





# Shanklea Primary School

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## CONFIDENTIALITY:

### A reminder when visiting our school

Please respect the rights and privacy of our pupils, staff and volunteers. Staff work very hard to maintain confidentiality and respect everyone's right to privacy.

We urge all visitors to do the same. If anything at all is overheard or seen during visit to our school it MUST NOT be discussed with, or passed on, to anyone who isn't authorised to receive it.

### Mobile Devices

In accordance with the above and our strict privacy policy mobile devices must not be used on school premises.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

## First Lego League Competition Day

On **Thursday 30th January** Mrs Downes will accompany 9 Shanklea students as they take part in the First Lego League Competition at the Sage Gosforth.

**FIRST® LEGO® League** is a global science and technology challenge for teams of students, to encourage an interest in real world issues and develop key skills that are crucial for their future careers. The students work together to explore a given topic and to design, build and program an autonomous LEGO® robot to solve a series of missions.

FIRST® LEGO® League is for young people aged 9 to 16 years, working in teams of up to ten students with a supporting adult coach. Each year FIRST® LEGO® League releases a new challenge for the teams. The challenge involves a robot game and a research project, and students will need to demonstrate the FIRST® LEGO® League core values.

Each year a theme relevant to the world around them is chosen as a focus for the children's work. The teams research the topic, displaying their ideas on a Show Me poster, build a LEGO® model and program one part to move using LEGO Education WeDo 2.0.

FIRST® LEGO® League Jr. rapidly develops teamwork, design, programming and communication skills, but the most important thing is that it is great fun and makes the children feel proud of what they have achieved!



**We wish the children lots of luck and are confident they will do Shanklea proud.**

## Cramlington Planning Referendum

You will no doubt be aware that our school is needed for use as a polling station for Cramlington Planning Referendum on **Thursday 30th January 2020**.

**Please note that school will stay open and staff will make every effort to maintain 'school as normal'.**

Essentially schools that are publicly-funded, (maintained schools, including academies and free schools) are often used as polling stations as they are:

- free to use
- within the control of the local authority
- comply with public liability health and safety laws



The Returning Officer is responsible for the provision of polling stations within each designated polling place and for allocating electors to each polling station.

## Last week's attendance

Class of the week  
with **99.3%**  
attendance is **BD1/2**

**Well done**  
**Years 4 and 5**

Year Group	Average Attendance
Reception	94.9
1/2	97.5
3	96.7
4/5	98.1
6	95.9

## EYFS and KS1 Author Visit

This week, our EYFS and KS1 children enjoyed performances from the Scottish Book Trust.

They met talented singer-songwriter, **Alan Windram**, the author of the lovable '**Mac and Bob**' series of picture books, based on the character he plays in the sell-out Sticky Kids theatre show.

The children (and staff) were highly engaged in the performances and a wonderful time was had by all.







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## What's happening in the next few weeks?

Tuesday 28 January 2020	Year 4/5 Mayan Workshop Year 6 Able Maths Day 3.30-6.00pm Year 6 Parent Consultations
Wednesday, 29 January 2020	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler group 2.45pm Mrs Baxter's Year 4/5 Class Assembly. Parents and carers most welcome 3.30-6.00pm Year 6 Parent Consultations
Thursday, 30 January 2020	School used as polling station for Cramlington Planning Referendum but <b>school will stay open</b> Year 6 Mayan workshop First Lego League Competition Day Sage Gosforth
Friday 31 January 2020	Year 4/5 Mayan workshop
Monday, 3 February 2020	3.15pm Year 5 Robinwood meeting
Tuesday 4 February 2020	2.45pm Mrs Crowther's Year 6 Class Assembly. Parents and carers most welcome.
Wednesday 5 February 2020	9-10am Little Monkeys Toddler group 2.45pm Mrs Greenwood's Year 6 class assembly. Parents and carers most welcome

### Year 4 and 5 Mayan Workshop

Next week, our older children are so lucky to have an historian come into our school for a Mayan workshop! They will learn lots of informative facts and look at artefacts to learn about Mayan life. The chocolate they made was rich and strong and the children may be able to taste some.

Children will take part in drama activities based on Mayan religion and culture. At the end of the day they will complete an exciting quiz to test their knowledge against all the other teams. Shanklea will have some real Mayan experts!

Our grateful thanks go to **Friends of Shanklea** for providing funding for these workshops.



### EYFS Tapestry Communications

Communication between home and school is very important and we know families of our younger children appreciate regular updates on what their child is doing in school via the Tapestry system. Our **EYFS** staff work very hard to update the system providing lots of pictures and information and are always looking for ways to improve. They would love to receive feedback from families. Please let them know what you think - maybe even add a like or two?



### Consultation Evening for Year 6 Parents and Carers

Year 6 parents and carers may still book appointments online for the Year 6 Parents/Carers Evenings. These will be held on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** and **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020, 3.30-6.00p.m.**

Please book at <https://cramlingtonshanklea.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

If you have any problems making an appointment, please contact our Office Team.

### Year 5 and 6 Able Maths Day

On **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**, a team of talented Year 5 and 6 mathematicians from Shanklea Primary School will take part in an inter-school **Able Maths day**. They will have a very busy day taking part in various activities and completing some mathematical puzzles. There will be lots of working together as a team and trying new challenges. We can't wait to hear all about it.



**Friends of Shanklea**

**Valentine's Disco**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**Reception and KS1 - 5.30pm - 6.30pm**  
**KS2 - 6.45pm - 7.45pm**

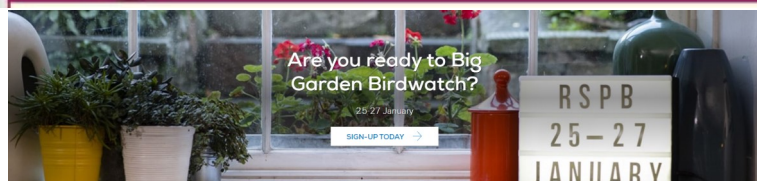
£2 entry fee to be paid via the School Gateway  
Refreshments available to purchase

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## Big Garden Bird Watch

Children throughout school have been learning lots about birds and are using their knowledge to work together to create a dazzling new display for hall.

The RSPB are holding the Big Garden Bird Watch this weekend (25-27 January 2020). There is lots of information on their website, including how to take part in the Bird Watch and how to encourage birds to your garden/local area.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

We hope you are able to access this fabulous resource and maybe even take part in the Bird Watch. We would love to hear all about it.



## EYFS Landscaping Adventures Can you help?

Our highly creative EYFS Team are looking to develop the outside area further to create an environment to stimulate and inspire the children.

We would be very grateful for donations of any of the following:

- Milk crates
- Planks of decking
- Pallets
- Astro turf
- Pebbles/stones
- Wood chippings
- Tree stumps/logs
- Circular fence posts
- Tyres
- Cable reels

Alternatively, if anybody knows anyone who is in the trade who could help with these items please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



## VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCH FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

### Menu

**Chicken nuggets**

**\*Quorn nuggets**

**(\*must be pre ordered in advance)  
served with chips & beans**

**Valentine Biscuit  
& Juice**



**Pre order via School Grid**

## Year 5 Robinwood meeting

Parents and carers of Year 5 children who will be taking part in the Robinwood residential visit are invited to a meeting on **Monday 3rd February** at **3.15pm** to learn lots more about this fantastic residential visit.

At the meeting you will be given:

- Medical and personal information forms to complete (These **MUST** be returned by **10th February** as they need to be sent off for processing)
- Required kit list
- Luggage labels

We look forward to seeing you.

**robinwood**  
a really positive  
DIFFERENCE  
developing children

## Out of School Club

This week the children have had a great time developing their calligraphy skills and learning about Chinese New Year.

The cut-off date for February bookings is **Tuesday 28th January**. Bookings made after this date will attract a late booking fee. Bookings for March 2020 will open soon.