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Shanklea Stars of the Week



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

★ **Leo Craggs** has done some excellent work in Literacy this week.

★ **Taylor White** always tries his best and is making huge improvements in his handwriting.

★ **Priya Bhamra** has made a fantastic effort in Literacy with her sentence writing. Priya is beginning to check her work carefully to make sure her work is successful.

★ **Harley Crouth** is making super progress with his reading and always asks interesting questions to consolidate or extend his learning. Well done, Harley!

★ **Sophie Matthews** has an excellent attitude to all her work. Keep it up, Sophie!

★ **Summer Gordon** is trying really hard to improve her writing by including lots of detail with adjectives and similes.

★ **Leah Fuller** made an amazing effort in our class assembly, demonstrating she was born for the stage!

★ **Jay Marshall** gave 100% effort to our class assembly rehearsals.

★ **William Maddison** has a fantastic attitude to his work and is making great progress in both Maths and English.

★ **Katie Meikle** always gives 100%. She consistently makes great effort and achieves a high standard of work.

★ **Maddison Taylor** had an incredible attitude during our Robinwood residential visit. She showed great work and bravery in the Piranha Pool.

★ **Maddie Breen** put herself forward at Robinwood and became an excellent team player and leader.

★ **Scott Wright** has a positive attitude towards his lessons and to extra-curricular activities.

★ **Tia Irwin** makes a consistently good effort and is showing greater independence in Maths.

★ **Charlie** and **Lucy Potts** showed their amazing dance skills when learning to waltz at OOSC.



Congratulations to our **Netball Superstars** who represented Shanklea in the Cramlington School Games competition. Both teams played very well and in true Shanklea sporting style. The girls team achieved a second place in their group. The mixed team came in a very creditable third. **Well done, everyone.**



Sumdog Superstars

Very well done to all our Shanklea students who excelled in the recent Northumberland Maths Competition. **Seven** of our classes were in the top 40 and our Year 6 classes were **2nd** and **3rd** overall.

Mrs Baxter's students (**SB6**) scored an average of **548** points and Mr McGregor's (**SM6**) class an average of **528** points.

Well done, Shanklea!

SB6 SM6

Shanklea Superstars



BMX Superstar

Zak Leadbitter is going from success to success in his BMX competitions. Well done, Zak!



Trampolining Superstar

Henry Black is now the Regional Trampolining Champion. His hard work and commitment is really paying off! Congratulations, Henry!





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Year 2 and Year 6 SATs

Year 2 SATs

Thank you to all the parents who attended the SATs twilight meeting on Tuesday 21st March 2017. Our Year 2 children will complete SATs tests in

Maths,
Reading and Spelling,
Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG)

in the summer term. These are national tests carried out throughout the country.

The meeting provided further information about what the SATs will involve and how you can support your child at home. Parents had an opportunity to look at sample papers to give an idea of what the children will be completing.

For those parents and carers who were unable to attend, or for those who want a reminder, the PowerPoint presentation delivered by Mrs Downes has been uploaded to the school website.

Attendance Matters

Our current whole school attendance is 97.1%

There are 190 school days in a year. This means that there are 175 days in the year available to use for holidays. Children of school age who are registered at school must, by law, attend school regularly. When a child is absent from school, their attainment is affected. He or she misses the lessons provided and is also less prepared for the lessons after his or her return to school. Absence can also have a negative effect on school relationships and friendships.

Similarly, being repeatedly late means your child misses out on the time to settle in at the start of the school day and to engage in the learning process with their friends.

Every school day counts!

Year 6 SATs

Key Stage 2 SATs take place in the summer term of Year 6. That's just 20 school days away! Your Y6 child has spent a large proportion of the year preparing for these tests in school and will continue to benefit from any extra support you can offer at home.

You may wish to visit the helpful website

<http://www.theschoolrun.com>

where you can see

Key Stage 2 SATs past papers;
lots of advice on what topics are covered;
how to help your child revise;
make revision plans;
tips to keep your child calm;
tips on supporting your child after SATs as they make the transition to high school.

KS2 SATs had a complete overhaul in the May 2016 tests, and they now mirror the new primary national curriculum. For more information about the format and schedule of the tests read the parents' guide to KS2 SATs in 2017.

The children will bring home a special Easter Challenge Pack to help them prepare for the SATs in a relaxed, fun way.

Virgin Money Enterprise Scheme

On the morning of **Friday 31st March** the children in Mr McGregor's class (SM6) will be visiting the Grainger Market in Newcastle.

At the Easter market they will practise their enterprise skills selling goods that they have made in school.

We look forward to hearing about their experiences.

Reminder Non Uniform Day Friday 31st March 2017

All children are requested to bring in a small donation for the Easter chocolate tombola on **Friday 31st March**. As a thank you for their (and your) generosity the children will be allowed a non-uniform day on that day. The tombola will be held on **Thursday 6th April**.



What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "Easter"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Easter cards	Easter cards	Easter gift basket	Easter activities	Easter quiz and bingo



Our Tuesday Special will be Chocolate Birds Nests

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E-Safety Workshops

At Shanklea Primary School, we strive to ensure the happiness and safety of all our children and this includes on the internet. A lot of our pupils engage with technology in a wide variety of ways. As well as using the internet for education, they also play games, socialise and invest a lot personally in the social and ever-changing place that is the online world.

Do you know the best ways to keep them safe online, or do they know their way around technology better than you?

Your child is likely to use technology in school and at home. In school we endeavour to provide the skills to navigate the online world and **safety** is a very important part of that. In order to help parents understand ways in which they can provide the same support at home, we will be running two Internet Safety parents' sessions at school on **Thursday 30th March at 2:45pm and 3:30pm.**

Each session will last approximately 30 minutes session and will be run by Mr John Devlin, E-Safety Consultant.

Please complete and return your forms as soon as possible to reserve your place.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day was back today – **Friday 24th March 2017.**



The children had fun, changed lives and really made their laugh matter.

Dance Academy 4th April 2017

Some of our very talented dancers will be performing at The Sage, Newcastle on **Thursday 4th April, 6.30-8.30.** They have been working very hard and we look forward to hearing all about it.

Menu Changes

We have made some minor changes to our menu. The new menu is included with this newsletter.

Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **DAC2** and **DW3**

Shanklea is in the News!

www.newspostleader.co.uk Thursday, March 23, 2017



Those who participated in the walk reach the school.

Hats the way to walk to school!

By ANDREW COULSON
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A group of children in Crumlington enjoyed a memorable walk to school last Thursday.

And the fun was not over because a special guest put on an engaging performance to weave the important sustainable travel message into famous stories from history.

Shanklea Primary School has worked extensively over the last few years to highlight the benefits of doing the morning journey by foot or other eco-friendly means.

And in partnership with the Go Smarter sustainable transport programme for Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and Durham, it organised a special walk to school from the war memorial in Crumlington Village.

Pupils were joined by parents, grandparents and staff and they were encouraged to wear a favourite (fashionable or distinctive) hat to be seen and be bright on the imaginative journey to school.

The children at Shanklea have been participating in the Modeshift STARS initiative. Go Smarter officers and staff at Northumberland County Council help schools carry out projects for the national awards scheme established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting forms of sustainable travel.

To thank it for its efforts in reducing traffic by the school at peak times and as part of achieving bronze accreditation, the organisations arranged for historical actor Dave Cooper from Historiconics to lead the walk and then bring



Some of the adults who wore eye-catching headwear are pictured with Dave Cooper from Historiconics, wearing a top hat.



Three Shanklea Primary School pupils pictured at the war memorial in Crumlington Village just before the walk set off.

history to life during school assemblies on the same day.

Shanklea headteacher Helen Brown said: "There were about 75 of us in total on the walk and it was a great activity to have fun whilst highlighting an important issue."

"As well as entertaining the children and adults on the walk, Dave Cooper from Historiconics captivated us all with innovative and fun assemblies."

"We have taken a proactive approach to encourage more parents to enable their children to enjoy the health and social benefits of walking, cycling, scooting, or even roller-blading and skateboarding to school."

"This includes setting up five to 10 minute walking zones for parents who don't live nearby. For example, they can park next to the Sainsbury's store."

"Some parents and many of our staff still need to drive to school, but to

further reduce parking in the housing estate by Shanklea, we now have car parks in different areas of the school.

"An outdoor area that was not being used is providing more storage for bikes. Nine of our pupils are travel ambassadors—they came up with the plans and have planted flowers and made signage."

"We're aiming to achieve Modeshift STARS gold accreditation by the end of the term."

"We're grateful for all the support we've received, particularly from Go Smarter adviser Emma Brown who has been

working with us since September.

Go Smarter encourages everyone to think about changing their behaviour to use more sustainable ways of travelling and its two main strands of activity are Go Smarter to Work and Schools Go Smarter.

Shanklea and other schools across the county have also taken part in the programme's Fancy Feet Whirly Wheels Challenge over the last couple of weeks that focuses on encouraging pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

For more information about all of its initiatives, visit www.gosmarter.co.uk



Ben and Lori Nicholson

School Gateway Payments

Can we please remind all parents that payments for OOSC MUST be made when the booking is made.

Please ensure that payments on the School Gateway are allocated against the correct activity, club or dinners. Thank you.

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WINTER MENU

SHANKLEA PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Homemade Dish
- Celery
- Cereals Containing Gluten
- Crustaceans
- Eggs
- Fish
- Lupin
- Milk
- Molluscs
- Mustard
- Nuts
- Peanuts
- Sesame Seeds
- Soya
- Sulphur Dioxide

WEEK ONE 6.2.17 6.3.17 27.3.17

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Tomato & Vegetable Pasta Salmon Fillet Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Chicken Curry Chicken Casserole Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Roast of the Day (Beef) with Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Homemade Mince Pie Sweet Potato & Vegetable Curry Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Oven Baked Sausage Hot Beef Rolls Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Potatoes Pasta/Rice	Crusty Bread Jacket Potato Wedges	Basmati Rice Creamed Potato	Roast Potatoes	Wholemeal Rice	Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Green Beans Carrots	Cabbage Brussel Sprouts	Carrots Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Salad Bowl	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Fruity Chocolate Brownie with a Glass of Milk/Juice Fresh Fruit Pots	Iced Marble Cake with Custard Fresh Fruit Pots	Vanilla Sponge with Custard Fresh Fruit Pots	Fruit and Arctic Roll Cheese and Biscuits Fresh Fruit Pots	Fruit Mousse Slice Homemade Biscuit with Milk or Juice Fresh Fruit Pots

WEEK TWO 13.2.17 13.3.17 3.4.17

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Bacon Pasta Macaroni Cheese Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Homemade Beef Lasagne or Spaghetti Bolognaise Homemade Soup with a Bread Roll Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Roast of the Day (Turkey) with Yorkshire Pudding Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Savoury Mince with Dumplings Cottage Pie Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings	Chicken in a Bun Cheese and Tomato Quiche Breaded Fish Portion Jacket Potato with a Choice of Fillings
Potatoes Pasta / Rice	Wholemeal Rice Pasta Crusty Bread	Creamed Potatoes	Roast Potatoes Creamed Potatoes Parsley Potatoes	Garlic Bread	Chips
Vegetables	Carrots	Sweetcorn	Cabbage / Swede Brussel Sprouts	Garden Peas	Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Fruit Muffin with a Glass of Milk or Juice Fresh Fruit Pots	Fruit Sponge with Custard Fresh Fruit Pots	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit Pots	Oaty Biscuit with Milk or Juice Fresh Fruit Pots	Homemade Biscuit with Milk or Juice Fresh Fruit Pots

WEEK THREE 27.2.17 30.1.17 20.3.17

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Course Choices	Ricotta Tortellini Fish Cake Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Spaghetti Bolognaise Chili Con Carnie Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Roast of the Day (Gammon) with Yorkshire Pudding Tuna Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Italian Chicken Pasta Chicken and Mushroom Pie Jacket Potato with Various Fillings	Assorted Pizza Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Jacket Potato with Various Fillings
Potatoes Pasta / Rice	Jacket Potato Wedges Crusty Bread	Wholemeal Rice Garlic Bread	Roast Potatoes Creamed Potatoes	Creamed Potatoes	Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Garden Peas	Cabbage Brussel Sprouts	Mixed Vegetables Green Beans	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Starters or Sweets	Rice Pudding and Fruit Fresh Fruit Pots	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard Fresh Fruit Pots	Steamed Syrup with Custard Fresh Fruit Pots	Carrot Cake Fresh Fruit Pots	Jelly or Homemade Jam & Cream Scone Fresh Fruit Pots



Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt and Bread available daily
Drinking Water is Available Daily on the Dining Room Tables