

Shanklea Stars of the Week

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- ★ **Benjamin Fitch** is making excellent progress in Read Write Inc.
- ★ **Brannon Brown** has tried so hard over the past few weeks, especially in Read Write Inc.
- ★ **Amelia Crawford** is trying exceptionally hard with everything. She performed some lovely sequences in gymnastics.
- ★ **Imogen Joyce** has done some amazing Maths work, calculating 10 more than using a 100-square grid. She is a super mathematician.
- ★ **Joseph Craik** demonstrated a great understanding of Florence Nightingale for our non-chronological report. He put in an amazing effort !
- ★ **Eryn Robertson** puts 100% effort into everything she does. Her handwriting is so neat and joined and she always checks her work for mistakes and for any improvements that she could make.
- ★ **Charlee Marshall** has put in exceptional effort in all lessons and is making superb progress in Maths.
- ★ **Ella Earle** completes all of her Literacy work to a very high standard and she always has a smile on her face.
- ★ **Collier Wiggins** completed two full pages of time calculations in Maths without any help and they were all correct!
- ★ **Harrison Craik** has made a great improvement in his presentation in all areas of the curriculum.
- ★ **Katie –Jo Wilkinson** has shown excellent enthusiasm to her work in literacy and great commitment to her part in the class assembly.
- ★ **Christopher Osborne** produced some fabulous Kenyan Art work and has an excellent general attitude to his work.
- ★ **Sherri Smith** has shown great enthusiasm and a good attitude, particularly in Maths.
- ★ **Katie Whatnell** has an exceptional attitude and is making great progress in Maths. Katie makes great contributions during Topic lessons.

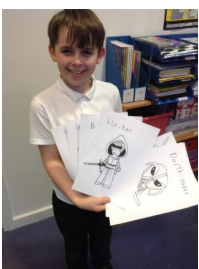


Well done to **Zak Leadbitter** who has won a Bronze medal in the North Regionals BMX Go Sky Competition . He will compete in Hartlepool shortly.



A big Shanklea Shout-Out to **Benjamin Fitch** who impressed us all with his moves at the Valentines Disco. Benjamin is the coolest dancer ever.

Shanklea Superstars



Congratulations to **William Larmouth** whose fantastic artistic skills can be seen in the photograph. A future illustrator perhaps?

Logan Crouth is shown here with the amazing model he made from recycled materials. He has the most amazing creative skills.



Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **DAC2** and **ER3**



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Congratulations to this Half-term's Castle Points Winners

We have many ways to reward the children in our school for all the effort and hard work they put in including spoken and written praise from adults and teachers, postcards, reward stickers and certificates. The most important thing about our school and the rewards we have is that they have to be earned.

In our school every child is in a castle –and they work hard

to earn points for behaviour, effort, contribution and achievement. This encourages the children to play their part in a larger team across the school and to work together for the benefit of others. At the end of each half term in school we add up all the points from the youngest to the oldest children and we have a winner. This winning team gains the option to have a non-uniform day.



Lindisfarne had the most castle points this half term with 4197 castle points and have won a non-uniform day on Friday 17th February 2017.

Congratulations to our Top 3 students:
William Bruce,
Luke Stoker
Emily Cowburn



1st
2nd
3rd

Class Winners:

ER3 with 3383 points
CC5 with 3243 points
JR1 with 3056 points

Safety around Shanklea

Parents are reminded that the roads around Shanklea (including Ringwood Drive and tributary roads across the cycle path) all have a **20mph** speed limit.

We continue to receive complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking (such as blocking pavements and drives) and dangerous driving (such as too fast near children). Can all parents and carers **PLEASE** drive slowly and park with consideration for others in our community.

There have also been some near misses with cycles on the cycle path near to school. Our School Council have written to the learning Village to ask their students to cycle a little more slowly and carefully near our school, particularly around young children. We have also been asked to remind everyone that it may be safer for pedestrians to keep to the footpaths and cyclists to the cycle paths.

Finally, can we remind everyone that whilst the road in front of school is generally quiet it IS still a road. We discourage movement of vehicles from the car park at pupil drop off and collection times but this does occasionally occur. **PLEASE** stay near small children at all times. Thank you.

School Uniforms 10% discount

Cloud 9 Leisure are offering a 10% discount on school uniforms between Sunday 19th and Sunday 26th February.

Attendance


We place great importance on good attendance and punctuality here at Shanklea Primary School and strive for the best attendance possible. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and/or regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class.

We celebrate good attendance in a wide variety of ways and offer class and individual prizes for great attendance during the school year. So far there are 71 children who have achieved 100% - an amazing achievement. Those children will be sent a e-certificate to recognise their success.

Our Wednesday Breakfast special will be pancakes.



Our theme for the week is "Beauty and the Beast"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fairy tales—Beauty and the Beast the movie 	Beauty and the Beast the Story Book Comparing the book and the movie Making pancakes	Character profiles Pictogram survey of favourite characters	Character Wanted poster	The Grimm Brothers: Book reviews

What's on at OOSC

www.shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk



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Fancy Feet Challenge

Shanklea will be taking part in a new challenge with Schools Go Smarter to encourage children to travel actively to school (walking, cycling and scooting) – to help keep them fit and healthy (and compete with other schools.)

Schools Go Smarter is a programme of activity which encourages pupils and parents across Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and Durham, to travel sustainably on their journeys to school each day. Throughout the Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge, by travelling actively to school at least once a week, each child will earn points.

As well as the children keeping active and having fun, our school will get the chance to win one of three fabulous prizes, with the first prize worth £1000. The Challenge is totally inclusive, so even if your child has to come to school by car, they can still gain points if they Park and Stride.

The Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge will run for four weeks from **Monday 27th February 2017**.



Big Pedal 2017 Cycle or Scoot Around the World in 10 days!

The Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their journey to school.

Powered by Sustrans and funded by the Bike Hub, the 2017 challenge will run from **Monday 20th to Friday 31st March 2017** and is open to individual classes as well as whole schools.

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling or scooting to school. A school's best five days will determine their final position, but they can log journeys on all ten days if they wish.

For schools unable to take part in the main challenge we also have a one-day version, which can include cycling and scooting activities in the school day as well as on the journey to school.

To celebrate the finale of the challenge there is also the option to join our superhero fundraising day.

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards including bike and scooter stunt shows, equipment and storage if over 15% of your school cycle or scoot on each day of the challenge. Prize details will be announced on The Big Pedal website.



Ski-time

For the second year, we are delighted to offer Shanklea children the opportunity to enjoy a skiing trip to Voss, Norway after the February Half Term Holiday 2017.

Skiing offers many opportunities and experiences to pupils. Not only will they have an opportunity to learn or improve skiing skills, they will also learn to appreciate and respect a different culture, a new environment and experience the importance of working and living together.

We wish teachers, support staff and the children a safe and snowy time.



Ski Trip Bag Pack

We have arranged for our skiers (staff and children) to take part in a bag pack at Morrisons in Blyth on **Saturday 25th February, 10-4pm**. This is to raise funds for activities during the week. We hope everyone can come along.

Children should wear their Shanklea Skiers Hoodies. Some guidelines are included in your ski trip newsletter. The address is Morrisons, Regent Street, Blyth, NE24 1LQ.

Friends of Shanklea—A huge thank you

Shanklea PTFA, Friends of Shanklea, continues to work with us to raise funds for the school. We are very grateful for its members helping the school to raise thousands of pounds, which have been spent on improving equipment and resources to enhance our children's education and the facilities in school.

But our PTFA is about much more than just fundraising. The PTFA exists to provide closer links between home and school, and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together too; just ask any of the PTFA members or helpers.

Obviously as in any organisation, there are times when it is more challenging, but with the continued support of parent and staff, Friends of Shanklea has always succeeded in its efforts.

Our Valentines Disco was a tremendous success and the children had so much fun. Thank you very much to the Friends of Shanklea and to all the staff and parents who have helped make it such a fun event.

Thank you.





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Marvellous Moving Words

It is almost time for World Book Day again. To celebrate, Shanklea Primary School will be participating in many exciting activities.

We are lucky that Colin and Julie from **'Moving Words'** are visiting Shanklea Primary School between **Wednesday 1st and Friday 3rd March** as part of National Book Week. Each year group are performing to particular curricular themes.

Years 5 and 6 **Mayan Civilisation**

Years 3 and 4 **War and Harry Patch**

Years 2 and 1 **The Big Bad Werewolf**

Reception **'Owl Babies'**

The pupils will share stories through Drama and movement skills and will follow up on these activities with their class teachers as part of their regular lessons.

During the week, all pupils will take part in lots of book related activities—quizzes and illustrations to name just two. Each class will aim to complete a series of World Book Day Challenges. Every day will end with an opportunity to share a story with their class—something we always enjoy.

Dress up Day

As an extra treat, Shanklea will be hosting a "Dress as your Favourite Book Character Day" on Friday 3rd March. Ideas for easy to make costumes are available on the World Book Day website or you could recycle last year's costume. The idea is to have fun so please do not feel you have to buy expensive costumes

World Book Day £1 Tokens

Every child in school will shortly receive their World Book Day Token worth £1. This can be used to purchase one of TEN new, exclusive and FREE books (see below)



Alternatively, the vouchers can be used to get £1 off any book from participating bookshops or from the Scholastic Catalogue which will come out to parents shortly.

Happy Reading.

World Book Week

World Book Day Photography Challenge

What is the most interesting and unusual place that you can photograph someone from your family (or be photographed yourself) reading? Extra points will be awarded for the highest number of family members reading together or for the most creative venues.



Shanklea's Spectacular Science Week

Many thanks to Mr King, Mrs Gaultier and Mrs Stanley, for arranging a fantastic and very successful Science week.

As your children may have told you, Zog, the alien landed on Nelson Hill and we encouraged our young people to think about and investigate the ways in which he could return to his planet...learning about climate, materials and energy in the world around us. It was also a great chance for Shanklea pupils to consider the changes they can enact to have a positive impact on the future.



Sickness bugs

You may have seen reports of the many sickness bugs going around at the moment. Can all parents please continue to encourage children to wash their hands regularly and practise good hygiene.

Thank you.

Do you have any newspapers please?

We will need lots of newspapers for some activities early in the first week back to school and would be very grateful for any donations. **Thank you.**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed towards making this another busy and happy half-term. We hope everyone enjoys the half-term break and wish our Shanklea skiers a very happy ski experience in Norway.

We look forward to seeing everyone again when school re-opens on **Monday 27th February**.