



# Shanklea Primary School

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## shanklea Superstars



**Ryan Muir, Grace Coulson and Jacob Taylor-Gray** have all been working really hard to become excellent swimmers. We are very proud to see Shanklea children developing these vital skills. Well done.



**Charlie Hailes and Matthew Jordan** are developing amazing football skills.



### Shanklea Able Writers

This week, Shanklea Primary School hosted an Able Writers Day. Best-selling author and full-time professional writer, **Nick Toczek** came to school to work with some of our most gifted writers. Talented writers from Eastlea, Cragside, Cramlington Village and Horton Grange Primary Schools also came along to share ideas and learn together.

The literacy workshop was lively, fun and packed with lots of short exercises to keep the children's interest throughout the day. Nick ran performance poetry sessions and ensured that the children were given lots of encouragement and guidance throughout the day.

Well done **William Bruce, Emily Cowburn, Hannah Atkinson, Eva Black, Harrison Craik** and **Lily Otting**. You represented our school brilliantly.



### Good luck



On Friday 23rd June we will be saying a fond farewell to **Mrs McCormick** who will be ending her time at Shanklea Primary School as Mrs Crowther returns from maternity leave. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs McCormick for her strong sense of fun and creative ideas. We wish her all the very best for the future.



## Thank You!



### School Sports Councillors

Shanklea held its own election where we voted for our new School Sports Councillors. We first studied the idea of democracy and looked at how Great Britain was run. The nominated Y5 pupils then wrote a speech explaining why they should be in charge on the Sports Council. After listening to the spectacular speeches, we all voted for one lead councillor from Year 5. Congratulations to **Joshua Follin** who was duly elected after gaining the most votes.







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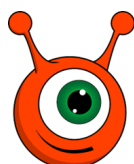
## Phenomenal Phonics Screening

Well done to our Year 1 children who completed their Phonics Screening assessment this week and to the Year 2 children who completed their recheck.

A few parents have been asking whether or not their child has passed. Unfortunately we do not yet know the threshold mark and will not know until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. You will receive a letter with the pass mark and the score your child achieved as soon as possible after this date.

We can all be very proud of your children as they have put in a lot of effort all year. Also thank you to all parents who have put in a lot of time to help the children with their phonics practice and using alien words

Everyone's hard work, I am sure will have paid off.



## Year 5 and 6 Performance

We will send out letters with details of our Year 5 and 6 musical performance next week.

There will be two performances on **Wednesday 28th June**. We have carefully considered how to ensure that all parents are able to come along and, based on previous experience, have concluded that we have to restrict evening performance tickets to two per family. This includes any children who wish to come along. We are able to offer more flexibility with the afternoon performances as there is usually less demand for them. We are sorry for any inconvenience but we do have limited space and numbers have to be limited to comply with fire and other safety regulations.



## Sum Dog Challenge

A Northumberland wide Sum Dog competition starts on **Friday 16th June**. Can all children do their bit (they know what to do!) to push Shanklea to a worthy win. Thank you in advance to all families for encouraging the children to take part in this competition.

**Come on Shanklea, we can win this!**

## Year 6 Photographs

Year 6 staff would welcome any photographs that parents may have of our Year 6 pupils throughout their school life. The photos will be used in our End of year Celebrations.

If possible could you email them to Mr McGregor at [admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk](mailto:admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk)

Thank you very much.



## Years 1 and 2 Scooter Training

On Thursday 15th June 2017 and Friday 16th June 2017, our Year 1 and Year 2 children took part in scooter training. The children brought in their own scooters, helmets and had a speedy and skilful session with **Emma Brown**, our **Go Smarter Officer**. The children were taught many scooter skills starting with how to stop and start safely. The groups then went onto competitive games to test their skills. The children had a fantastic time and will all receive a certificate for participating.



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## Save the dates.....

### Summer Fair

We have limited availability of spaces for craft stalls at the fair. If parents who are interested in running a craft stall please contact the school office as soon as possible.

### Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 parents and/or grandparents from Miss Downes' and Miss Spence's classes are warmly invited to attend our class assembly on **Monday 26th June 2017, 2.45p.m.** The assembly will be a celebration of the work the children have been busy with in class around the theme of St. Mary's Lighthouse. We look forward to seeing you.



### Bling Your Bike

A big WELL DONE to all our children and families who took part in our **"Bling Your Bike" Competition**. Many children gave their bike or scooter an extreme makeover! Working alone, with friends or with parents, pupils followed a Summer theme and got creative. We are astounded at the creativity shown by our children and their families.



### What's on at OOSC

Our theme for next week is Under the Sea. July Booking forms will be available shortly



### Coming Soon -Live Kitchen

Live Kitchen is an award winning ordering and payment system which ensures children get the meals they want! Parents will be able to go online and order their child's meals from home, allowing you to view recipes, check artificial ingredient information and block dishes which contain allergens unsuitable for your child. Vegetarian options will be clearly displayed.

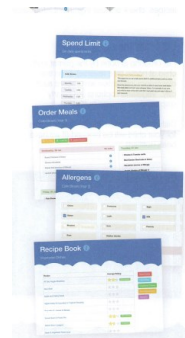
Our menus will be uploaded to the system, allowing you to pre-order at home on a daily basis or in advance the actual meal choice for your child. Alternatively, children can select their choice in the classroom each morning.

At lunchtime, children will select their name on a touch screen. Their meal choice is displayed with their dietary needs. If a mismatch is detected, the kitchen staff can

advise of alternatives.

We believe the Live Kitchen will provide parents with more information of their child's meals, prevent disappointment should a menu choice prove unexpectedly popular and save on costs.

We will send out Parent Information letters providing more details very soon.







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## Jeremy Strong Author Visit

The children in Year 3 attended an event with bestselling author, Jeremy Strong on Thursday 15th June 2017.

Jeremy Strong is immensely popular with children, who love his unique brand of silliness. He won the Children's Book Award in 1997 with 'The Hundred-Mile-an-Hour Dog', and in 2008 won the Sheffield Children's Book Award for 'Beware! Killer Tomatoes'.

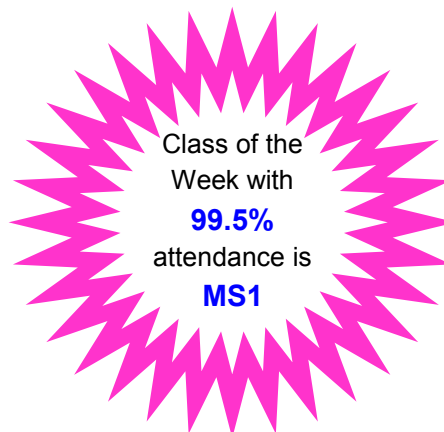
Research shows that author events in schools inspire children and help them on their journey to a love of reading. Often pupils are very inspired to read the author's book after such a visit and this was a rare opportunity for them to have books signed and personally dedicated to them.

The children, and staff, had a brilliant and inspirational visit.



## Shanklea Cricketers

Well done to our Year 3 and Year 5 children who showed excellent team spirit and a sense of fun at the Year 3 Cricket festivals this week. We are so proud of you all.



Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	94.0
1	98.7
★ 2	95.4 ★
3	93.1
4	95.2
5	92.2
6	93.2

## Shanklea Workout!

This week, Shanklea Primary School pupils participated in a new initiative by Joe Wicks, of 'The Body Coach' fame, to get young people more engaged in becoming and staying fit!

Joe has already got most of the nation trying to get 'Lean in 15' and brought high-intensity interval training (HIIT) sessions to the masses, and now 'The Body Coach' has turned his attention to schools.

Joe Wicks, a former teaching assistant turned fitness celebrity, ran a live HIIT session aimed at young people. It was viewed over 250,000 times and approximately 1,000 schools took part, including us.

Joe was shocked and delighted by the level of interest. "I was completely stunned by the response of this HIIT - it was phenomenal," he said. "We couldn't keep up with the comments that were coming in from schools all across the UK and around the world too, I couldn't believe how many people were taking part."

