

# Shanklea Primary School

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## Shanklea Skiers Safely Home

Thanks to **Mrs Greenwood**, **Ms Rigg**, **Mrs McBride** and **Mr Allan** for leading the ski trip to Voss, Norway for a fantastic week of skiing. The weather was quite cold on the first couple of days but there were a few days of fresh powder on the slopes – a great gift for a ski trip! The children loved spending time together and a special **'thank you and well done'** to the Shanklea students who brought energy to the programme and behaved impeccably.

The children developed invaluable life skills, had many adventures on the slopes and appreciated the beauty of the mountains. We hope to be able to give children this amazing opportunity again next year!

## Ski 2017 Assembly

Parents and carers are invited to come to a special Ski Trip Assembly on Wednesday 22nd March at 2.45pm. The children are looking forward to sharing their experiences with you.



Four classes achieved **100%** attendance last week.

Well done to

**DW3**, **DC4**,  
**CC5** and **SM6**

## Histrionics



A special caller (historical actor!) will be visiting Shanklea Primary School on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

We intend to complete a distinctive walk to school from the War Memorial in Cramlington Village to school from **8.15am**. We wish to invite children, parents or grandparents to take part in the themed walk. Pupils and staff are encouraged to wear a favourite (fashionable or distinctive) hat, to be seen and be bright on the imaginative journey to school.



## Ms Rigg's Class assembly

**ER3**

At **2.45pm** on **Wednesday 15th March**, Year 3 Miss Rigg's class are holding their class assembly! You are invited to attend what should prove to be a fantastic event as it is designed, (almost!), rehearsed, and performed entirely by the children themselves as 'Rotten Romans'.

## Coming Soon

**DW3**

Mr Winter's class will be holding their class assembly on **Thursday 23rd March** at



## Reading in Unusual Places Photo Competition Winners

Congratulations to our winners who will receive a £5 Scholastic book voucher.

**Ruby Jackson**, **Thomas Richardson**,  
**Maisie Stafford**, **Lily Stafford**,  
**George Stafford**, **Alfie Harrison**

## Heights and Measures: Reception and Year 6

In February, we sent parents of children in Reception and Year 6 a letter from the Director of Public Health advising them of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

As part of the NCMP, children are periodically weighed and measured at school. The information is used by the NHS to plan and provide better health services for children.

Next week, if you have a child in Reception (ages four and five) or Year Six (ages 10 and 11), trained staff from your local NHS will weigh and measure your child in their clothes at school.

They will ensure that the measurements are done sensitively and in private, and your child's results will not be shared with teachers or other children.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents and families that committed to attending a parent consultation meeting and making it a priority to build a good relationship with their child's teacher. It sets the tone for a successful learning experience for you and your child. Thank you to the high proportion of parents who came along. We hope to see even more of you in the future.



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Our theme for the week is "Music, lyrics and dance"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Basic ballroom dancing		Dancing the waltz		Sing along with Belle

## What's on at OOSC

Our Tuesday special is fairy cakes.



### Please find below an important message regarding school places:

Dear Parents/Carers

National Offers Day for First and Primary Admissions has been publicised in our Admissions Handbook as the 16th April 2017.

Due to the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, the 16th April is Easter Sunday, therefore we are changing our Offers Day to **Tuesday 18th April 2017**, which is also in line with our neighbouring authorities.

We also want to be available to support parents on National Offers Day.

Jane Jack

School Place Planning and Admissions Manager

### Robinwood Residential: Year 5

Our Year 5 pupils will have many wonderful opportunities to achieve fantastic things at Robinwood, Alston next week.

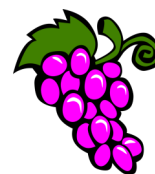
The 3 day, 2 night residential course for the 10 year old age groups typically packs in 15 activities(!) that will challenge, develop teamwork and stimulate the imagination.

*Good luck on your adventure Year 5s....*



### Choking hazards

Can we please remind parents of our younger children NOT to send in whole grapes as a snack as they are a choking hazard. Please slice grapes in half lengthways Thank you.



### Fancy Feet and Whirly Wheels



Shanklea Primary School's entry into the national campaign Fancy Feet and Whirly Wheels continues for another week in an attempt to raise awareness of the benefits of walking to school.

The scheme encourages children and their parents to avoid travelling to school via car where possible.

In school, we will be learning about keeping safe and staying healthy, with a focus on our journey to school. Thank you for everyone's support in this campaign so far. Next week, golden tickets will be given to those children who have travelled to school in an alternative, sustainable way, with opportunities to win prizes galore!



## Year 5 Skipping Superstars

Congratulations to the Year 5 children who truly entered into the spirit in the Cramlington Schools Skipping Competition, achieving a very creditable second place. Every member of the group competed in at least one event, against children from other local schools and in front of lots of cheering spectators! They spent some time learning new skipping skills and also presented a skipping dance to all of the other children.

All of the Shanklea children tried really hard and we were very proud of the effort they put in and how they worked together as a team.



**Well done!**

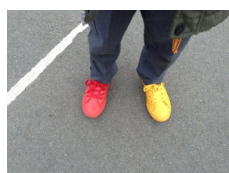
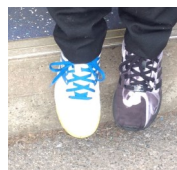
**[www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk)**





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Did you know that Shanklea Primary School offer quality child care for 2 year olds? We offer funded places for those eligible and also charge for sessions at a competitive rate for those not eligible.

## Does your 2 year old qualify for free childcare?

Visit: [www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/freechildcare) for a confirmation reference number.

## Why should you consider using childcare ?

Childcare is good for children. Research has shown that good quality early education can:

- Improve children's development;
- Help them to socialise with other children and make friends;
- Get them ready for Nursery;
- Provide exciting place to play and try new activities.

It can also

- Give you more time;
- Help you take up a college course;
- Help you go back to work;
- Pick up ideas of what to do with your child at home and how you can help them grow and learn.

You can choose between 1 afternoon session or 5 afternoon sessions, it's up to you!

It's never too early to add your child's name to our waiting list. Please come and speak to Mrs Laughton or ask for a form at the School office.

**Places go quick!**

## Contact:

Shanklea Primary school,  
Nairn Road  
Cramlington,  
NE23 1RQ

## Shiny Shoe Day is a Hit!

The Travel Ambassadors have really started something around school with their shiny shoes themed day. We found lots of people in school celebrating this day. Some children chose to wear two different coloured shoes recognizing and celebrating the uniqueness and diversity of those walking to school. The simple and light-hearted act of purposely wearing two different coloured or very sparkly shoes demonstrated the courage to "take a risk" and step outside of one's daily routine.

**Well done, everyone.**

