



# Shanklin Sherpa



... where love is the motivating force. (2 Corinthians chapter 5 verse 14)

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Shanklin CE Primary School,

## Spotlight on Year 5!

### Year 5 Design Hot Air Balloons!

Max Henley, Hayley Willmott and Alysha Ford put amazing effort into making their own home-made hot air balloons for homework recently. They followed in the footsteps of the French **Montgolfier brothers**, who designed the balloon that carried the test pilots **Jean-François Pilâtre de Rozier** and **François Laurent d'Arlandes** in the **first ever human flight** on **21st of November 1783**.



It was hard enough to make a balloon that would carry itself, never mind one that could carry two people!

Although the Montgolfier brothers were clever inventors, perhaps they we're not brave enough to be 100% confident in their invention as they got someone ELSE to try it out!

### Year 5 use new ICT skills to highlight last week's Sherpa mistake!

Year 5 have been learning to use excel spreadsheets to produce charts from data, and to show mum and dad what they had been learning, **Amy Taskas** used the attendance data from last week's Sherpa and plotted a chart which clearly showed up the error... It was Italy class who had the highest attendance last week, Holland did come a close second though!

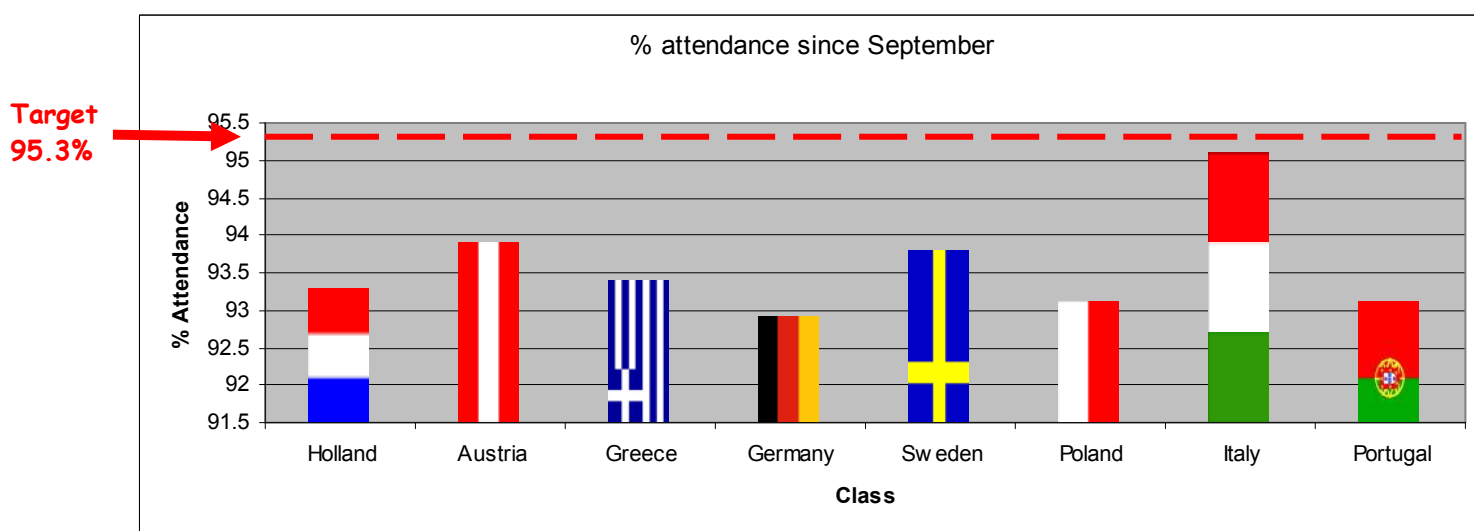
Well done to everyone who spotted this!

I have formatted each data point on the chart to insert pictures of the flags of each country on the chart below (which shows percentage attendance for each class since September).

If you've never done this before Year 5, perhaps you can find out how to do it!

**Clue:** Right click shortcut on the chart!

ps. Spot which class has the highest attendance overall so far! Hopefully with the worst of the winter bugs now over, we can look forward to those percentages rising by Easter!



## Sweet Stall

After school on Fridays the children from Years 5 and 6 run a sweet stall on the playground to raise money for our PTA. This is also a good way for the children to learn about money, adding up and giving the correct change. We do however need adults to supervise. If you are free between about 2.50pm and 3.15pm, please come and talk to Mrs Fox even if you could only help once a month.

## Parent Teacher Consultations

These important meetings will take place on:

Tuesday 26th February between 6 - 8pm, and

Wednesday 27th February between 3.30 - 5.30pm.

Appointment sheets are available on tables in the hall corridor.

## Dates to Keep 2013

(Do please use your school rules fridge magnet to keep these safe for future reference!)

Saturday 16th to Sunday 24th February - Half term holiday

Tuesday 26th February - Parent Teacher Consultations 6 to 8pm

Wednesday 27th February - Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 to 5.30pm

Friday 29th March to Sunday 14th April - Easter holiday.

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank holiday

Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th May - Year 5 trip to Little Canada

Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June - Half term holiday

Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July - Year 6 trip to Thorness Bay

Friday 19th July - last day of Summer term

## Advanced notice of IW council school holiday dates for 2013 - 2014

Wednesday 4th September—Children return to school for start of Autumn term.

Saturday 26th October—Sunday 3rd November—Autumn Half Term

Saturday 21st December—Sunday 5th January—Christmas Holidays


Saturday 15th February—Sunday 23rd February—Spring Half Term

Saturday 5th April—Monday 21st April—Easter Holidays

Monday 5th May—May Day Holiday

Saturday 24th May—Sunday 1st June Spring Half Term

Wednesday 23rd July 2014—last day of summer term 2014

MONDAY:	Burger in a bun with Cajun wedges, or vegetable chilli with rice, sweetcorn, peas, coleslaw, oaty fruit crumble with custard or fresh fruit.	
TUESDAY:	Roast pork or Quorn roast, crispy roast potatoes, mashed potatoes, cabbage and carrots, cucumber and tomato salad, chocolate crunch or fresh fruit	
WEDNESDAY:	Chicken and sweetcorn pie or cheese and tomato pizza, mashed potatoes, jacket wedges, broccoli, carrots, mixed salad, pear and cinnamon pudding with custard or fresh fruit.	
THURSDAY:	Minced beef wraps with cous cous, or jacket potato with cheese, peas, coleslaw, vegetable sticks, ice-cream or fresh fruit.	
FRIDAY:	Salmon fish fingers with chips, pasta Neapolitan with garlic and herb bread, baked beans, green beans, tomato and cucumber salsa, citrus crispie or fresh fruit.	

The class with the best attendance for week ending 8 February 2013 was

**Portugal Class with 99.1% Well done to Portugal Class.**

Holland Class 94.5%, Austria Class 92.6%, Greece Class 95.2%, Germany Class 81.4%, Sweden Class 94.3%, Poland Class 95.8%, Italy Class 90.4% and Portugal Class 99.1%

## Nits

Once again several children appear to have headlice/nits, so PLEASE may I ask all parents to check their children's hair during half term and use appropriate treatments if any are found. Young children are inclined to put their heads close together, so it is really easy for the lice/nits to spread. Consent forms have been signed by most parents giving permission for staff to check their child's hair if lice are suspected, and if found you will be asked to take your child home.



## This Half-Term's Achievement Awards go to:

Holland Class: Timmy Phillips

Austria Class: Olly Pease

Greece Class: Oliver Hatch

Germany Class : Charlotte Brittan

Sweden Class: Owen Johnson

Poland Class :Ruby Wild

Italy Class : Elise Wood

Portugal Class: Katie Willmott

Teacher : Mrs Amanda Henley



**Well done** to all of you - and a BIG "thank you" for working so hard

## This week's Ofsted HMI inspection:

Once again HMI Paul Scott has been with us for the last two days, and again (I am proud to say) has used expressions such as "**exceptional talent**" when talking about my staff.

He knows our school development plans, and is strongly supportive of the school as we move forward and build in continual and progressive improvement.

We are all fully aware of the possibilities and opportunities that the new Academy status will bring, but please be assured that we are making sure that steps are taken right now, on a daily basis, to bring about and sustain improvement in every aspect of school life.

The classes of pupil progress data that I have from the assessments last week show that your children have on average made **greater than the national expected progress** since their latest assessment. This is a tribute to their efforts to do their best, and the efforts of the staff to enable them to achieve and know the next steps that they need to take in their learning

## An encouraging view from inside the classroom:

I have been helping out at Shanklin Primary School for around 18 years now, since we moved to the Island. I have had 4 children go through the school, 3 of my own and one foster daughter and I have seen the school through all its phases over the years. Obviously, the OFSTED report in July was a real blow, but at the same time a fantastic opportunity to make some far reaching changes and improve things for the children so that they can all achieve their potential.

In the last few weeks of coming into the school I have seen a massive shift in the atmosphere of the school and in the children. **They seem so incredibly motivated and keen to learn**, in a way I haven't seen for quite a while. I was so encouraged, when taking a group for maths a couple of weeks ago, to see how much more **independent the children were in their learning and how focussed to the task they were**. It was evident that the children had really taken on board many of the challenges that had been set before them and were **aiming for their absolute best** and even informing me of what was expected of them.

I want to say to the staff and the children a huge well done. I have no doubt there are still many more improvements to be made, it can't all happen overnight, but if the difference I have noticed in the last few weeks is anything to go by, **This school is definitely on the up**.

Keep up the good work I look forward to seeing more and more changes for the good in the coming months.

*Janet Harley*

## "Every Step Counts" -

Every step counts was the brilliant tag line created for the school by Isaac, Keeley, Jessica Lewis, and Aleesha while working on a Video Prospectus for the school this week.

## Go Orange Events

It was lovely to see so many children and staff dressed in **orange** today, raising money, working hard and learning, all wrapped up in a bundle of fun. Orange Hair, clothes faces, biscuits, cakes drinks... you name it! And all to support the local independent lifeboat that serves our local bay area.

We will let you know the total amount raised after half-term.

Until then... have a great break - Keep safe, best wishes,

*David Moorse* Head teacher