



Karate Superstar

Ben Nicholson has achieved his yellow belt in Byakko Karate. What a magnificent achievement. Well done, Ben.



Dancing Superstar

Grace Lisgo is very proud to showcase her recent certificates and trophies in Contemporary freestyle dance. Well done Grace.



Castle of the Half—term

Congratulations to everyone in **Warkworth Castle Group** who were awarded a staggering **6116** castle points. They won a non-uniform day on Thursday 15th December to celebrate their success.



Shanklea Superstars

Student of the Half—term

We are very proud to tell you that **Mia King** is our Student of the half term, with a phenomenal **399** castle points. Well done Mia.

Class of the Half—term

Mrs Hagan's class has gained the most castle points this half-term with **4216** points.



Classes of the week with **99.6%** attendance are **ER3** and **SH4**



Caring Superstars



We are very proud of **Emily and Amber Clark** who have supported the charity Melanie's Mission with their dance school. Melanie's Mission is a charity started by a Cramlington lady, Melanie Hartshorn, which aims to raise awareness of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome which causes joints to dislocate with only slight movements. Well done Emily and Amber.



Learning Superstars

Lucy Wilson and **Amber Pearson-Hartley** are real Learning Superstars. They both completed homework projects about Bengali Tigers putting in extraordinary effort to achieve amazing results.



Thank You



We have had an extremely busy December at Shanklea but it has also been an exciting, fun and happy time too. The children have worked very hard; continuing with their learning as well as performing in the Nativity productions and Carol Singing in the local community. However, the events we have had in December would not have been so successful without the hard work and dedication of our fabulous teaching and support staff as well as our extremely supportive and encouraging parents and friends of Shanklea Primary School.

Remember school re-opens on Wednesday 4th January 2017. Lunch will be the normal week 2, Wednesday lunch of Turkey and roast potatoes followed by chocolate cake and custard.



Christmas Fair



Thank you to our parents, carers, staff and friends who turned out last Friday evening to support the Christmas Fair. It was a huge success, with lots of great buys, lovely food and fabulous gifts.

Thank you to all teaching and support staff and to the Friends of Shanklea for all their hard work. Thank you to our other stall holders too for supporting the school.



We made a fantastic **£1247.33** which will be a great boost to our school funds, but what was really special about the event was the sense of community and the Christmas atmosphere in the school. The response was overwhelming and what makes Shanklea such a great school!



Santa's Little Helper visits Shanklea



We had a visit from one of Santa's little helpers on Friday 9th December when Pancake the reindeer popped into school.



Everyone was able to meet Pancake. George, the reindeer herder, explained that Pancake is only allowed carrots on Christmas Eve so instead he enjoyed treats from all the children and staff in the form of Arctic Moss that is specially imported for the reindeer.

Pancake wore a harness covered in beautiful sleigh bells and made a stunning, jingling entrance walking from the school car park up to the school quadrangle. He even sneaked a few nibbles of the plants and bushes on the way!

It was a wonderful start to the Christmas Fair celebrations and an experience none of the staff, children and parents will ever forget.

Congratulations to **Lucy Wilson** who won the St Oswald's Raffle.

Alfie Harrison won the 'Guess the Name of the Snowman' game, with his correct guess of the name 'Moxie'. Well done, Alfie.



Enterprising Champions

Well done to our Year 5 Enterprise Champions who successfully raised **£172.64** from the Virgin Money Make £5 Grow scheme.



We wish you a merry, peaceful Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!





Shanklea Primary School

"We provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment where children recognise and achieve their fullest potential"



A Very Important Message

Can we please remind parents to be vigilant monitoring children's use of technology such as mobile phones, iPads etc and access to social media. It is **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT** that appropriate filters are installed and maintained ensuring that all our children are protected.

In the New Year we will be sending home a Pupil Acceptable Use Policy document for parents to go through with children and for the children to sign. This policy has guidelines which will help ensure children's safety. There will also be a Parents and Carers Acceptable Use policy for you to sign which will enable parents to be fully aware of the school's approach to online dangers so we can work together to keep our children happy and safe.



Christmas Carol Service

Many congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 children and staff for a fantastic

Christmas Carol concert.

Well done to our superb school orchestra tutored by Mrs Yarrow who serenaded us all as we arrived and for the beautiful singing!

The congregation were treated to a variety of classic Christmas carols, interesting and confident readings which reminded us all of the Christmas message. The concert had been perfectly arranged by Mrs Baxter and teachers, incorporating traditional and modern carols which the children loved performing.

Thank you to St. Nicholas's Church for making us welcome and providing a perfect setting. Well done to everyone involved and thank you for spreading your Christmas message cheer!



Shanklea Goes The Extra Mile!

On the final day of term, dressed in our elf hats and festive costumes, Shanklea pupils will run, jog or walk a Magical Mile within the safety of our school grounds to raise awareness of smarter ways to make the school journey as

well as the work of Alzheimers' UK.

The project is to reinforce the message that adults and children should engage in regular daily physical activity habits across the week, every week all year round.

We aim to inspire and encourage our school community through physical activity with the focus on fun, rewarding personal achievement and school competition. Through the use of pedometers, each class will convert laps into Miles and pupils' progress will be monitored via graphs and league tables.

We will let you know the winning class soon.

"Running or walking regularly is not only good for young and old people's health; it gives them more energy throughout the day and can inspire more to take up sport for life. If children learn to love being active as they grow up then they're also more likely to take those good habits through to adulthood..."



Parking Problems Continue

Police Constable Peter Miller, the Cramlington Neighbourhood Beat Manager has asked us to forward a letter to all parents and staff at the school regarding continuing parking problems around the area. A copy is attached to this newsletter.



Little Gems Dancers



A large number of Shanklea pupils attend Little Gems Dance Academy which offers a varied selection of classes for the young performer. They are dedicated to offering a wide range of dance styles for boys and girls of all abilities and age ranges. They offer fun, relaxed and structured classes in ballet, tap, modern, disco, cheerleading, cheer-dance, street dance, drama and contemporary for children. Recently, our Shanklea dancers had the chance to take part in shows, competitions and exams or have simply enjoyed learning to dance. It is fantastic to see our children taking part in so many different activities.