

Shanklea Stars of the Week

- ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude:
- ★ **Harrison Downs** has shown amazing creativity when making penguins this week.
- ★ **Maggie Hume** used sugar cubes to build a magnificent igloo for a penguin. Her concentration and perseverance were amazing.
- ★ **Taylor White** has an exceptional attitude to learning; consistently working hard in every lesson. Taylor impressed Mr Rutherford with his great knowledge of nouns and with how well he could use them in a sentence.
- ★ **Taliah Ezer** is growing in confidence using Fred Fingers to spell and read.
- ★ **Lucas Burt** is working incredibly hard in Maths. He never gives up even when faced with challenging multiplication questions.
- ★ **Matthew Christy** has a fantastic attitude to all areas of the curriculum. He is very focussed in English and becoming more independent.
- ★ **Jack Christer** has an excellent attitude towards his work and has made a fantastic improvement in his handwriting.
- ★ **Maizie Cameron** is working hard in all lessons and achieved amazing results in both Maths and Science tests.
- ★ **Ruby Taylor** shows great expression in her part in our Christmas production and her work is always beautifully presented.
- ★ **Isaac Polwarth** listens fantastically well and has a brilliant knowledge of understanding hearing difficulties.
- ★ **Laura Smith** is doing amazing work in Maths! She converts measures, solves problems and can read line graphs. Well done!
- ★ **Sam Moffett** produced a fantastic piece of descriptive writing when retelling a ballad.
- ★ **Maya Atkinson** made excellent contributions during our English work on "War Horse."
- ★ **Aimee Wilson** has shown increased motivation and participation across the curriculum. Well done!
- ★ **Zoey Gardner** always comes into OOSC with a smile on her face and cheers everyone up at an early hour! Zoey shows impeccable manners at Breakfast Club.



The National STARS School Travel Awards: Regional Schools of the Year



Each year, the best schools in the country are recognised for their efforts through the National STARS School Travel Awards. In the Autumn term, those schools that have achieved the Gold level of STARS are put forward by their local authorities to be considered for the Regional and National Awards.



Shanklea Primary School was nominated by Northumberland County Council for our outstanding efforts to encourage more young people to walk, cycle and use other forms of sustainable travel to get to school.



Four Shanklea Travel Ambassadors, Harry, Lexie, Katie and Jack, attended the STARS Regional Awards event for the North East at the Centre for Life on Tuesday 28th November 2017 with Mrs Brown and Mrs McConnell. They were fantastic ambassadors, representing Shanklea magnificently.



The event provided an opportunity for schools from across our area to share best practice and celebrate their achievements.

We're so proud of our ongoing achievements.....



Cramlington Schools Partnership Sports Awards



On Thursday 30th November 2017, Shanklea Sports Council members attended the Cramlington & Seaton Valley Awards Evening.

Gill Smith and Anne-Marie Dowson hosted a packed awards ceremony recognising and celebrating the sporting achievements of individual students, school teams, community organisations and coaches. For the third consecutive Shanklea Primary School was awarded the **Gold School Games Medal**.

We are proud to announce that Shanklea was announced the **winner** of the **Sports Developing Leadership and Volunteering Award**.



"It was a fantastic evening featuring some very deserving winners, although some of the categories were very close indeed. Well done to everyone who was nominated and I hope all winners and nominees keep up their sporting excellence and achievement in the future."



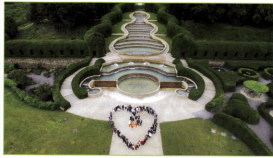


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2017



School Sustainable Travel Award

The School Sustainable Travel Award is being awarded by Go Smarter Northumberland to a school that has gone the extra mile to promote sustainable transport for the journey to school.

Every day during the school term, across the UK millions of journeys to school are made by car, this has a huge impact on the amount of traffic on our roads. Go Smarter Northumberland works with schools in Northumberland to support sustainable travel and encourage more parents and pupils to leave the car at home.

By encouraging and supporting schools to take ownership of their transport issues, we aim to reduce car use and increase the number of children walking, cycling, scooting and taking public transport to school, this has many benefits: for the environment, road safety and our children's health.



Winner

Shanklea Primary School

Head Teacher, Helen Brown and her staff have embraced the sustainable travel message, ensuring that they take every opportunity to incorporate active travel into everyday school life at Shanklea. Their school council have become Junior Travel Ambassadors and they pro-actively use their expertise and student voice to initiate community change.

Here are just some of the fantastic projects which the school has delivered this year:

- A group of pupils- 'The Bike Crew' led on a project to landscape some wasteland beside their cycle shed, decorating the bike shed and installing more cycle storage and a seating area, the pupils involved have a great sense of pride in their achievements.
- The school has an annual residential cycling trip to Kielder Forest, with pupils taking part in various cycling activities during their stay.
- Two members of staff have been trained in bike maintenance in order to support the many cycling initiatives which the school take part in.
- Each year the school holds a Road Safety enrichment week, where activities such as assemblies, competitions, Be Seen, Be Bright activities, visits by the local School Crossing Patrol staff and the Police take part.
- Shanklea Primary also takes part in Northumberland's Child Pedestrian Training scheme which teaches pupils how to cross the road safely, a vital life skill.
- The school has successfully lobbied for installation of new path and traffic calming measures near their school to improve safety for those walking and cycling.

This year the school also achieved gold in the National Modeshift STARs accreditation scheme, after working through bronze and silver levels in only one year delivering in excess of 50 sustainable travel initiatives.



Some pictures from Northumberland County Council's LOVE Northumberland Awards Brochure



Balance Bikes at Shanklea

Many thanks to Bikes 4 Health and Mr Allan, Mrs McConnell and Mrs McBride who assembled a new delivery of 10 Balance Bikes for use by the Shanklea Squirrels, Nursery and Reception children during Outdoor Play.



There are so many advantages to balance bikes:

Start Young:	Children can start riding balance bikes from a very young age. Many balance bikes are aimed at children from around the child to be able to reach the ground with their feet. This not only gives them confidence, but also the need to reach the ground to be able to power the bike along.
Confidence	Children can always keep their feet in contact with the floor, so they needn't be scared of falling. This gives them great confidence and makes the balance bike so easy for them to use.
Independence	Balance bikes give children independence as they are able to just drive around without the aid of bothersome stabilizers, feeling awkward, and unsteady. They can be surprisingly fast with them and balance bikes are great for a quick dash to the shops and for the nursery run, for example. Much faster than dragging your children behind or carrying them. And so much more fun, too.
Safety	Stopping a balance bike couldn't be easier. The children naturally drag their feet to slow themselves down and come to a quick and easy stop. Every child feels in control. The saddle on a balance bike is set in a very low position, so the rider can reach the floor easily with his or her feet, almost in a crouching position. So even if a child were to fall off a balance bike, it's not a scary long way down.
Exercise	Just the same as using any other bike, riding a balance bike gives children a great work out, and a chance to burn off some of that extra energy!
Developing Natural Balance	Balance bikes are great to get around with, and the experience of riding a balance bike will help make the transition to a real bike very quick and easy. Many children won't even need stabilizers, since they have already developed their balance naturally on the balance bike.



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Last Week's Attendance

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Rec	98.2
1	92.2
2	86.7
3	97.6
4	94.7
5	90.1
6	95.0

100% attendance

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100% attendance

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Performance Superstars



A spectacular showcase of Shanklea's student talent took place at the weekend. Performances included choreographic workshops, the best of class assessments and material submitted by students worked on in their own time.

Children from Little Gems Dance School performed a showcase of dances and acting scenes at the Peoples Theatre in Jesmond. Mrs Laughton went along to watch her niece perform and was blown away to see so many amazing dances performed by Shanklea children (past and present). Mrs Laughton said "All the children were fantastic and I could not believe the confidence and wonderful dancing demonstrated by every child. All of the children put 100% into their performance and they were incredible."



Well done to everyone who took part.

Reception	Molly Craik Phoebe Lawson Jessica Crulley
Year 2	Amber Crulley Beth Wilkinson
Year 3	Maizie Cameron Lori Nicholson Sophie Kirkup
Year 4	Leah Fuller Jennifer Jones
Year 5	Sophie Crulley
Year 6	Grace Faichen Lexie Short Olivia Coxon
Past students	Holly Nicholson Alex Faichen Ellen Ray

OOSC Movie Night

Thursday 30th November



Our OOSC Movie Night was a resounding success. The children (and staff) had a wonderful time.....

Thank you very much to Mrs Notley and all the staff who have put in so much hard work to make this amazing event possible.

THANK YOU



CHRISTMAS LUNCH
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2017



Menu

Roast Turkey served with Chipolata
Sausage & Stuffing
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts
& Gravy

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Christmas Ice Cream Tub
or Jelly



Ask your parents to pre order via Live Kitchen

What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is
"Winter and Keeping Warm"

This week children will be taking part in age-appropriate activities including a Winter nature walk, learning about animals and their habitats, map and craft work





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Shanklea Christmas Fair

Planning and preparation for the Christmas Fair is well underway and it looks set to be a fabulous evening of fun with bargains galore.. The Year 6 children will be in charge of an Enterprise stall sponsored by Virgin Money "Making £5 Grow". They will be selling a range of festive teddies...their own handmade creations and will be developing their sales, planning and marketing skills. We do hope all parents and friends of the school will come along to support the children and make the evening a real success.



Christmas Dress Rehearsals

At Shanklea Primary, we are delighted to host a number of Christmas productions. The children spend a significant amount of time rehearsing and the productions are more memorable if all pupils are in costume which we may need your help please to supply. Please have (clearly named) costumes sent into school, promptly so that the children feel as comfortable as possible during the performances. Thank you

Sainsbury's

Special thanks to **Sainsbury's** for their recent donation of 50 selection boxes in support of

the Shanklea Christmas Fair. Mrs McRobb-Fielding, as the Local Community Charitable Co-ordinator worked closely with the Friends of Shanklea to make a positive difference in our school community...



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Maths

Able Maths Day

Talented mathematicians from Shanklea and attended an Able Maths workshop on Thursday 30th November 2017. The children worked exceedingly hard and shared their superb problem-solving skills and knowledge with selected children from other local schools. Well done everybody. You are amazing!



Parking

Can we please remind parents and carers that parking is prohibited on **NAIRN ROAD**, **NORTHOLT AVENUE** and **NEEDHAM ROAD**. If anyone parks on these roads, even for a few minutes, they may receive a parking fine.

Please consider our neighbours when parking to attend Christmas performances.

Love Food, Hate Waste Workshop



Next week, children in Year 5 will take part in a special "Love food, hate waste" Enterprise workshop run by Warburtons. We will let you know more about their learning in our next newsletter.

Christmas Schedule At a Glance: December 2017

Fri 1st:	5pm	Christmas Fair
Tue 5th	9:00-11:00am	EYFS Dress Rehearsals
Tue 5th	1:30 – 2:45pm	YR3/4 Dress Rehearsals
Wed 6th:	9.30am and 2pm	3/4 Christmas Production
Thurs 7th:	9.30am	EYFS Christmas Production
Fri 8th:	9.30am	EYFS Christmas Production
Mon 11th:	EYFS Christmas Crafts Afternoon	
Tue 12th	1:30 – 3:15pm	YR1/2 Dress Rehearsals
Wed 13th	9.30am and 2pm:	Y1/2 Christmas Production
Thurs 14th:	Christmas Dinner	
Fri 15th:	Y5/6 Christmas Carols Service	
Mon 18th:	Y5/6 party	
Tues 19th:	EYFS Party	
Wed 20th:	Y1/2 party and Little Monkeys party	
Thurs 21st:	Y3/4 party	
Fri 22nd:	Christmas Jumper Day	



Refreshments will be on sale at our Christmas productions. Please bring along some money so you can sample some fabulous Christmas treats.



Wednesday 20th December
9.15am – 10.15am
Please sign up at the office