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- These children have been recognised by their teachers for exemplary attitude:
- Lewis Grey is making excellent progress in his reading.
- Callum McGregor is a fantastic mathematician who has matured considerably since coming back to school after
- Lucas Burt has had a fantastic attitude this week and has tried very hard to complete all his tasks. Keep up the good work, Lucas!
 - Amy Byrne shows super enthusiasm in our P.E. lessons, using lots of different dance moves in a sequence. Amy has been very keen to share her ideas and suggest new moves. Excellent, Amy!
 - Leo Armstrong has tried really hard all week to improve the presentation of his handwriting. Keep it up, Leo! Angel Armstrong has not rushed her work and has sounded out her words and taken care with her handwriting. As a result, she made a massive improvement. Keep it up, Angel!
 - Luke Stoker has made an amazing effort in all subjects and achieved excellent progress in Maths!
 - Chloe Threadgill has done some fantastic creative writing and has a brilliant attitude.
 - Hannah Atkinson is working well and has an outstanding attitude in every lesson.
 - Katie Blaylock is a fantastic student in all areas. Mr Cartner had noticed she is making great efforts and achieving great progress in Maths.
 - Tori-Joe McRobb-Fielding has an incredibly positive attitude to learning and continually strives to be the best she
 - Adam Wilson-Hope has done some amazing work on fractions in Maths. He has an excellent understanding and has been very determined.
- Abigail Carr has a really positive attitude in both Maths and English focus groups.
- Ethan Beckford has sustained an excellent attitude which has led to good progression and particularly exceptional results in Maths Mock SATs.

Year 5 Class Assemblies

Parents and carers are invited to attend our Year 5 class assemblies next week.



Mrs McCormick and her class (CC5) will have their assembly on Monday 6th February at 2.45pm.



Mrs Greenwood and her class (LG5) will share their knowledge of Africa at their assembly on Wednesday 8th February at 2.45pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Year 1 Phonics Parents Workshop

On Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 2.15p.m., parents of year 1 children are warmly invited to come to our Phonics Workshop. Mrs Short and Mr Rutherford will explain what phonics is and it's importance in early reading and writing. During the session they will:

- share and explain phonics terms;
- give you further ideas for practising and applying phonics at home;
- Let you see some of Read Write Inc resources

During the meeting we hope there will be an opportunity to discuss online homework.

We hope all parents and carers will come along.

















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Science Enrichment - Google Expeditions

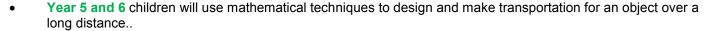
On **Thursday 9th February 2017**, Shanklea pupils will become **'Science Boffins'** - we are really excited because we will have virtual visitors... This is all thanks to 'Google Expeditions' workshops, where the children have the opportunity to wear special headsets to experience different journeys in 3D virtual reality. There should be such excitement when each child is taken on a tour of the Aurora Borealis, the Great Barrier Reef and even into outer space!



On Friday 10th February 2017, the whole school will focus on scientific enquiry skills.

Each year group will conduct different scientific investigations

- Early Years children will consider how temperature and food affect living creatures
- Year 1 and 2 children will investigate transport and distances travelled.
- Year 3 and 4 children will investigate the science of movement through the air.



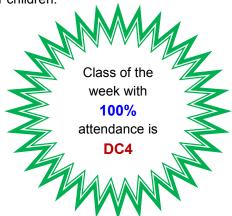
We will make Science fun despite trying to sneak in elements of literacy, numeracy plus PSHCE as well! We will let the children give you more details next week as we don't want to spoil the surprises.



EYFS—People who help us

Our youngest children have thoroughly enjoyed visits from **People who help us'** in the community this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed visits from the Dentist, Fire Service, Road Safety Department, Lifeguards, Police Force and the Ambulance Service.

We started the topic last week with a visit from a very special nurse who told us all about the jobs of a nurse. There was lots of bandaging going on and we learnt about the importance of hand washing!!! A huge **THANK YOU** to our fantastic volunteers who have given up their time to share their skills and knowledge with our children.





School meals are excellent value at just £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week) and can be paid via School Gateway or in cash at the office. Meals should be paid for when taken rather than allowing a large debt to accrue. Balances can be checked on the School Gateway. Thank you.



Phone Problems

School across the county have been experiencing internet connectivity problems for the past few weeks and Shanklea is one of them. In addition, we have been experiencing severe phone problems in the past few days. This is being addressed as a very high priority and we thank you for your patience as we work around these problems. Please note you can always text or email us (at admin@shanklea.northumberland.sch.uk) if you have problems getting through on the phone. Thanks.



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Proposed Cycling Trip To Amsterdam

At Shanklea Primary School, we motivate our children to choose a more active and healthier life and encourage cycling as it develops their confidence and promotes their spirit of adventure.

We are proposing that later in year, depending on ferry availability and interest, members of the 'Cycle Crew' and some parents could take part in a short cycle adventure in Holland. We would travel on the Newcastle-Limuiden ferry having cycled from Cramlington to North Shields.





Cycle touring in the Netherlands is incredibly easy. There is a relaxed feel and lots of bikes around making cyclists feel welcome. Courteous drivers, fantastic infrastructure and car-sized lanes dedicated to bikes on roundabouts make it a very safe place to ride with children. The intention is to also visit Dutch cultural centres: such as the Van Gogh museum to really enrich the experience.

If this trip appeals to you or your child, please contact the Main School Office and confirm your interest with Mrs McConnell.



Shanklea APP Relaunch

As many of you are aware, there have been difficulties with our APP recently. We have been working hard to resolve these problems and are delighted to tell you that we have sorted the problems and are now able to relaunch the Shanklea App on Friday 3rd February.

You can download the APP to Android, IOS and Windows phones. Use the QR code to be taken to the APP download page. Thanks everyone for your patience.



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Our theme for the week is "Mythical Monsters" We will be working in teams to design a monster throughout the week.





Wednesday Special

Our Wednesday special will be toasted cheese muffins.