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Amazing Assemblies



The Year 5 children have worked hard in the last few weeks to produce interesting and informative assemblies about the many things that they have been studying this term - the text 'The Snow Queen' and 'Kenyan Culture'. They spoke very clearly and had made excellent art, power-points and other props. The audience really enjoyed it, especially the singing, foreign languages and dancing.



Parents and carers are warmly invited to come to **Mrs Hagan's class assembly** on **Tuesday 14th February at 2.45pm**. The theme is "Roman Adventure".

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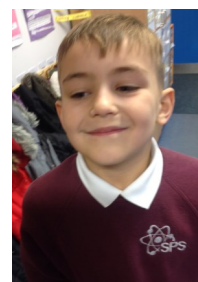
Go Virtual

Shanklea children have been testing virtual-reality technology this week and they are tough critics!

When Shanklea students gathered in their school hall on Thursday morning, they didn't expect their teachers to tell them they were about to travel to the Great Wall of China then a shark cage under the sea.

Led by their teacher, and, while wearing their viewer, pupils looked around images of locations including the Grand Canyon, the Taj Mahal and the Great Barrier Reef. It was an exciting project.

The technology transformed how the teachers were able to structure their lessons and the response from pupils was dramatic. The children were fizzing with excitement as they viewed each new location. This fantastic and unusual learning experience was greatly enjoyed.



Year 5 Robinwood Residential Trip

Parents of all children who are going on our Year 5 residential trip to Robinwood this year are invited to attend a meeting on **Tuesday 28th February at 3.15pm**. There will be opportunities to ask questions and learn more about the planned activities. Please come along.



Valentines Disco

Can all parents please write their child's name on the back of their Valentine's tickets. Thank you.

OOSC Late Bookings

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that parents book their child into breakfast and Out of School Club online or using a form **BEFORE** the session commences. We need to know numbers well **BEFORE** each session starts so that we can ensure appropriate staffing ratios are maintained and sufficient resources for activities provided. Payments are due at the time of booking.

What's on at OOSC



Our Tuesday special will be Valentine Heart Cookies.

Our theme for the week is "Valentines"

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
St Valentine	Valentines heart cookies	Acrostic poetry	Valentine Cards	Someone special and special places



Our Wednesday special will be crusty rolls with preserves.



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Evening Chronicle Real Schools Guide 2017



As you may have seen in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle, Shanklea Primary School has achieved a **5* rating** and ranked **6th overall in the whole region**. The Evening Chronicle analysed all the government data to bring you the rundown on local primary schools, taking into account 42 different data sets—not just Key stage 2 SATs but other factors too like value added scores, pupil-teacher ratios and pupil absence rates. You can look at the results at [http://](http://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/best-primary-schools-newcastle-north-12257957)

www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/best-primary-schools-newcastle-north-12257957 and see how we compare against other schools across Northumberland and the whole of England.

Data is available on pupils' attainment, progress and absence levels and when the school was last inspected. We're justifiably proud!

Individual Progress Reports



We are a school that is happy and secure, where every child strives to achieve their full potential. A school where everyone works, plays and co-operates with others in a caring way.

Children develop and learn in different ways and at different rates and all areas of learning and development are equally important and interconnected. We therefore believe it is important to report to you on a whole wealth of areas with regards to your child's development, not limited to their reading, writing and mathematical achievement, against set criteria. We do this by using reading logs, homework tasks, discussions with you and formally reporting on areas such as your child's social skills, emotional intelligence, politeness, values as well as other academic areas such as creativity, sporting and musical abilities.

We do however provide data and specific information about how your child is achieving in Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Science and hope you find the explanations useful. If you do have any questions or worries please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher at any time.

Personal Progress

Your child's personal progress is of vital importance — reaching their own potential and achieving as well as they can to the best of their ability. For example, some children could be doing very well and achieving reasonable results but not really making good progress; in effect they would be coasting even though the data for them would look good. Alternatively, there could be a child who really struggles and is making fantastic personal leaps and bounds, but in terms of the data it would look like they were making very little progress. It is therefore important that we track each and every pupil carefully to ensure they

are reaching and challenging their potential.

In the Autumn and Spring Terms we hold consultation evenings during which each parent is given a summative report. These identify personal targets for reading, writing and maths. These targets are based on the individual child's progress and identify an expected target. There is also information on the report to show how these compare with National average attainment at the end of the year.

As a School we discuss each child's progress regularly within the whole teaching team. What happens in school is not however the whole picture. Along with the effort a child puts into their learning, is the support a child gets from home.



We want to support parents to help with their child's progress and so in response to parental feedback we now issue a progress report midway through the year (after the February half term) and a summary report at the end of the year which can be discussed at the Summer consultation evening. Parents also receive the results of the Statutory Assessment Tasks (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6). Due to the nature of the Early Years Curriculum parents receive termly next step targets and then a summary report at the end of the year.

We are sure you will find this information of interest and it will help us all to work together to ensure your child's continues to enjoy learning and reach their potential.

Pupil's mid-year progress reports will be issued to parents next week.

Music Lessons with Ms Yarrow

REMINDER: There will be no music lessons with Ms Yarrow on **Friday 17th February 2017.**



Shanklea Music Evening

You might wish to make a note in your diaries that our talented choirs and musicians will be putting on a musical performance on **Tuesday 28th March**. Details to follow soon.



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Parent Survey December 2016

You said ...

" That you were not sure whether the homework being provided was appropriate to your child's age..."

" You felt that general communication standards had dipped recently..."

" That you did not feel that all the information you received in your child's progress was valuable..."

We did ...

...In January we set out a new approach to homework. In the weekly newsletter we described the newer structure so that as parents you know what to expect and when for each year group. Our aim is to ensure there is a purpose to the homework and learning is reinforced through

... We had moved the weekly newsletter from paper to being issued electronically. We will revert back to weekly paper newsletters whilst we consider the best approach. Also we are working to resolve some problems with the smart phone app so that we can get that back up and running.

... We will start to issue a summary of your child's progress each term which will supplement the discussion you have with your child's teacher.

shanklea Superstars

Year 4 Gymnastics Superstars

Congratulations to **Ellie Kennedy, Eva Black, Myriam Gaultier, Lily Oetting, Harry Campbell** and **Zara Gibson** who represented Shanklea at a competition for Cramlington schools this week. They were brilliant and made us all very proud.



It's all about
GYMNASTICS

Refurbished bikes for sale
Open day Saturday 11th
February, 9am until 2pm



Looking for bikes for you and your family, at affordable prices??

Our skilled volunteer mechanics refurbish all donated bikes and then we sell them on, with proceeds going to the WATBus charity (registered number 1076729).

We recycle and refurbish bikes:

- ✓ It's good for the environment
- ✓ Someone can make use of the bike at an affordable cost
- ✓ All proceeds go to our charity WATBus Community Transport.
- ✓ WATBike are based at Unit 5 Wansbeck Network Centre, NE63 8QW (by Graham Builders Merchants).
- ✓ Come and see our stock ~ free tea and coffee.



We also provide other cycling services:

- Bike servicing and repairs
- Guided bike rides in the local area on Wednesdays & Sundays
- Bike training programmes, and bespoke group rides
- Group transport (e.g. for Coast to Coast rides) with or without support

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