

Shanklea Stars of the Week

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A huge well done to **Abby** and **Kaitlyn** for achieving an amateur award in street dance. What an achievement!



shanklea Superstars






Congratulations to **Megan** for achieving a Grade 1 in tap and ballet. Keep up the brilliant work, Megan.

Class of the term

1st: LG5
2nd: DC5
3rd: CC2

Castle Winners

1	 Lindisfarne
2	 Bamburgh
3	 Warkworth

Pupils of the term

1st: Oliver Craik
2nd: Harrison Craik
3rd: Abigail Grieves



We wish all our students, families and staff an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday.

School opens on Monday 16th April 2018 at 8.45am.





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Extraordinary Alien Easter Eggs

What a lot of artistic children (and parents!) we have! Our annual egg decorating competition amazed everyone with the number of innovative space themed designs and ideas! We prepared for blast off and gave your little astronauts an end of term celebration to remember.

Prizes were awarded during our special assembly to the best from each year group. Please view our slideshow of our Easter Egg Decorating Competition 2018. Well done to everyone who entered the Easter Egg competition. Each and every entry was fantastic and so imaginative. We will share some photos in our next newsletter.



Sniffer Dogs Visit Shanklea

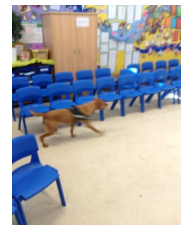
Many people like dogs because they offer a special type of "unconditional" love. As well as making good pets, dogs can be trained to help humans in various ways. These roles often require a great deal of skill and bravery.



A respectful dog will trust his or her owner and follow instructions without question. In return, the dog's owner trusts the dog to do the job to the best of his or her ability. Dogs can transform the lives of people who have medical conditions, such as by working as guide dogs for the blind and deaf.

Last week, Years 5 and 6 pupils were lucky to meet two Police dogs who have been specifically trained to help police catch criminals, by forensically detecting people, drugs and other items. Their ability to do their job is closely linked to the loyalty they feel towards their handler- PC Lott. The visiting detection dogs – a Red Setter Labrador and a German Shepherd— demonstrated their skills and training to an enthralled audience.

Thank you to Mrs Greenwood for co-ordinating the extraordinary assembly.



REMINDER: Whitehouse Farm

Our Reception children will be visiting Whitehouse Farm on the first day back after the holidays, **Monday 16th April 2018**.

Parents have received a letter detailing what children need to wear and bring on the day.



Children's Cancer Run

You are now able to register online for this year's Children's Cancer Run at:

<http://www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk/>

referencing Shanklea Primary School

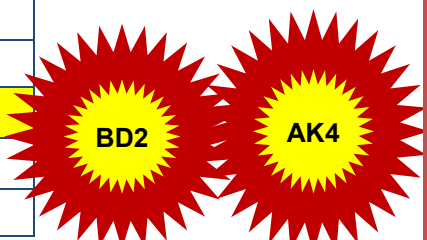
To obtain the discounted price please book before
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A short video with more about the run may be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd0bxO3N3a8>

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	96.8
1	97.9
2	97.9
3	94.7
4	98.5
5	96.8
6	95.6

100% Attendance





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Another Outstanding Community Music Celebration



In the evening of Wednesday 28th March 2018, our Choir and orchestra of talented musicians performed so well. The Choir turned out in force with over 25 of our pupils working together to produce some beautiful music.

The orchestra also performed with aplomb and a special mention goes Shanklea staff: **Mr Allan, Mrs Baxter, Mrs Dean, Miss Harris, Ms Yarrow and Mrs Gaultier** who delivered beautiful performances to the 200 plus people present. Bringing together our primary musicians in this event showed just how much musical talent is growing and flourishing in our school. Improving as a musician takes hard work, resilience and dedication. The progress made since last year was clear to see across all ages. Well done to all involved!



Friends of Shanklea Easter Celebrations

Thanks to everyone who has supported our PTFA with our Easter Egg-stravaganza Tombola. We were super eggs-ited and we hope everyone had the most eggs-ellent time! We would like to say a great big **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated chocolate and bought tickets. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as we can.



The money raised from the events organised by the Friends of Shanklea is used to benefit every child within the school. Since September 2017, we have been able to purchase staging for the hall, STEM resources including Lego story telling packs, playground games and books galore.



Whether you are a member of the Friends of Shanklea, helped out at events, collected items for charity bag collection or donated raffle and tombola prizes, we would like to say a big **THANK YOU**. Without your support we would not be able to put on events, subsidise trips and purchase equipment for the school and do so much to enhance each child's time at Shanklea Primary School.



Please keep supporting us and the events we put on, your help is very much appreciated.



SMART Reading Tips for the Easter Holidays

Easter Spring break is right around the corner and holidays can get pretty hectic! Routines can fly out the window with celebrations, travel and out-of-town guests. As your family prepares for the holidays, we hope these tips are useful for keeping kids engaged in learning and reading over the holidays.

Read for fun! Whether your child is in the mood for holiday stories or the newest instalment from a favourite series, Easter break provides the perfect opportunity to set aside school books and read for fun. Make time for bedtime stories to create the routine and enjoy books on a daily basis.

Stock up on books at the local library. Help your child pick out books they're interested in reading over the Easter break. Libraries may also have fun, free holiday activities throughout the break.

Make the most of travel time. Turn travel time to or from a holiday get-together into an opportunity to practise reading. You can look for car registration plates from different areas, try to find the alphabet on transport, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see. Read street signs and ads you see along the way.

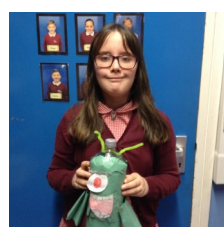
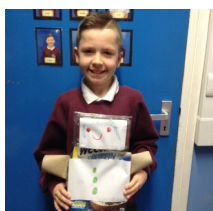
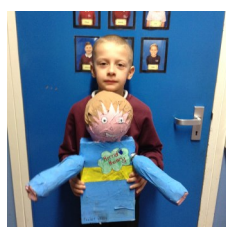
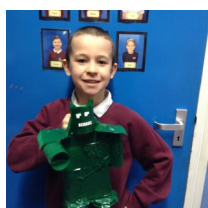
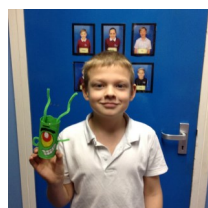
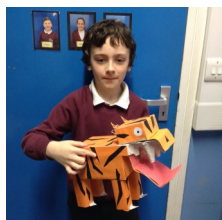
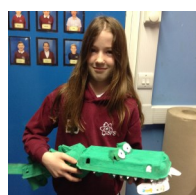
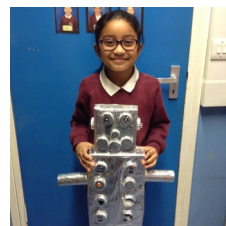
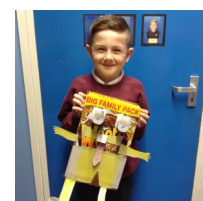
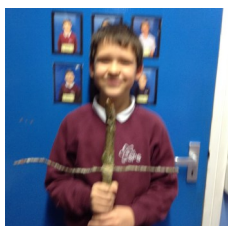
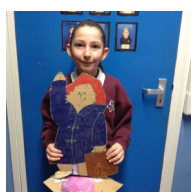
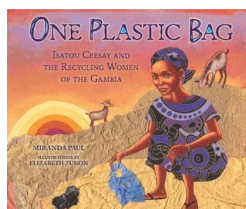
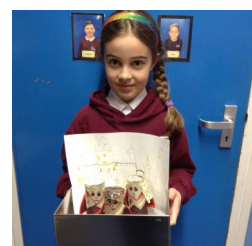
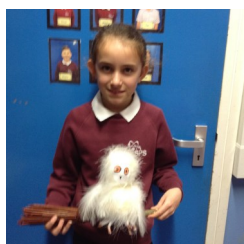
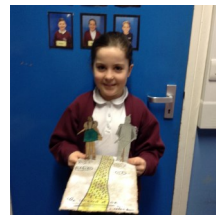
Create a new tradition. A little predictability is comforting for kids. Starting a special Easter Break Story Time can be a new tradition that links reading with happy memories. Enjoying a hot chocolate and your favourite stories will have the whole family feeling comfy and cosy, while creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert to help your child with reading. By simply interacting with children around books, you can show them that books are important and worthy of our attention (and help their learning too!)



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Homework

Some of Shanklea homework is project based, set by term and based on each year group's theme, once the children have been immersed in their learning.

Projects are designed with some flexibility in order to allow children to utilise their critical thinking skills when deciding how to present their ideas.

Year 4 children have completed a cross-curricular homework project linked to the book "One Plastic Bag" by Isatou Ceesay. The aim was to create a character from the book from recycled materials, incorporating mathematical shapes.

We are so impressed with the results. Well done , everyone

