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Shanklea Stars of the Week

- These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude and effort during the past week:
- ★ Jasmine L. has settled into reception well and always has a lovely smile.
- ★ Casey M. has made fabulous progress in read Write Inc.
- ★ Jack S. shows a sensible attitude in class and outside.
- 🕁 Dylan C. is working very hard in both Maths and English and is a model student on the carpet.
- Neve H. wrote an excellent description of Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine.
- Charlie D. shows excellent Maths skills when using tens and units independently.
- Matthew B. puts in maximum effort, even completing work outside school. Keep it up, Matthew.
- Frankie A. has pushed himself this week in Literacy lessons. He is putting in great effort and is achieving good
- Isabel H. always has a smile on her face and puts lots of effort into everything she does.
- Ryan P. has shown a great change in attitude and is working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
- Isla R. is trying to improve and produce high quality work.
- Max S. works hard in all lessons and scored an amazing 100% in his arithmetic test.



Shanklea Superstars Our Great Achievers

Every Friday, we have a Great Achievers' assemblies, when pupils who have done really well over the previous week are celebrated. This includes pupils who have achieved away from school too. During the half term break, certain children will receive a Shanklea Primary school praise postcards to reward good work, behaviour, effort, attendance and more ...

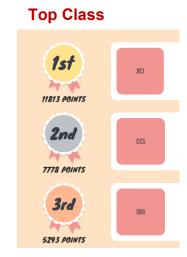




Top Students
Callum 605 points
Lois 590 points
Harry 589 points
Well done everyone.







Shanklea – Outstanding Again!

Local Authority officers continually monitor our school and provide extensive feedback on our progress and effectiveness. We are delighted to inform you that we have been judged outstanding in all areas yet again. We are currently updating our school prospectus to reflect our evolving systems. This will include some quotes from the School Improvement Officer which we are sure you will find interesting and informative. Some examples are listed below.

"The pursuit of excellence by leaders is shown by an uncompromising drive to improve outcomes or maintain the highest levels of outcomes, for all children over a sustained period."

"Children are well behaved in lessons and unstructured times. They are very well prepared." "In the end of KS1 and KS2 national tests all of the national averages for pupils achieving the expected standards and achieving the higher threshold were exceeded."

















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Friends of Shanklea Next Meeting

Al, parents are warmly invited to attend the next meeting of the Friends of Shanklea on **Tuesday 6th November at 6pm**

Year 4 Alnwick Residential visit

A primary school trip remains one of the best, first experiences children can have of spending time away from their parents. Such trips develop confidence, social skills and independence and are great fun. While we understand a residential activity trip can be a giant leap for some children, it enables pupils to excel in a safe, fun and friendly environment through a series of activities aimed to meet learning outcomes and create memories. Our Alnwick trip's beachside and castle locations offered wide open space for fun and learning in the fresh air. It provided an insight into the wonders that exist in the Northumberland natural habitat.

We are sorry that we have had to postpone our planned Year 4 assembly scheduled for this week. The new date is Tuesday 6th November at 2.30pm.

Year 4 Mixed Football Superstars

Congratulations to our Year 4 mixed football teams who played brilliantly at the Northumberland School Games at Astley High on Wednesday 24th October.

Shanklea Team A came second in the Shield

Competition and Shanklea Team B came second in the Plate Competition. All the children showed great sportsmanship, technique and commitment to their teams. We are extremely proud of them all.



Year 2 Amazing Habitat Homework

It is so wonderful to see children being inspired to create wonderful projects at home, with the support of their families. Our Year 2 children have created some absolutely outstanding designs based on the theme of animal habitats this week. We are so impressed. Well done, everyone!



School Photographer

Individual photographs of **ALL** children (excluding Squirrels) will be taken during the morning of the first day back from half term-**Monday 5th November**.

If you want a group photo AND all your children attend Shanklea Nursery or main school, please complete and return the photo request form sent last week.

If you require a photograph of a child in Squirrels OR a group photograph including any child not attending Shanklea main school or Nursery please bring the children in at **8.30am** to be photographed. Parents/carers must accompany the children throughout.

The photographers will NOT be available during the afternoon.

Last week's attendance

Classes of the week with 100% attendance are:

KK2 and AK4

Well done Mrs Kane's and Mr King's classes

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	98.0
1	96.9
2	97.1
3	96.9
4	98.3
5	97.6
6	98.3



Halloween Disco

Thank you so much to all who supported our Halloween Disco, run by the Friends of Shanklea. Our discos are always extremely popular and are much loved by the children. We will update you very soon with how much we raised.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Important Safety Notice

It is extremely important that children do **NOT** ride bikes or scooters in the school grounds. The risk of accidents is extremely high if they do so and we have had a very near miss this week.



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Coming Up Soon

Monday 5th November	School re-opens
	School photographs a.m.
Tuesday 6th November	2.30pm Year 4 Parents Assembly
	6pm Friends of Shanklea meeting– everyone welcome
Wednesday 7th November	9.15am Little Monkeys Toddler Group
Thursday 8th November	Y5 Anti-bullying workshops
Friday 9th November	12.30pm Y3 Hoopstarz Festival
	1.15pm Year 2 Author visit
	Evening Y5/6 basketball competition
Friday 30th November	5pm Christmas Fair
Wednesday 5th December	Year 3/4 Christmas productions 9.30 and 2pm
Thursday 6th December	9.30 EYFS Christmas production
	3.15pm—8pm OOSC Annual Late Night
Friday 7th December	9.30 EYFS Christmas production
Tuesday 11th December	9am Rec– Year 5 Flu immunisations
Wednesday 12th December	9am Year 1/2 Christmas production
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14th December	Morning Year 5/6 Carol Service
Friday 21st December	Christmas Jumper day
	School Closes

Kind donation of Lego cards By Sainsbury's

Shanklea has a long history of building business partnerships and delivering great impact in our community.

Thanks to Sainsbury's and strong links with Mrs McRobb-Fielding (parent and Community Champion), Shanklea pupils have received numerous sets of the hugely popular LEGO cards and official collector's albums. This week we had a lot of Not only were children swapping them with friends, but teachers and parents were setting up



School Comms Maintenance

trading groups to help their children collect the full set!

Please note that School Comms will be unavailable between 6 and 9pm on Thursday 25th October for essential maintenance.

Calendar Preview

We appreciate that parents and carers will often need plenty of notice to book time off work to attend Christmas productions so have listed important events above. We will issue a full calendar for the term ahead with our first newsletter after the half-term holidays as usual.



GDPR and Image Consent Forms

There are still a few pupils who have not returned GDPR forms or Image Consent Forms. Can these be returned to school urgently please. Thank you

Flu Vaccinations-It's not too late!

If you have not returned a flu vaccination form for your child can you please do so immediately as we have been advised we can send in late forms. Spare forms are available in the office. Thanks

We wish you all a very happy and safe holiday. School re-opens on Monday 5th November (School photos day)