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Rugby Superstars

Ronan A, Dylan A, Jamie R, Archie H, Callum M, Zane V and Ewan M all received end of season trophies from their Rugby Club, Cramlington Rockets.



Dylan was awarded the prestigious Rocketman Award for the U10s and Ewan was awarded Coaches' Player of the Year award for the U8s. They have all worked hard this season, showing great commitment and a fantastic sporting attitude. We are extremely proud of them.



Eve has been awarded Player of the Week from her Jiu Jitsu club and has a wonderful trophy for the week. Well done, Eve — keep up the good work.



Shanklea Superstars



Thomas represented Shanklea in the North of England BSGA Regional Schools Competition on 1st December 2019 in Billingham and did brilliantly!! He won a Silver Medal and is through to the next round!! What an amazing achievement, we are so impressed!



On Sunday, **Sophie** attended an award day to collect the six trophies she had received for her dance exams. She participated in six competitions on the night, and achieved 1 bronze, 2 silvers and 3 golds! Fantastic dancing Sophie!



Christmas Fair



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

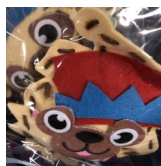
The evening was a great success, raising a fantastic **£1074.04** which will be used to benefit children in school. The children who volunteered to run the stalls did so with maturity and impressive application. All the children contributed by making things for their stalls, sharing in the community approach to the **Enterprise Week - The Fiver Challenge, 2019.**

We are so proud of the Years 1/2 and Years 5/6 children for putting on a fantastic Enterprise event and showcasing their wonderful money-raising ideas at the Christmas Fair. They showed some excellent enterprise skills, fantastic teamwork and had lots of very satisfied customers.

This was a fitting conclusion to a highly engaging and enjoyable project. It was so wonderful to see the children developing entrepreneurial thinking and developing so many skills. Following the choir's uplifting performance, all the prizes and competitions were announced and then many of you helped in the clear up operation!

Lots of families came along and went home loaded with goodies! The children enjoyed taking part in the activity stalls, and meeting our special guest; Father Christmas! We are so grateful to receive so many generous offers of time and skill and makes us proud to be a part of this community.

My thanks go to our hardworking team of volunteers. School will be forever grateful to the loyal team that give up so much time to lend a hand at one event after another. Such dedication and community spirit, it is truly inspiring!





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Christmas Choirs

A huge **WELL DONE** to our Christmas Choir who were amazing at our Christmas Fair and at McDonalds. McDonalds had invited some elderly members of the local community for afternoon tea and Shanklea Choir provided the entertainment. The children sang beautifully and mingled and chatted with some of the elderly audience. They were commended on their singing, their behaviour and general demeanour by both staff and visitors. These performances are a lovely way of sharing and supporting our local community. They give the children another platform to showcase all of their hard work, practice and improvement.

Thanks to McDonalds for the treats including McFlurries for children and staff!!!

Our choir will be singing at Sainsburys in Manor Walks on **Wednesday 18th December, 2pm- 2.45pm** if you would like to join us.



Well done, Team Shanklea!

Pantomime

We joined Bigfoot's cast of all singing, all dancing pantomime professionals, as they brought the classic tale of Rapunzel to life. Rapunzel was freed from her tower but this traditional pantomime had a modern twist and a few surprises thrown in for good measure! It was a totally interactive experience the children thoroughly enjoyed! The pantomime was superb quality, with professional actors, wonderful sets and scenery, music and special effects. We all enjoyed Mr Rutherford's and Mrs Earle's contributions too!

Thank you to the **Friends of Shanklea** for funding this fantastic experience for the children.



Attendance

Last week's attendance

Class of the week
with **96.9%**
attendance is **JR1/2**

Year Groups of the
week are
Years 1 & 2

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	81.8 🐼
1 and 2	94.4
3	93.2
4 and 5	91.8
6	78.9 🐼



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





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Christmas Productions

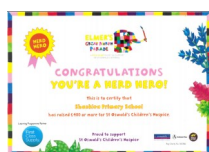
We would like to congratulate all the children who took part in the festive performances. The readers delivered with confidence and clarity, the actors delivered their lines with timing and energised intonation, allied to some fine group singing, strong solo performances and coordinated group dances. All the performances were very well attended and a fine way to end the week as we head into the Christmas.

Thank you to everyone for your support.



Elmer is Returning

Elmer is coming back to Shanklea Primary School. We are sure he will be grinning the whole way as he is so excited to meet the children again. We will let you know more soon.

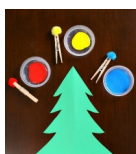


Nursery Christmas Crafts

Tuesday 17th December 9.15am

The best Christmas decorations are the ones you make yourself!

Every child will produce a unique piece of colourful art to take pride of place in the family home every Christmas. Every child designs, decorates and takes home their very own bauble. Children learn about different materials and techniques and develop their imagination and creative thinking.



OOSC

We have had yet another busy week at OOSC and Breakfast Club. The children will be planning how to spend all the money they raised at our Christmas Fair—the total of which is now approaching a spectacular **£100**—a new record for us!

Our annual late night event was very successful and lots of fun was had by all.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support - OOSC would not be so successful without you.



Coming Soon

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 & 6 Christmas Carols 10.30-12.15pm 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 2pm 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.

Reminder:

School is closed for the general election on Thursday 12th December, 2019



Able Writers Day

Talented writers from Years 5 and 6 joined children from other schools to take part in an Able Writer's Workshop at Shanklea last week. The workshop was led by bestselling author, **Jon Mayhew**, last week.

These workshops are a fantastic opportunity for children to share ideas with other skilled writers, developing their skills and confidence whilst having a fantastic time.

