming a really talented footballer. He was awarded player of the match when playing for Cramlington United Under 7's last Sunday. He played really well and scored a goal.



We have been delighted with the response to our new Facebook page and are pleased that our regular communication methods are working well, including letters, posters, texts, through the School Gateway, email, SchoolGrid, website and of course, coming to talk to us.

With this myriad of methods to contact us directly available we are finding that our School App is no longer popular. As the funding for this could be utilised more effectively elsewhere we will discontinue the App shortly.

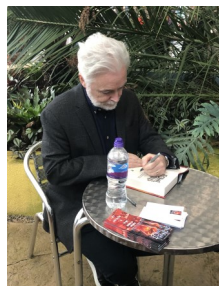
Important Messages

Parents of children who are due to start Reception in September 2020 may apply for their child's place at their chosen school(s) on the Northumberland County Council portal. Please note the deadline for applications is **15th January 2020**.



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Year 6 meet creator of Artemis Fowl

Our Year 6 children had the fantastic opportunity to meet **Eoin Colfer**, author of the bestselling Artemis Fowl books this week. Eoin talked briefly about this new book, The Fowl Twins and shared lots of tales of his childhood and the children on whom his books are based. Our children had a fantastic time and we are sure the new book will be fun to read!

Christmas Costumes




As you know our Christmas productions are coming up soon and we are hoping for some help with costumes. Please label any clothing with names so that we can make sure it gets back to you. Thank you so much for your help!

Attendance

Last week's attendance

Class of the week
with **96.9%**
attendance is **RB4/5**

Year Groups of the
week are
Years 1 & 2

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	83.0 
1 and 2	95.9
3	91.7
4 and 5	94.2
6	91.5

Preventing Infection

Like many other schools in the North-East, Shanklea has been hit in recent weeks by higher than usual levels of flu-like illness, with possible links to norovirus infections. At the weekend we completed a 'deep clean' and disinfected the site after many staff and pupils were hit with vomiting, diarrhoea and flu-like symptoms. We have purchased more cleaning wipes (effective against norovirus and various bacteria) so that high levels of cleanliness can be maintained.

Norovirus is spread by coughing, sneezing and close contact, or touching the same surfaces. Regularly washing hands thoroughly using soap and water, especially before eating and after using the toilet, is the most efficient way to prevent it spreading.

Usually the virus will clear up in one to two days and sufferers are told to stay hydrated. If your child is unwell, it is important to stay away from school or work until they are better. If your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting then they should not return to school until 48 hours after they have symptom. If they have flu it is until they are feeling better.

We have emailed more information to parents and carers this week.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



NHS


Wet


Soap


Wash


Rinse


Dry

Stop germs spreading.
The power is in your hands.
Have you washed your germs away? Wash your hands.

Flu immunisations

The NHS Team will be in school on the morning of **Tuesday 10th December** to do the flu immunisations. If you have been texted to say your form is not complete and have not called in you will need to do so urgently as the team will not accept incomplete forms.

If you have not returned a form but wish your child to be immunised please collect and complete a form from the office and we will try to have your child added to the immunisation list.



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Coming Soon

As you can see from our action-packed programme, we have lots of exciting things planned for the remainder of this term. We strongly advise families to look out for communications from us, including newsletters, texts and emails to make sure you don't miss anything.



Friends of Shanklea (FoS) have funded a special pantomime performance of Rapunzel on Thursday 5th December as an early Christmas gift for the children to enjoy. We are sure they will

thoroughly enjoy the performance, which includes singing and audience participation. We are sure they'll be keen to tell you all about it when they get home!

Our Reception children will be off to see the reindeer at Azure Garden Centre on Wednesday 18th December. Thank you to FoS for subsidising this visit.

A massive **thank you** to all our volunteers for all your work leading to the run up to the festivities – you are amazing!

Christmas Performances

Get ready for our fabulous performances of Christmas Plays. Capture the magic of Christmas through our super scripts and catchy songs.

On Wednesday 4th December, Years 4/5 will present their Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 2pm. Be dazzled, dazed and delighted as you join us for a spectacular show of giant proportions; filled with treasure and treachery. With top-class Shanklea performers, crazy costumes and a Dame to be reckoned with, this is a classic pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' not to be missed....Don't miss this terrific tall tale, created and produced right here at Shanklea.

On Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December 2019 our EYFS Christmas Production will take place at 9.30am. Our youngest pupils are ready to tell a delightful story that brings the classic Christmas story to life, making it easy to understand, and such fun for your little stars to perform. This is a perfect telling of the traditional nativity story.

Children in Years 1 and 2 will present their Christmas performances at 9.30am and 2pm on Wednesday 11th December. They will be telling the story "Hey you, The Curious Sheep." His journey to find out more about the new king is packed with spectacular songs and dances along the way.



Monday 2 nd Dec	Years 4/5 Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 3 rd Dec	EYFS Dress Rehearsal—morning Reception Christmas Crafts afternoon
Wednesday 4 th Dec	Years 4/5 Christmas Productions 9.30am and 2pm No Toddler Group today Squirrels New Intake Meeting
Thursday 5 th Dec	9.30am EYFS Christmas Production 1-3pm Years 1 to 6: Friends of Shanklea: Pantomime 'Rapunzel' 3.30pm-7pm OOSC Late Christmas Night
Friday 6 th Dec	EYFS Christmas Production, 9.30am
Tuesday 10 th Dec	9am Flu Vaccinations Reception-Year 6 9am KS1 Dress rehearsal
Wednesday 11 th December 2019	Christmas Dinner Nursery Home Visits No Toddler Group today Years 1 and 2 (KS1) Performance, 9.30am & 2pm Year 3 and Year 6 Christmas Carol rehearsals, 1.45-2.45pm
Thursday 12 th Dec	General Election – school closed
Friday 13 th December 2019	Years 3 and 6 Christmas Carols 10.15-12.15pm No Music Tuition Reception Christmas Party pm
Monday 16 th December 2019	KS1 Christmas Party afternoon Nursery Home visits
Tuesday 17 th December 2019	9.15am Nursery Christmas Crafts Squirrels Home Visits Years 4 and 5 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December 2019	Squirrels Home Visits 9-10am Toddlers Christmas Party 9.30am Reception visit to Azure Christmas Choir at Sainsbury's Year 3 Christmas Party afternoon
Thursday 19 th December 2019	Year 6 Christmas Party Reception Polar Express Day
Friday 20 th December 2019	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Party Lunch School closes for Christmas holidays.

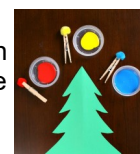
School will re-open on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Nursery Christmas Crafts

Tuesday 17th December 9.15am

Please come along to create some magical Christmas memories with your little ones and embrace the month of festive cheer with our creative Christmas crafts!

From yummy treats to beautiful decorations – such festive fun. The children will love sharing some creative fun with you.





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OOSC Late Christmas Night

Thursday 5th December, 3.30pm-7pm

Tickets for our ever popular OOSC Christmas Night are selling out fast. This event is very popular with children (who have a fantastic time with their friends) and with parents and carers who can shop (and sort Christmas) until they drop.

The children can expect a magical, festive film night at Shanklea Primary School and some very tasty festive treats.

**HURRY!
HURRY!
HURRY!**

Please reserve and pay for your child's place on the School Gateway £12 for first child, £6 for siblings.



1st Child £12

Additional children £6 each

OOSC



The children have had a really busy week at OOSC, cooking and making lots of exciting things for our Christmas Fair. We hope you will all come along to see the fantastic things they have made.



Christmas Fair

A big thank you to everyone who has supported our Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November 2019!



2nd Cramlington Scouts
Christmas Fair
Saturday 7th December
10.00 - Noon

Mince pies 🥧 tea/coffee ☕
Stalls, Tombola, Cakes, Biscuits, Juice



Santa's Grotto



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2019

Menu

Roast Turkey served with Chipolata
Sausage & Stuffing

Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts
& Gravy

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Christmas Ice Cream Tub
Jelly or Festive Biscuit



Pre order via School Grid