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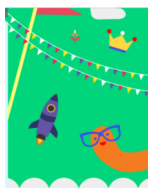
To perform or not perform? That is the question! This week we thoroughly enjoyed a Shanklea company performance by Year 6 Shakespearean players both behind the scenes and centre stage at the Globe Theatre, Cramlington and discovered what life was like for the 16th-century playwright William Shakespeare. **Well done everyone!**

Live Kitchen



We know that parenting involves a lot of planning and organisation, and parents more than anyone appreciate ways to reduce hassle and save time. Our cashless pre-order system is quite simply the fastest and easiest way to pay for your school meals and your level of involvement is up to you. If you are not yet using, or have any problems with, Live Kitchen please contact our Office Team who will be able to help you.

KS2 500 Words Competition



This week, all KS2 children will be given some special homework based on the **BBC Radio 2 "About 500 Words"** national competition. You can find more information on the link below.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/50pnqLfDywb9CFxjNvth510/about-500-words>

Each year group will then enter their winner into the national competition.

We hope families will support the children in this challenge. There are lots of examples online you can listen to for inspiration.

About 500 Words

THE 500 WORDS COMPETITION IS OPEN – MAKE SURE YOU GET YOUR ENTRIES IN BY 7PM on FRIDAY 8TH MARCH.

'500 Words' is the UK's most successful short story-writing competition for children between the ages of 5 and 13.

It was launched back in 2011, after Chris Evans had a dream. He dreamt of getting children excited about reading and writing. All children: no matter what their ability, experience, or background.

In 2018 134,790 children entered the competition, and since it launched, the competition has received over 800,000 short stories.

It's super simple. All entrants must pen an original story, no more than 500 words in length, and submit it online. It can be about ANYTHING you want – space-ships, grannies, insects, microwaves. The list is endless!

Stories are judged anonymously, without regard to grammar, punctuation or spelling. The competition culminates in a broadcast extravaganza of live music and sensational story-telling every summer, at a special venue. Past venues have included The Globe and The Tower of London. 2018 saw a magnificent extravaganza come live from Hampton Court Palace. From the 134,790 entries - that's 67.5 million words, the 6 winning wordsmiths were announced on-air by celebrity narrators including Jason Isaacs, Jim Broadbent, Amanda Abbington and Shobna Gulati. Also there were enchanting performances from sensational superstar John Newman, X-Factor alumni Alexandra Burke, and the amazing Bastille.

500 Words was also delighted to welcome back real-life royalty to the competition: Her Royal Highness, The Duchess of Cornwall, who returned as our Honorary Judge, where she read and debated the top 50 stories of the competition with our amazing author panel: Malorie Blackman, Charlie Higson, Frank Cottrell-Boyce and Francesca Simon.

In the words of the HRH Duchess of Cornwall "Keep saying a big fat YES to adventure".

Please refer to the FAQ section if you have any questions.

You can use the teaching resources on our website all year round! We've got LOADS of fun assets under the Learn section.



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Coming Up Soon

Monday 25th February	School re-opens
Tuesday 26th February	2.45pm LG6 Class Assembly
Friday 1st March	World Book Day
Tuesday 5th March	Rec & KS1 Hoopstarz Day Year 5/6 Topic Immersion Day
Friday 8th March	Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights Programme
Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th March	Year 5 Robinwood Residential
Wednesday 13th March	2.45pm Mrs Allen-Coope Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 14th March	Mr Wadds Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day 9.30am Year 5 Skipping Festival
Wednesday 20th March	Mrs Kane Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 3rd April	5.30pm Musical Evening

Congratulations!!

Firefighters Charity

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Firefighters Charity Collection. Every little helps and your support is very much appreciated..



Last week's attendance	Year Group	Average Attendance %
Class of the week with 98.3% attendance is AK4 Well done Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week	Reception	93.9
	1	97.7
	2	95.4
	3	93.6
	4	96.3
	5	95.0
	6	94.4



Shanklea Primary School

"We provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where children recognise and achieve their fullest potential"



Staying Safe
with Dogs

Policy on Dogs on School Grounds



Governors and staff recognise that dogs are an important part of life for many of our families and, as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. In our teaching we promote the relationship between people and their pets and accept and encourage the idea of pets as 'family members'. We do see pet ownership as a valuable educational experience for children.

However, we have also received feedback from other parents and carers, indicating that many are finding the presence of dogs around the school perimeter stressful, even frightening, particularly for younger children.

We are concerned that even well-behaved dogs can behave unpredictably when placed in busy, noisy and crowded school environments and that this can lead to dogs snapping at each other. Children can also behave unpredictably when in the presence of dogs or when in contact with dogs and this can potentially lead to a child being bitten.

Governors kindly request that dogs are not tied up and left unattended at the school gates and recommend that all parents teach their children how to behave around dogs. There is lots of advice in school and we have run many workshops within recent years.

There are lots of useful videos and information sheets online. You may wish to have a look at: <https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/training/safe-and-sound/>



Valentine's Disco and Raffle

A **HUGE** thank you to all of the volunteers for their wonderful work, fun and enthusiasm at the disco. There were so many happy children who made a point of saying "thank you" on their way out. It was really touching, and it couldn't have happened without our fantastic PTFA members, parents, carers and staff. To give 260+ kids such a fun time (and to have no accidents is really quite an achievement!)

Thank you for spreading the love.

The raffle winners are:

Valentines Hamper: C Price

Mandarin Bay voucher: M Smith

Lal Qila voucher: A Hope

De Stress Collection: B Armstrong



A wonderful woodland hideaway

The children have been crafty in the woods and built their very own den. We used branches, leaves and twigs to build a sturdy, cosy den for them and their friends.



Mini and Junior GNR

Leaflets with lots of information about the Mini and Junior Great North Runs are available from the Office. If you want to sign up, please register online at www.stoswaldsuk.org/mini-junior-gnr

Please select Shanklea from the drop down message to link your fundraising together with other Shanklea runners. Thank you.

SIGN UP FOR THE MINI & JUNIOR GREAT NORTH RUN for St Oswald's Hospice!

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Last year, local children from North East schools, including yours, chose to do something amazing and run for St Oswald's Hospice in the Mini and Junior Great North Run. Together, these amazing young people raised £28,000 to support local adults, children and young adults across the North East. Thank you.

In 2019, St Oswald's Hospice has been chosen as the local charity partner for Mini and Junior Great North Run, meaning that we are the only charity who will have places available. The Mini 1.5km (ages 3-8) and Junior 4km (ages 9-16) runs take place this year on **Saturday 7th September 2019** on NewcastleGateshead Quayside and are always extremely popular. As your school is a loyal supporter of St Oswald's Hospice, we wanted to give your child the opportunity to secure a place to run as part of our team.

We ask that you and your child raise £50 in sponsorship before October 2019 and we will be there to support you in your efforts with a Fundraising Pack, dedicated Fundraiser and a Fan Zone on the day of the event to cheer you on, for doing something great for St Oswald's Hospice.

Sign up online now at: www.stoswaldsuk.org/mini-junior-gnr

We recommend you sign up as soon as possible as places are sold on a first come first served basis and we only have a limited number available.

If you have any questions please contact the fundraising team on 0191 246 9123.

We hope to see you at the start line in September!

Best Wishes,
Natalie Santamera, Fundraising Team

*Please note: Your place is not confirmed until you receive a confirmation email from the Hospice. We kindly ask that you do not share this link with anyone, as this is an exclusive offer for our dedicated and hardworking young runners only. You will only be able to sign up one child per transaction so will need to complete a form per child you are applying for a place for. We reserve the right to withdraw places, if taken up by those who do not fit the above criteria.

Happy & Safe School Holidays to you all, from our family to yours. Smile the Sun is shining and it's Friday.

Remember School re-opens on Monday 25th February 2019.

