



Firewalking Superstar

Mrs Bayliss completed a firewalk this week in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust charity. We are all so impressed at her courage and commitment but please don't try this at home everybody.



Gymnastic Superstar

Mackenzie T is an amazing gymnast. She has received a bronze medal in her latest competition. Well done, Mackenzie!



Shanklea Superstars

Motocross Superstar

Congratulations to **Cameron C** whose skill, determination and commitment has helped him to win more motocross trophies.



Football Superstars

Well done to our school football team who showed fantastic team spirit in their competition at the CLV on Monday. Sadly, they didn't win but their skill, commitment and Shanklea spirit were impressive.

Tri-Golf Superstars

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 Tri-Golf team who took part in an inter-schools competition this week. The A team finished 3rd in their competition and the B team came 2nd in theirs. Everyone had a great day and played really well. Well done, Team Shanklea!



REMINDER:

School is closed for the Public Holiday on Monday 6th May 2019

Year 6 Breakfast Club during SATS WEEK

Year 6 will be taking their SATs tests during the week commencing Monday 13th May 2019. In preparation for these tests there will be a **free breakfast 'wake-up' club** for these Year 6 children and this will continue every morning until the final day of SATs week which is Thursday 17th May 2019. The club will be open from 8.00a.m in the main school hall and children will be given breakfast. We encourage all children to attend in an effort to help them fully prepare for their SATs tests.

If you have already booked breakfast club for your Year 6 child on those days you will be refunded automatically.

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May 2019	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2019	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2019	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2019	Mathematics paper 3

Shanklea Polling Station

School was closed for the North of Tyne mayoral election on **Thursday 2 May 2019**,

We will also have to close on **Thursday 23rd May IF** the European Elections take place. We regret we cannot be more definite yet but will let you know as soon as we are informed.

Please note we are not permitted to stay open as the site has to be cleared for the elections. Thank you for your patience.

Health and Safety

Very Important Message

Following a tragic accident elsewhere in the country, Northumberland County Council have issued the following updated safety guidance to schools.

Parents, carers and children MUST NOT enter any school car park AT ANY TIME.

This includes bringing children into and collecting them from school.

Key Stage 1 Tests

Schools must keep these periods free for administering the national curriculum assessments at key stages 1 and 2.

Date	Activity
Throughout May 2019	Key stage 1 test period
Week commencing Monday 10 June 2019	Phonics screening check week



Shanklea Primary School

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

storytime

HOME READING PACK

12 REASONS WHY STORIES ARE IMPORTANT:

1. They give you a uniquely special 'together time' as a family.
2. They leave your children with happy childhood memories.
3. They help develop early language skills.
4. They boost vocabulary at all age levels.
5. They improve literacy rates in children.
6. They help kids fall in love with reading – something that lasts a lifetime.
7. They expand minds and horizons, and explore difference.
8. They promote imaginative thinking and creativity.
9. They teach children positive values.
10. They give children characters or situations they can relate to and learn from.
11. They foster a greater understanding of the world and other people's needs.
12. They bring happiness and laughter.

Free Reading Pack

As parents and carers we know you are keen to help your child with reading and we are often asked for advice on how to them best at home.

Storytime magazine has produced a free support pack for parents with tips and rewards to help motivate and help your child to read regularly. A copy of this will be emailed to you this week.

These resources also advertise a subscription to the magazine. Whilst there is no obligation or expectation that anyone should subscribe to the magazine it is worth knowing that if any parents do subscribe, school will receive a donation as a result.

If you do use these resources, please let Mrs Baxter or your child's class teacher know if you have any thoughts on their usefulness.

Last week's attendance	Year Group	Average Attendance %
Classes of the week with 100% attendance are MSR, BD2, JR3, AK4 and SB6	Reception	95.0
	1	96.8
	2	99.0
	3	98.2
Well done Year 4	4	99.2
	5	98.0
	6	95.8



New Climbing Wall

This week our fantastic embankment ramp and climbing wall was installed. This was part of the EYFS healthy pupil grant which we won in the Autumn term.



This is a fantastic new piece of equipment where the children can improve on their physical development and climbing confidence, strength, core stability and gross motor skills.



Safety Alert: TikTok

There have been a number of reported incidents across the country of children using the APP Tik Tok and pupils using it as a forum to be unpleasant with one another.

The APP recommends an age of **16+** mainly due to the privacy issues and mature content. TikTok requires that users be at least **13 years** old to use the app and that anyone under the age of 18 must have approval of a parent or guardian -- but there are plenty of young tween users.

If your younger child or tween wants to use the app, the account should belong to an adult who can monitor what younger users are browsing and sharing. There is a section of the app that is meant for children under 13 that restricts access to mature content and comments, but since entering a false birthdate is easy, it's still best for older teens.

Because of TikTok's emphasis on popular music, many videos include swearing and sexual lyrics, so it may not be age-appropriate for primary school children to use on their own. It's also easy to find people wearing revealing clothing and dancing suggestively. If you supervise your children and stick to songs you already know from the radio, TikTok can be a child-friendly experience. In 2019, after settling with the Federal Trade Commission for child privacy violations due to all the children under 13 on the site, the developers created a separate section of the app for kids that only allows them to access curated, clean videos: They can't comment, search, or post their own videos.

Using any social network can be risky, but it's possible for children to safely use the app with adult supervision (and a private account). When you sign up for TikTok, your account is public by default, meaning anyone can see your videos, send you direct messages, and use your location information. Parents should make sure to turn on all privacy settings for accounts children are using, so only people you know can interact with your videos or message you on the app. However, bypassing that section only requires entering a false birthdate.

How can you make your TikTok account private?

To make your TikTok account private, go to your profile page and select the three-dot icon in the top-right corner. Select Privacy and Safety. There, toggle the switch for "Private Account." You can also edit who can send you comments and direct messages, and who can do a duet with you.

Cramlington School Sport Partnership



The latest newsletter will be emailed to parents with this newsletter and it may also be viewed on our website.