

2019 Schools guide

The Chronicle Real Schools Guide has lots of information about how primary schools in Northumberland are doing to help you make decisions about where to send your child when it comes to making school applications. For the 3rd consecutive year, Shanklea Primary School has a 5* rating.

This reflects how great our school is in terms of:

Our relationships

This includes friendships, relationships with teachers and other adults who support us, opportunities to influence things, equality and fairness, ethos and culture, feeling supported and cared for.

Our learning & teaching

This includes the curriculum, the quality of learning experiences, the range of teaching approaches and access to high-quality resources for learning.

Our school & community

This includes the facilities and environment for learning, availability of digital technology, the range of equipment for play and physical activity and ensuring everyone has good access to what's available.

It also includes having positive links between our school and our families and with partner organisations in our community.

Our health & wellbeing

This includes access to good quality nutritious food as well as support for our emotional wellbeing, mental health and physical wellbeing.

Our successes & achievements

This includes opportunities for achievement in our school and in the community, being able to achieve the best possible progress, awards and qualifications, skills for employment and lifelong learning.

Bookings may now be made for February Breakfast and Out of School Club.

Ofsted said..

The Ofsted report on November 28th 2018 stated that:

"Leaders, including governors, have worked together closely, to ensure that Cramlington Shanklea Primary School is a welcoming, inclusive and happy place."

They noted that our **"vision for excellence and achievement for all is shared across the school."**

"The leadership of early years is impressive. The 'Shanklea Little Monkeys Playgroup' gives leaders weekly contact with parents and children before they are old enough to enter the 'Shanklea Squirrels', the school's provision for two-year olds."

The Nursery works effectively to help prepare children for school and aid their learning development."

Shanklea Superstar

Congratulations to **Ruby T** who has been awarded the much coveted Blue Peter Badge. The badge was awarded in recognition of the effort and skill shown in some fantastic artwork she created. Well done, Ruby.



Healthy: Inside and Out

Shanklea Primary School will mark Children's Mental Health Week which takes place from February 4 to 10th, 2019.

We will focus on the important relationship between our bodies and our minds and lessons will focus on raising awareness of improving both our physical and mental well being.

Mrs Hagan's (SH4) Class Assembly

Families and carers are always welcome to come along to your child's class assemblies.

Mrs Hagan's Year 4 Class Assembly will be held on **Thursday 24th Jan 2019 at 2.45pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

A Huge Thank You

We have received letters and certificates from two fantastic charities this week to thank the Shanklea community for your generosity in raising:

£400 for St Oswalds Hospice through the sale of Winter Wonder Pets

£242.55 from Children in Need Fundraising activities

As always your generosity and drive to support others is outstanding. **Thank you**





Shanklea Primary School

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

Coming Up Soon

Thursday 24th January	2.45pm Mrs Hagan Year 4 Class Assembly
Monday 28th January	Year 3/4 Able Writers Workshop JR3 start swimming lessons
Wednesday 23rd January	9-10am Little Monkeys Playgroup
Thursday 31st January	LG6 start swimming lessons
Tuesday 5th February	2pm Y6 parents SATs workshop 3.30-6pm Y6 parent consultations
Wednesday 6th February	9-10am Little Monkeys Playgroup 2pm Year 1 Parents Phonics workshop 3.30-6pm Y6 parent consultations
Thursday 7th February	2.45pm Mr King Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 8th February	Shanklea Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 13th February	Firefighters Charity Bag Collection
Thursday 14th February	2.45pm Mrs Baxter Year 6 Class Assembly School discos

Spectacular STEM: Can you help?

As we progress well into the 21st century, **STEM**-related industries continue to grow and transform our economy and way of life. There are considerable opportunities for young people to find well paid and rewarding careers if they remain open minded about pursuing study in **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)** fields.

Engagement and enthusiasm need to be created early, within primary school and linking learning to real life is a great way to do so. Setting practical STEM activities where 'mistakes' are opportunities to learn, builds resilience.

As much as we try, teachers can't be expected to be experts in everything. This term we intend to give Shanklea students the chance to meet STEM industry professionals who should help to enthuse and invigorate learning. We are reaching out to parents, grandparents, local businesses and universities and asking for their help in working with our students.

Research by the Institution of Engineering and Technology polled 13 to 23 year olds and found that just 26% of girls are looking to pursue a career in STEM compared to 43% of boys. When teaming up with parents, grandparents, local businesses and universities, where possible we would welcome female role models to work with Shanklea students or lead an assembly. The more we expose children to women in STEM from a young age, the more we can help to dispel negative stereotypes, and show that STEM careers are for everyone.

If you, or someone you know could help please contact our school office team by phone, text or email. We are confident volunteers will enjoy the experience as much as the children. Thank you.

Last week's attendance

Class of the week with **100%** attendance is **DAC1**

Well done Year 1

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	96.9
1	98.8
2	96.9
3	96.9
4	96.4
5	97.8
6	95.0

Half Term Fun

Do you have any plans yet for the half term holidays?

Children aged between 5 and 12 have the chance to meet and work alongside a professional artist at Cramlington Library on 20th **February 2019, 2.30—4pm.**

The details are shown on the flyer opposite. The children can have a wonderful time and create something to take home and treasure.



Please be alert!

We would like to ensure all parents are aware of a "YouTube" blogger called "The Real Game Master." Certain children have discussed the content of videos posted by this site which we believe is inappropriate for them to watch.

We strongly recommend parents and carers download the "YouTube Kids" app. This is provided free of charge and helps to filter inappropriate content alongside parental filters. You can also set other parental controls and timers.

