





### Shanklea STEM Superstars

It was such great fun to be a part of STEM week, witnessing so many of the children's own ideas come to life.

STEM week was a huge break from the norm. Many incredible things happened this week, including children designing and making their own robots for a 'robot war'! Every year group was given the chance the chance to put their creativity and problem-solving skills to work with others on fun design-and-make projects.

This was a huge collaborative effort from the whole of the STEM community and we'd like to thank everyone who took part. There are lots more pictures on our Facebook page.



### Keeping our Children Safe



All of us have been truly devastated by the horrifying scenes at Christchurch, New Zealand. Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the victims and everyone affected by this latest terrorist attack. The global Muslim Community have shown

courage in extremely harrowing circumstances.

Our oldest children held a rapid response assembly this week which built on what they knew already and we were prepared for any difficult conversations, should they have arisen.

Schools must adopt clear practices that safeguard pupils against extremism. Extremism is a difficult and sensitive topic that gets huge attention in the press, particularly when in relation to children of a primary school age. Yet extremism should ultimately be treated as one of the many dangerous influences in society that vulnerable young children need to be protected against. This should be a continuation of how we treat other safeguarding issues, such as bullying and cyber-bullying, domestic violence or e-safety. It is inevitable that some children will become worried when hearing such terrible news and we aim to work with parents to reassure them and to ensure that they are always safe. At Shanklea, the children's safety is of paramount importance and we take all measures possible to keep our site secure.

'**Look out, Moggy's coming**' is newly published book that teaches Primary school children what to do in a terror attack with the help of a cat set loose in a school for mice.

Moggy's Coming has been developed by team of doctors behind terror threat advice and advises youngsters to **'run, hide, tell, treat'** in event of attack.

The story begins with the young mice holding a practice of what to do in the event of a 'cat on the loose' - similar to the drills held in schools across the UK.

Children reading the book are then advised to 'run away if you can' or to hide and call the police. The next day, a cat arrives at the school 'looking for mice to eat' - but the teachers and children put their preparation into practice.

Communication between school and home is so important. Please let us know straightaway if you have any concerns—any time. Thank you

### Easter Ducks



Easter ducks will be arriving at Shanklea next week and the EYFS children will experience the wonder from the moment they arrive. They'll see the eggs wobble and often hear cheeping from within the egg, just before hatching commences.

As the ducklings grow, the children will learn how to care for them and also hold them (under supervision of course). This is an incredible experience that unites all ages, boosts morale and makes learning fun... I'm sure you will be hearing lots about it from your children.

We will be running our traditional "**Name the Ducks**" Competition for the children again and will provide more details shortly.

### Easter Celebrations



Friends of Shanklea have organised some fantastic Easter celebration, including a special Easter tombola, to take place during school on **Friday 5th April**.

Children are invited to bring in nut-free chocolate Easter eggs for our Easter Activity Day chocolate tombola on Friday 29th March. As a thank you, they may come to school in non-uniform on that day.

#### Last week's attendance

Classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **ER3** and **LG6**

**Well done Year 5**

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	95.6
1	95.3
2	92.8
3	96.9
4	98.5
5	99.3
6	97.6



# Shanklea Primary School

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

## Coming Soon

### The Big Pedal

Big Pedal is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking and scooting challenge. It inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose human power for their journey to school. It is a great way of bringing all interests together and celebrating healthy living practice.

Save the date - Big Pedal will take place between **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** and **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.

The Big Pedal has been going from strength to strength for nine years now and we are aiming to make **Sustrans Big Pedal 2019** the best year yet. For the first time, walking will be counted alongside cycling and scooting.

The challenge runs for two weeks and is open to individual classes as well as whole schools. On each day of the challenge, schools will compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking or scooting to school.

There are daily prizes up for grabs, including equipment and accessories to help schools travel actively.

### Parents' Consultations

Parent Consultations are an important opportunity for parents, carers and students to meet with teachers to discuss progress in all subject areas, share any concerns with staff and help work together going forward. If you have not already booked your appointment please do so as soon as possible so you can discuss your child's progress at this important stage of the academic year.

Teachers of children in Nursery to Year 5 will be available on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** and **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Appointments may be made online, at

<https://cramlingtonshanklea.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

Nursery parents should book their appointment with Nursery staff directly.



### The Great Big School Clean Up

Shanklea have joined the **Great Big School Clean Up**. This is a new initiative to encourage all children not to drop litter and to make sure that our schools and the local community are free from litter.

We would like you to join us in an event on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. Parents and children are encouraged to collect any rubbish you find on the way to school and bring it in to school in a carrier bag. Mrs Hagan will be working with the School Council to collect data about the type of litter found in our local community.

Children will need to be prepared for litter picking and wear a pair of old gloves or some disposable gloves to keep them safe from germs. **Please supervise carefully to ensure they do not pick up anything dangerous.**

More details can be found at [www.keepbritaintidy.org](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org)

Please Join the Great Big School Clean Up as we stand together to declare that litter degrades the beauty of our environment, threatens our wildlife and is simply not acceptable.

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Big Pedal starts Year 3/4 Able Maths Day Duck eggs arrive in Reception
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery parent consultations all day 3.30pm Reception- Year 5 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Little Monkeys Toddler Group Nursery Easter Crafts am and pm 3.30pm Nursery-Year 5 Parent Consultations 2.45pm Mr Rutherford's Class Assembly (JR3)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception visit to Whitehouse Farm 2.45pm Ms Rigg's Class Assembly (ER3)
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Non uniform day. Donations for Easter tombola welcome
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 4 and KN5 Easter Story Trail
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	CC5 Easter Easter Story Trail 2pm Reception Easter Crafts
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Little Monkeys Toddler Group
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	3pm Year 5/6 Netball Competition
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter celebrations and tombola

### Year 3 Class Assemblies

Parents and carers of children in Year 3 are invited to come along to their child's class assembly next week:

**Mr Rutherford's Class Assembly (JR3)** will begin at 2.45p.m on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Ms Rigg's Class Assembly (ER3)** will begin at 2.45p.m on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The assemblies will be a celebration of the work the children have been busy with in class.

We hope to see you there....

### Have you visited our fantastic Facebook page yet?

The page has lots of information and pictures celebrating the wonderful things children are doing in school. Just type Shanklea Primary School into the search bar and like the page to receive regular updates of all the amazing things that are going on at Shanklea.



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