



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Friday 29th September, we are hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. If anyone would like to contribute store bought cakes/biscuits or homemade goodies (for all you bakers out there!), we will be accepting donations from Wednesday 27th September. Any donations will be greatly appreciated, and we hope you can join us to raise money for such an outstanding cause.

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## Nursery Patterns and Rhymes!

This week Nursery have been learning their humpty dumpty nursery rhyme. The theme has been used throughout the indoor provision creating patterns with their wondrous words 'zig zag, stripy, speckled and spotty' in maths and art areas. The have also enjoyed creating these patterns in the playdough using their fingers and tools.



### Reception can match and sort!

This week in maths Reception have been matching and sorting. The children started the week by matching items that are same and can now sort objects depending on their size, colour or even type. We have been sorting natural materials in the exploration area, sorting and writing on matching pairs in the writing area and even making matching objects in the dough area.



### Year 1 Good vs Evil

This week in RE, Year 1 continued their learning about Diwali. Their learning this week was focused around the story of Rama and Sita. The children listened to the story and shared their opinions about the 'evil' god Ravana tricking and kidnapping Sita:

*Maisie – “Tricking people is mean!”*

*Ollie – “It isn't fair to make people do things they don't want to do.”*

Next, they chose an image of the story to draw. Children drew images of Rama, Sita and Ravana, who had 10 heads and 20 arms!



## **Year 2 Make Worry Monsters!**

In PSHE this week, Year 2 have been discussing their hopes and fears for the year and what we can do about them. These ranged from hoping to “get better at Maths” and “to write more” as well as worries such as “being late for school” and “not making more friends”. The children designed their own ‘worry monsters’ who gobbled them up.



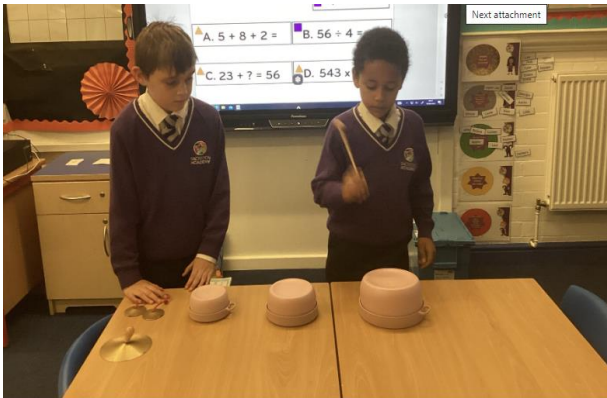
## **Year 3 Visit from Adam Bushnell**

On Monday, Year 3 had a surprise visit from Adam Bushnell and his therapy dog, Belle. It was a very welcome surprise in the middle of our spelling lesson. Belle showed us a few tricks and spent a little bit of time walking around the classroom looking for pets. It was a great Monday morning treat! After Belle left, we were all excited to begin generating ideas for our writing linked to the video ‘Broken: Rock, Paper and Scissors’.



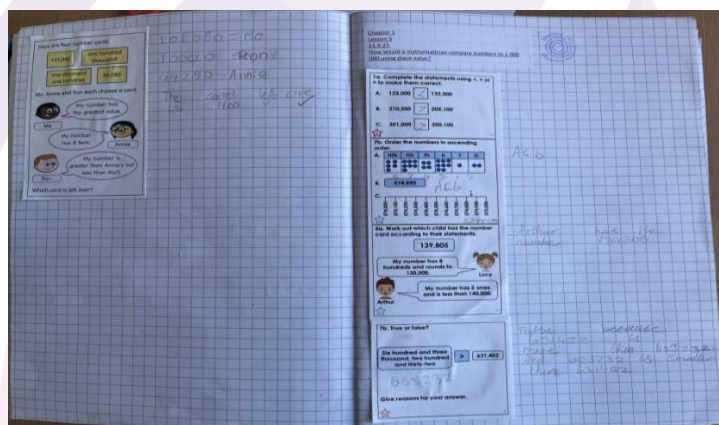
## Year 4 Investigate Sound

Year 4 were super scientists this week as we continued our current topic 'Sound'. We tested different objects and listened carefully to whether it had a high pitch or a low pitch. We then made predictions about other objects before we tested them. We noticed a pattern: smaller objects produced a higher pitch! Well done Year 4!



## Year 5 Tricky Numbers!

This week, in Maths, year 5 have been ordering and comparing numbers to 1,000,000! We have encountered some tricky numbers, but the children have been using place value charts and counters to help them. Well done Year 5!



## Year 6 Circulatory System

In science, Year 6 have been learning all about our circulatory system and, specifically this week, we have been exploring the components of blood. We learnt that there are many important components in our blood, such as platelets and red blood cells. We discussed the job role of each component and why it is important for us. After learning lots of new knowledge, we then took part in a fun activity whereby we created our own blood bottles! We added different items to represent different blood components. We added red cheerios to represent red blood cells, yellow food colouring to represent plasma, mini marshmallows to represent white blood cells and parma violets to represent platelets. We had lots of fun and remembered many key facts!



The menu for week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September is Week 3. School dinners are £12.50 per week, paid online by Monday please. Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the options with your child, please use the following link.

<http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/lunch-menu>

## **Class Attendance**



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
73.3%	78.6%	74.8%	76.4%	79.1%	74.3%	77.3%	70.5%

The government expectation is 96% attendance for individual pupils and school. Attendance and punctuality really matter to your child's education - every day counts! When your child's attendance drops below 95% school will begin monitoring. Referrals to the local authority may also be made if there is no improvement seen.

### **Dates for your Diary**

<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Early Reading Workshop for Reception Parents 4:30pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Theme Lunch – BEE THANKFUL
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	McMillian Coffee Morning 9am – 10am
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Uniform Swap Shop 3pm
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Theme Lunch – OUT OF THIS WORLD Early Years Stay and Play 10:30am
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	School Individual/Sibling photos (only siblings within school)
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Break up for half term

### **Weekly Awards**

Our Headteacher Awards were presented today to the following children who have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Tommy Donnelly

Reception: Marcus Walker

Year 1: Ollie Burn

Year 2: Isabelle Gray

Year 3: Caleb Bunyan

Year 4: David Wile

Year 5: Thomas Shaw

Year 6: Grace Hacker

Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

Class Awards this week were presented to **Year 1** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 4** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime!