

Shanklea Stars of the Week

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

★ **Jack Spedding** shows great creativity during our outdoor learning. Well done, Jack!

★ **Emilia Oleksik** listens really well and is trying very hard with all her letter sounds. She is a fantastic helper too.

★ **Alexis Wallis** shows fantastic enthusiasm and maturity during lessons. He is always ready to learn and sets a very good example in class.

★ **Maisie Stafford** has an excellent attitude to learning which is already having an impact on her work.

★ **Amelia Crawford** gives 100% effort in Maths work and can count in tens very well.

★ **Katie Elliott** has produced some lovely art work in the style of James Rizzi.

★ **Emily Murphy** has made an amazing effort in all subjects and her work is always beautifully presented. She is also a very skilled gymnast.

★ **Eryn Robertson** is making a consistent effort to produce high quality, well presented work.

★ **Hannah Atkinson** showed great determination and resilience during our Bikeability sessions.

★ **Caiden Wilson-Hope** has made a huge effort to improve his standards of presentation and quality of work.

★ **Lewis Rawling** has an excellent attitude to his work in all areas of the curriculum. His work is highly detailed.

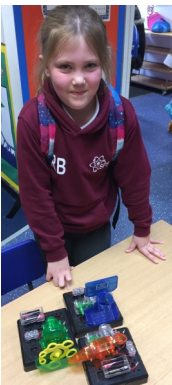
★ **Laura Smith** always gives 100% effort and is producing some fantastic pieces of writing.

★ **Lille Adams** has produced some thought provoking and emotional writing.

★ **Tori-Joe McRobb-Fielding** has an excellent attitude and shows mature thought in our English lessons.

★ **Ivelises Echavarria** has settled into OOSC very well and works really hard at everything she does.

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Scientific Superstar

Ruby Bowart is a sensational scientist and a star inventor of the future. She has been working on developing sophisticated machines that can do all sorts of amazing things. One can even slam-dunk a ball through a hoop. Well done, Ruby. We are so impressed with your engineering skills and creativity.



Y6 SATs Meeting Tuesday 10th October 3.30pm

You will be aware that our Year 6 children are already getting ready for their SATs which will take place in May 2018.

In order for us to have an opportunity to outline the process in school preceding SATS, we would like to invite parents of our Year 6 children to come along to an informal open evening on **Tuesday 10th October at 3.30pm - 4.15pm**. The Computer Suite will be available for Year 6 children to use during the meeting.

If you are able to attend you will have the opportunity to meet with our Year 6 team who will share our approach and allow you to ask any questions of your own. Evidence shows that an effective partnership between school and home can help the children achieve their best during this important school year.

Great North Run Assembly

We will be holding a special assembly on **Monday 16th October at 2.45pm** to present participants in this year's Mini and Junior Great North Runs with their certificates We will also be presenting St Oswald's Hospice with a cheque for all the money raised by our running Superstars. We hope parents of participants will be able to join us to celebrate the children's success.

Parent/Carer Consultations

Parents are invited to book appointments with their child's teacher at one of our parents' consultation evenings on **Tuesday 17th October** and **Wednesday 18th October 2017** between **3.30 and 6.00p.m.**

Holding parent/teacher consultations at this stage in the school year allows us to inform you of progress made to date, behaviour in school and your child's attitude to work. We are sure your child will benefit from the interest you show through attending the parental consultation.

You are invited to book an appointment online at <https://cramlingtonshanklea.parentsevening.co.uk>

Please contact our office team if you have any problems.



Mr Egypt mummified us!

On Tuesday 3rd October 2017, Mr Egypt, an Egyptologist, visited our Year 3 and Year 4 students to talk about the Ancient Egyptians.

We started with some geography, learning where Egypt is, what it is like and all about its interesting history. We talked about how the pyramids, how they were made, who made them and why. Food was very important to the Ancient Egyptians because it was an important part of their celebrations. The children tasted some Egyptian food and learnt to write their names (and even do some sums) in hieroglyphics too!

In the afternoon, Mr Egypt showed us a PowerPoint Presentation about the pharaohs that have ruled Egypt and the precious items that were placed in their sarcophaguses and burial chambers. He passed round artefacts for us to look at close-up and then the mummy wrapping began! You will not be surprised to hear that Shanklea pupils proved to be very skilled wrappers!

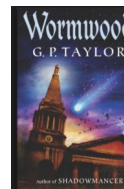
Mr Egypt was very complimentary about our school. He said he was very impressed with the children's attentiveness, manners and thirst for knowledge. He commented on the superb atmosphere and behaviour around school. Well done, everybody. We are so proud of you all.



Able Writers Workshop

Shanklea Primary School hosted an Able Writers Workshop this week. International best-selling author, G.P Taylor came along to share ideas and inspiration with gifted writers from our Year 6 and 3 other local schools.

Mr Taylor delivered a 'Master-Class' where students were able to explore more technical processes in Writing tasks and develop their analytical skills. There was lively debate, discussion and drama opportunities too. The pupils also talked to the author about his works, including bestsellers "Shadowmancer" and "Wormwood" and his experiences as a successful author. Everyone had a very interesting and productive day



Year 4 Alnwick Adventures

Many of our Year 4 children will attend their first residential trip next week as they visit Alnwick and the surrounding area. This wonderful visit combines the ultimate coastal castle trip, with an invaluable learning experience allowing every child to grow. The Alnwick trip provides one of the best first experiences children can have of spending time away from their parents, developing their confidence, social skills and independence.

Alnwick Youth Hostel's fun and friendly environment and our programme of activities will create special memories which we will share with all parents as part of our Year 4 assembly on **Wednesday 18th October**.



Term and Holiday Dates Reminder

Each individual school is able to allocate a small number of days which are reserved for the professional training of school staff. Please note that **Friday 20th October 2017** and **Friday 27th October 2017** have been selected as Teacher Training Days.

School closed to pupils: Friday 20th October 2017-Sunday 29th October

School reopens on Monday 30th October 2017

What's on at OOSC

Our theme for the week is "Science Fiction"

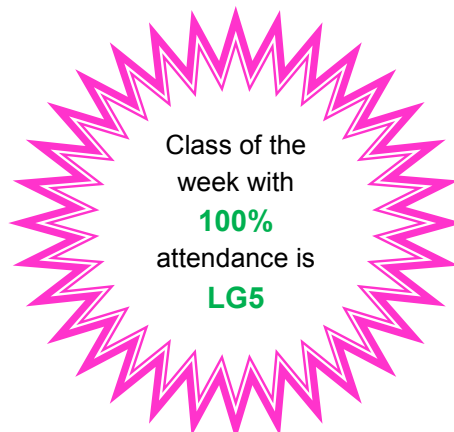
Children will be participating in lots of age appropriate activities on the theme of science fiction, including Treasure Planet, moving monsters and designing your own planet

Our Wednesday special breakfast is fruit and yoghurt



Last Week's Attendance

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	96.0
1	98.9
2	99.0
3	96.5
4	97.3
5	99.6
6	94.8





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Spooktacular Fun Fright Night

Children in Reception to year 6 are invited to join us (if they dare) for a Halloween scare on **Thursday 19th October 2017** at the Friends of Shanklea Halloween Disco... It will be fangtastic!

To reduce waiting times and to provide enhanced safeguarding we are trialling a no ticket, paperless booking system. Parents can pay their child's entry fee on the School Gateway. We will create a register which will be checked on the night as children come in, reducing waiting times and resulting in no more lost ticket problems. We will be delighted to hear what you think.

Unlock £££s for our school via The Giving Machine™



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Shanklea's
Spook-tacular
Disco

Come along for a thrilling time!
Refreshments available.

REC & KS1 5.45pm - 6.45pm
KS2 7pm - 8pm
£2 entry fee

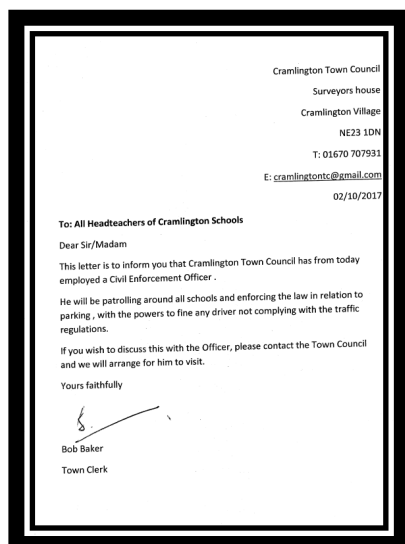
We are trialling
a new paperless
ticket system

19th October 2017
Payment via the School Gateway!

Help Raise Funds for Shanklea FREE

It is so easy to generate free cash donations for our school just by shopping online at thousands of retailers via **TheGivingMachine**. Every time you make a purchase a donation is made on your behalf **and it doesn't cost you a penny!**

Participating retailers include: **Amazon, eBay, Argos, Toys R Us, Next, Sainsbury's and many, many more**



Christmas Cards

REMINDER: The closing date for parents to return Christmas Card orders is **Friday 13th October**.

Parking Patrols



We have received a letter from Mr Bob Baker, Cramlington Town Clerk, to let us know that the Town Council has employed a Civil Enforcement Officer who will patrol local schools and enforce local parking laws. We have included a copy of the letter opposite for your further information.



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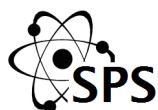
Governing Body Vacancies

We currently have vacancies on the governing body for anyone interested in supporting the development and progression of the school. There are 3 co-opted governor roles to be filled. Co-opted means the governor is appointed directly by the Governing Body.

We would like to hear from anyone who has skills or experience in any of the following areas:

Finance **Safeguarding** **Facilities Management** **Procurement** **Community Liaison** **Charity Law**

If you are interested, or know anyone else who would be interested please let us know by completing and returning the form below. We would welcome the opportunity to have a discussion about the roles we have and what being a school governor involves.



Co-opted Governor Expression of Interest Form

Name of prospective co-opted governor:
Contact details:
Name of person nominating (if different):
Brief summary of skills and experience:
Any other relevant Information:

Thank you for your interest. We appreciate your support