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Gymnastics Superstars

Our Shanklea gymnasts performed amazingly well this week just narrowly missing first place. We are all so proud of the attitude, commitment and skill shown by all the children. They are an absolute credit to our School. Well done **Amber C, Amy B, Matthew C, Ruby K, Imogen J, Millie C** and **Maisie K**.



Year 5 Bikeability

Our Year 5 cyclists persevered through the dreadful weather conditions this week to earn their Level 2 certificates. Some children are even working towards their Level 3. We had to do a lot of rescheduling due to the weather and there was a lot of classroom based work but everyone kept smiling and did their best. ... Thank you to **Mr Scott** and **Mr Wilson** from **Cycle Experience** and **Mrs Ainsley** for your hard work.

Mr Brown's Year 4/5 Class Assembly

Well done to all the children in **Mr Brown's Year 4/5** class for their class assembly. The children created the assembly, complete with singing and guitar playing, based on their Science work on Sound. Everyone did their bit and it was a joy to watch their enthusiasm and growing confidence. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to watch them share their work.


Shanklea Mini Police keep Cramlington Roads Safe

On Friday 7th February, Shanklea Mini Police were requested to do a speeding deployment. Nine Shanklea pupils assisted P.C. Moorhead to use the speed camera to check car speeds on Village Road. The town centre roads have a 20mph speed limit and children help up red or green faces in responses to the registered speed. Some speeding drivers were pulled over and asked questions.

This was a very informative and engaging visit for the children who were fantastic as always.



Friends of Shanklea Valentines Discos

Everyone had a great time at our Valentine's Discos yesterday. 

A **HUGE thank you** to everyone who made the Valentine's Discos such a success. The children (and staff) had a superb time, dancing and playing games. It was a wonderful sight to see.

Thank you so much to the staff and parents who shopped, served, cooked, mopped, danced and cleaned up afterwards. Your help is really appreciated.

 The total raised was a fantastic **£397.87**



Lego Team Skills

Lego is a great toy and many children take pleasure in creating models using the basic building bricks. This term, small groups have been building Lego models in a very specific way. The children have taken turns as the engineer, who gives detailed description of the bricks needed for the model and where they need to be positioned. The supplier then finds the bricks described by the engineer and delivers them to the builder, who listens to the engineer and positions the bricks in the model. The children have worked hard on giving instructions, listening to each other and taking turns to play the different roles. The teamwork has been fantastic. Well done to **Devin, Anthony, Robson** and **Jonathan**.



Last week's attendance

Class of the week with **99.2%** attendance is **AH3**

Well done Year 3

Year Group	Average Attendance
Reception	91.3
1/2	94.8
3	98.6
4/5	97.3
6	95.1



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Learning in the half term holidays

Many parents worry about continuing to support their child's reading progress during the school holidays.

Holiday time can be a constant juggling act. You want to go out for day trips, or you may be travelling abroad or visiting relatives. All of this at the same time as encouraging your child to read the books they have brought home from school and keeping their motivation and enjoyment of reading up as much as possible.

The school has an account with Oxford Owls with log-ins. Why not give the fun activities **which are**:

- Phonics made easy
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling made easy
- Encouraging writing
- Helping struggling readers
- Encouraging reading
- Encouraging boys
- Reading in the holidays
- E-safety, tablets and apps



The children have been given new login and passwords to allow them to practise their spellings at home. The children should use these to login to www.oxfordowl.co.uk selecting the Home section.

Each year group has a separate user name and the password is the same for all year groups

Year 2 =- user - shankleatwo password - readforfun

Year 3 =- user - shankleathree password - readforfun

Year 4 =- user - shankleafour password - readforfun

Year 5 =- user - shankleafive password - readforfun

Year 6 =- user - shankleasix password - readforfun

Please ensure you use the class login icon.

Once on the children can access activities for their year group in the Extra Practise Zone for spelling or enjoy many Ebooks by clicking on My bookshelf. There are other resources on the site to support parents and all resources match up with the spelling programmes the children undertake in school. An extra information leaflet will be emailed to you with the newsletter.



Have fun investigating!



Anti-bullying workshops

Our Anti-Bullying workshops introduced Key Stage 2 pupils to themes of identity and respect. Dave Burns taught us that all our identities matter, **R.E.S.P.E.C.T.** using engaging drama techniques to encourage pupils to explore what makes them, and the others around them, unique.

Bullying was explored on many levels from power to empowerment, what the word bullying means, strategies for dealing with bullying, building confidence and assertiveness skills. The sessions were fun, energising and powerful and utilised a fusion of styles including role-play, games, improvisation and discussion.



Little Monkeys Toddler group

Our Little Monkeys Toddler Group is held on Wednesday mornings, 9-10am during term time and is going from strength to strength. The group is run by Shanklea Primary School staff for the local community and we welcome parents, grandparents and carers with under 5s to meet, chat and play.

Children (and adults) can enjoy painting, play-dough, sticking activities, and a range of books and toys. For the last 20 minutes there is a 'circle time' with percussion instruments and singing.

Our Toddler group, provides an opportunity for parents/carers and their young children to spend time together in the company of others, to play and share experiences.



Half Term Fun!

There are lots of events and activities for the children in and around Newcastle and Cramlington during the February half term. We have included a few ideas and links below to help you plan a wonderful half-term holiday:

- Outdoor trails and other activities at Plessey Woods
- Trips to the beach
- Active Northumberland run lots of activities at Concordia, Cramlington and leisure centres in Blyth and Ashington.
- Nexus.org.uk/metro/take-kids-free Free metro travel for children under 11 when accompanied by a fare paying adult:
- https://www.nexus.org.uk/sites/default/files/metros_little_book_of_things_to_see.pdf
- Greatnorthumberland.co.uk

