





# Shanklea Primary School

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## New Outdoor Gym Equipment

Our fantastic new range of outdoor exercise equipment was installed last week and will be put to very good use within school. Children have already been learning how to use the equipment safely and working to develop their fitness and co-ordination.

For the safety of the children and to protect our equipment from damage, it is very important that children do not go on the equipment outside lessons. They must **NOT** go on it before or after school. Thank you for your support.

## Parents Consultation Evenings (Nursery—Year 5)

I am sure that you will want to know how your child has settled into his or her class and how they are achieving in school. We would like to invite you to come to speak with your child's teacher at one of our consultation evenings. Through this discussion, we aim to agree realistic targets for the rest of the school year as well as report on progress so far with their achievement, engagement and attitudes in class.

Teachers of children in Reception to Year 5 will be available in the School Hall after school on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** and **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019**. Appointments may be made, from 4pm Friday 8th March online, at

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

If you have any problems booking your appointment please contact our Office Team.

If you really cannot make this date or if the teacher is unavailable at the only time you can come in to school, please discuss this with your child's class teacher and make a mutually convenient arrangement for a different date.

We do our best to keep to the appointment times but please be prepared for some waiting for your turn to see your child's teacher.

Nursery parents should book their appointment with Nursery staff directly.

**We look forward to meeting with you. Please come along as it is very important that we talk to parents and carers of all children.**

## STEM Week 18<sup>th</sup>– 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Very soon Shanklea students will enter the amazing world of Science during our forthcoming STEM week. There will be lots of fun and exciting things to see, do and learn including spectacular science demonstrations of non-stop scientific discoveries that will enthrall and stimulate our children. Our mission is to spark the imagination and curiosity of the children. We do this by providing them with fun, interactive and educational activities that instil a clearer understanding of science and how it affects the world around us. Can't wait....

## What a week of Super Sports

### Practising and perfecting Pilates.

This half term, children are trying a new form of fitness training – **Pilates** which provides the perfect physical and mental platform necessary for children to excel in sports and in school. Pilates teaches kids and teens to cope with stress by encouraging them to relax and breathe properly, correct posture, core strength, stamina and flexibility. The children have really enjoyed the sessions.

### Hula Hooping

We got Shanklea school hooping!

The younger children have attended hula hooping workshops to build their self-confidence, fitness and hand-eye coordination in a supportive and encouraging environment. The children learned how to hoop on different parts of their body as well as learning hula hoop tricks to funky music and playing lots of games. We are very impressed with their skills and can-do attitudes.

### Year 1 Class assemblies

Parents and family members are invited to come along to our Year 1 class assemblies this week.

- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm: Mrs Allen Coope (DAC1)**
- **Thursday 14th March 2.45pm: Mr Wadds (AW1)**

The children are really looking forward to sharing their performances with you.

### Friends of Shanklea Meeting



You are cordially invited to come along to the Friends of Shanklea meeting **Thursday 14th March at 3.30pm** to discuss Easter event plans.

### Last week's attendance

Class of the week with **100%** attendance is **LG6**

**Well done Year 1 and Year 5**

Year Group	Average Attendance %
Reception	97.0
1	99.3
2	94.8
3	95.9
4	98.5
5	99.3
6	95.6



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## Year 5 are off to Robinwood

Next week, many of our Year 5 children will attend their 3 day residential at Robinwood, Alston. All activities at Robinwood are designed to be challenging yet accessible for Key Stage 2 children. The specially qualified staff are adept at personalising activities to enable children to build their confidence and achieve the best they can.

There are a range of **indoor** and **outdoor team building tasks** and activities include:

**Canoeing Zip wire**  
**Climbing Caving (indoors)**

The benefits are many and varied. Teamwork forms a major part of the trip, with the children often split into smaller groups to ensure maximum involvement and benefit. Children also learn new skills, gain self-confidence and independence, develop their social and interpersonal skills and learn to appreciate the countryside and outdoor opportunities.

One of the best things is seeing children learning and working together in a different environment. This will often result in a few surprises, with some of the children who are less confident in the classroom succeeding well beyond what you and they had expected.

## World Book Day



We had an extremely enjoyable day in school this week celebrating World Book Day.



A brilliant effort was made by all with some amazing costumes on show. We had some real characters wandering around school!



## Health Information

In order to ensure we provide the best possible care for children under all circumstances it is important that we maintain accurate and up-to-date health information for your child.

If your child has any medical condition which you have not yet told us of, or if something has changed, please collect a healthcare form from the Office and return it to us as soon as possible.

## Donations



Thank you once again for your kind donations of books, stationary, toys and craft items. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. Your support makes such a difference. Thank you.

# Coming Soon

Monday 11th March- Wednesday 13th March	Year 5 Robinwood Residential School Council are selling red noses for £1.25 each
Wednesday 13th March	9-10am Little Monkeys Playgroup 2.45pm Mrs Allen-Coope's Class assembly (DAC1) Nursery Open Evening
Thursday 14th March	2.45pm Mr Wadds' Class Assembly (AW1) 3.30pm Friends of Shanklea meeting. Everyone welcome
Friday 15th March	9.30am Year 5 Skipping Festival Comic Relief Day (Wear red)
Tuesday 19th March	2.45pm Mrs Downes' Class assembly (BD2)
Wednesday 20th March	9-10am Little Monkeys playgroup 2.45pm Mrs Kane's Class Assembly (KK2) 3.30pm Squirrels Open Evening 3.30pm STEM Celebratory Children and Families Event
Thursday 21st March	2.30pm Year 5 and Robinwood Assembly
Friday 22nd March	Year 5 and 6 DASH Visit, Wansbeck Hospital
Tuesday 26th March	3.30pm Nursery-Year 5 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 27th March	3.30pm Nursery-Year 5 Parent Consultations 2.45pm Mr Rutherford's Class Assembly (JR3)
Thursday 28th March	2.45pm Ms Rigg's Class Assembly (ER3)

## Superstars—Please let us know



We love to hear of your children's adventures and achievements outside school and celebrate them on our newsletters.