

# Shanklea Stars of the Week

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★ These children have been recognised by their teachers ★  
★ for exemplary attitude and effort: ★

★ **Blake M** has shown super investigative skills in our forest area this week. He loves digging, climbing and planting and loves to be outside.

★ **Jessica S-A** has impressed her teacher so much with  
★ her reading this week. Fantastic work, Jessica, keep it  
★ up!

★ **Poppy E** has excellent manners and a very helpful attitude.

★ **Lily-Mae B** has a fantastic attitude to learning. He is working hard in lessons and doing brilliantly in Maths.

★ **Charlie R** wrote an excellent poem about the senses.  
★ Mrs Kane is so proud to see him working so hard.

★ **Maddie S** has made improvements in her reading. She  
★ is trying her absolute hardest all the time. Well done.

## Children's Cancer Run

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Children's Cancer Run last weekend. We are so impressed with your determination and can-do attitudes. Everyone had a great time and it was inspirational to see so many happy, smiling Shanklea faces. You are amazing.

We would be grateful if all sponsorship money could be paid via gateway or at the office by **Friday 7th June.**



**We wish you a safe and happy half term – we return on Monday 3rd June 2019.**

**Frankie A's** team, Northburn Wanderers, won the Newcastle Blue Star under 8's tournament on Saturday. After reaching the final with the hosts Newcastle Blue Star they ended up in a penalty shoot out to decide the winner. In a nail biting finale Frankie saved Blue Stars last two penalties to give his team victory and win the cup!



**Harry C** is doing really well with his swimming. Last Sunday he received his 200m certificate and was very proud of his achievement. We are proud too—well done Harry.



# Shanklea Superstars

We are so proud of our Shanklea football team who show such great team spirit and commitment. In their latest match, they gave a great team performance, finally losing 3-2 with great goals from **Alex W** and **Bradley W.**



We would like to say a huge thank you to **Premier League Primary Stars** who have provided our new kit. A massive well done too to **Mrs McBride** who made it all possible.

## Gym equipment!

Our newly installed range of Outdoor Gym Equipment helps promote a healthy lifestyle and boost mental wellbeing. We believe in getting children into the fresh air, burning energy, improving self-confidence and providing a sense of achievement.

Children have the opportunity to take part in physical activity in a more attractive environment with outdoor gym equipment that is easily accessible and a joy to use.

However, safety is of the utmost importance. The equipment is only suitable for children of at least 1.4m height and **must only be used with full adult supervision**. We cannot be responsible for any injury caused before or after school.

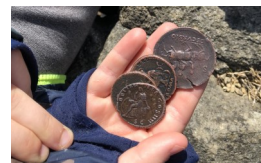
**It is extremely important that children do not go on the equipment before or after school or without the express permission and supervision of a member of staff.**





## Year 3 and 4 go to Segedunum

This week, our Year 3 and 4 children participated in an educational trip to Wallsend. It was a great way to enjoy a unique Roman learning experience outside a classroom environment. The day away allowed Shanklea students to absorb, interact and immerse themselves in a practical way. We re-enacted life as a rotten Roman Soldier – we actually fought at the fort! The visual and practical experiences gave opportunities to broaden each pupil's understanding of this Ancient world and their place in it. As always, our children were complimented on their exemplary behaviour, curiosity and personal knowledge of this historic time. Thank you to **Ms Rigg** and **Mrs McConnell** for co-ordinating the trip and for parents and carers allowing us to go.



## Live Kitchen is now School Grid

If anyone has experienced any problems accessing our lunch booking and payment system following the name change to School Grid, can you please log out and back in again. This should sort out any problems. If you continue to have problems please contact the school office.



## Alert Parking Permits and fines

**Please be a smart parker and keep our pupils safe.**

Do you park outside the school gates to drop children off each day? If you do, you're putting lives at risk. Our Shanklea Team is supporting the **Park Smart** campaign which asks for everyone's help in decreasing the problem with parking outside schools.

We continue to receive a significant number of complaints received from families and residents regarding unsafe, illegal and/or inconsiderate parking around school, at drop off and pick up times especially. We are aware of the impact that this has on the pupils and local community and appreciate that this is not only a local issue but a county and nationwide problem also.

We continue to reduce the congestion outside the school by:

- Reducing the congestion outside the school
- Making parents and carers aware of the dangers of parking on double yellow lines and zigzag lines
- Developing walk to school initiatives to meet the needs of the school, Park and Stride, Walk on Wednesday, Walking Bus
- Improving air quality around the school
- Improving health benefits through walking to school
- Developing road safety skills in all pupils
- Improving the children's awareness of their community and environment.

Since we launched the Walking Bus in September we have helped to reduce unsafe and inconsiderate parking, and made pick-up and drop-off easier for many parents.

## Last week's attendance

Class of the week with  
**100%**  
attendance is  
**LG6**

**Well done**  
**Year 6**

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	96.9
1	93.3
2	98.3
3	97.9
4	98.1
5	96.5
6	99.4



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## Stimulating ideas to help Year 1s secure their understanding of phonics ahead of the screening check and for everyone else to enhance their love of reading

Research clearly shows that when children put down school books in the holidays, their reading ability also drops. The term **"Summer Slide"** is well established and refers to children dropping in their reading ability following a lack of reading over the summer break. Teachers frequently report that students return to school after their break with a lower reading level and interest in books, than when they left previously. Therefore it's vital that we continue to encourage our children to read widely and often whilst they are on holidays.

Here are my top tips to make sure your children stay engaged with reading over the school break.

### 1. Make reading time fun (and quick!)



It is easy and necessary to make reading together the most fun time of every day. Read together with funny voices, try humorous books to engage the reluctant readers in your family and trust that toilet humour is often a sure-fire winner for most boys. You should aim for no more than ten minutes reading together – just enough to encourage the children to come back tomorrow. Set a timer if you need to, it will encourage them to ask for a minute or two more when reading time comes to an end.

### 2. Visit bookshops and the local library



their own books.

Make regular visits to bookshops and the local library part of your family's routine. These trips are simple ways to drive reading passion. Many children are amazed when they discover that they can borrow lots of books from their local library for free. Let them choose

### 3. Allow children to choose what they want to read



Book choice is a vital component of the reading process. As adults, we very rarely read anything that we either don't love or enjoy. If we read a book and it takes a while to get going, or we lose interest, we simply put it down, or lend it to a friend. Why then do we insist that children must read cover to cover something that they don't necessarily enjoy or like? Often these imposed choices on children come from a place of love – we are trying to support the children in accessing a text that is at their reading level. It is often hard to let go and let children choose their own books, however it is vital to developing strong, self-sufficient readers. If you are picking up a book for your child during your lunch break, grab a few different titles. Having a choice to choose from will allow your children to have control over their reading process.

### 4. Have a 'screen free night' each week



reading lamps or book lights so that children can read in bed before sleep.

Make a screen free night part of your family's regular routine where everyone in the family picks up something to read. Having your children see you read and talk about books adds value to this reading time. Different approaches to the screen free night may be to invest in

### 5. Give books as gifts



Birthdays for children means presents, and more books in the house can never go astray. Encourage your child to lend and swap their books with friends once they have read them.

### 6. Read together using supportive strategies



When you are reading together with your child, it's a great idea to give them the option of how they would like to read. Provide the opportunity for children to choose whether they would like to read aloud or silently. Check if they would like to try paired reading if they feel like they need extra support with the book.

When your child comes to a word that they don't know or aren't sure of, remember to:

**Wait:** give your child a chance to figure out the word on their own

**Ask:** does that make sense? Does the picture give you a clue? Could you read on for more information?

**Then skip:** if the child is still stuck on the word, ask them to skip it and read on. You can always drop that word into the conversation as you turn the page. This has the added advantage of not making the child wrong!

Working with your child to maintain good reading habits over their school break allows you to not only establish your family as active readers, but will give them the best possible start for when they return to school.

THE **MORE** that you **READ**,  
the more **THINGS** you will **KNOW**.  
THE **MORE** you **LEARN**,  
the more **PLACES** you'll **GO**!  
~ Dr. Seuss





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## Team Evie Reading Challenge

Over the holidays, from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, we are encouraging children to take on the **Team Evie Reading Challenge**. The challenge is a sponsored event which will raise

money to help pay for a mobile library for a children's hospital. Team Evie have already donated many libraries to hospitals with some fantastic feedback.

Reading to children in hospital has been proven to:

aid recovery, strengthen bonds with family, encourage family members to be involved in their child's care and provide normality during stressful times.

The children will choose a reading challenge which is appropriate for them and will ask people to sponsor them for their challenge.

To support your child with their challenge you could:

- Set aside some time each night to help with the challenge
- Encourage family members/friends to sponsor the children
- Help with collecting sponsor money

The completed sponsor card needs to be returned to school along with the sponsor money on the final day of the challenge, **MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**.

We will email more information to parents with the newsletter.

Thank you for your support, our school's contribution to the challenge will make a big difference to a child's stay in hospital.

If you would like to know more about Team Evie and the work they do, check out their website or social media pages!



## Thank you

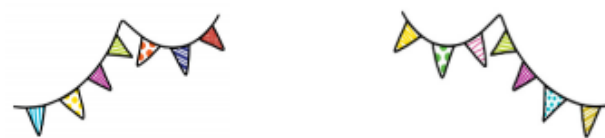
We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated cakes to support our PTFA, Friends of Shanklea, this week. Your generosity and support for our school never fail to impress us. Thank you,



**Coming Soon:  
Information about  
lots more events  
that are coming  
soon  
will be included in  
our next  
newsletter.**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School reopens
Wednesday 5th June	9.00am Little Monkeys Toddler Group
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Non Uniform day—tombola and raffle donations gratefully received 3.15pm FOS Cool Down Friday: Cool treats on sale
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	10am—6pm Family Fun Day at Parkside Field

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



*friends of shanklea*

**SUMMER FAIR**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 10AM – 6PM**

**@ FAMILY FUN DAY ON PARKSIDE PLAYING FIELD**

## OUR OWN STALLS:

**RAFFLE: TOMBOLA: GLITTER  
PIRATES: KAY'ELLA FESTIVAL  
HAIR & MAKEUP: FAIR RIDES:  
ICE CREAMS**

## ALSO AT THE EVENT:

**LIVE MUSIC: CLIMBING WALL: EMERGENCY  
& MILITARY VEHICLES: CRAMLINGTON  
ROCKETS: STREET FOOD**

**COME AND JOIN THE  
FUN**