



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2021

## WELCOME to our summer newsletter

We have had another wonderful summer term at Sacriston Academy. Every week we share students' wonderful efforts in our newsletter and so to only choose a few for this one has been incredibly tricky. We are incredibly proud of every pupil!

Our Year 6 children are moving onto pastures new as they start the next step in their education. Throughout the last 16 months of a global pandemic, they have endeavoured to do their very best, continued to learn and been wonderful role models to our younger pupils. A new school means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships and new challenges. We know they are ready and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

As we come to the end of the year, a huge thank you must also be given to our school staff. They work tirelessly to ensure the very best care and teaching for our pupils. They champion every child, every day. We are incredibly lucky to have such a

wonderful team, from admin to site management, lunchtime assistants to teaching staff - they always go the extra mile.

The final word however must be given to our children who bring a smile to our faces and melt our hearts daily. While we teach our children, our children teach us what life is all about! They are curious to learn and aspire to make a difference and that's why we call them our Sacriston Stars! They make our school the best place to work and learn, and our parents and carers should be incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Take care and stay safe.

**Annalei Bartlett**  
Headteacher

## Rights Respecting Stars!

**We are thrilled to announce that Sacriston Academy has been accredited with the Rights Respecting Silver Award!**

The Rights Respecting Schools Award is an initiative run by Unicef to recognise a school's dedication to putting the rights of children at the heart of everything they do.

Our assessor from UNICEF was blown away, not only by our pupils' knowledge but also their understanding of the importance of respecting and advocating for the rights of children globally.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work of our pupils over the last three years - well done silver Sacriston Stars!



# It's coming home!



Everyone was excited for the launch of The European Championships! Here at Sacriston Academy, we wanted to be part of this wonderful sport and used the competition as an opportunity to learn about other European countries.

Nursery and Reception classes loved learning about the England flag and the Euros. The children recognised that we live in England so we support the English team. The children loved having a penalty shoot-out and playing games with each other in the MUGA.

Years 1 to 6 chose a different country who were competing in the competition and created their own versions of their country's flag. Each class studied their chosen country and learned about its culture including its food and traditions. The eldest children in Year 6 even created a fact file on Portugal.

Throughout match day, our children enjoyed heading outside to take part in their very own penalty shootouts and mini games. Each house competed as a team and we loved seeing the groups work together as a team and show off their brilliant sportsmanship skills!

Our Sacriston Stars loved learning all about the Euros and what happens in the competition.



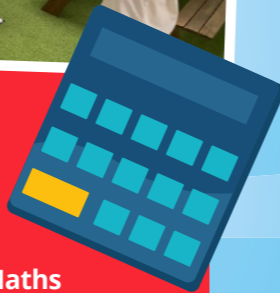
## IMPORTANT DATES for your diary

- THUR 02 SEP - Return to school
- FRI 22 OCT - Break up for half term
- MON 01 NOV - Return to school

Please keep checking our website and social media channels for the latest updates.



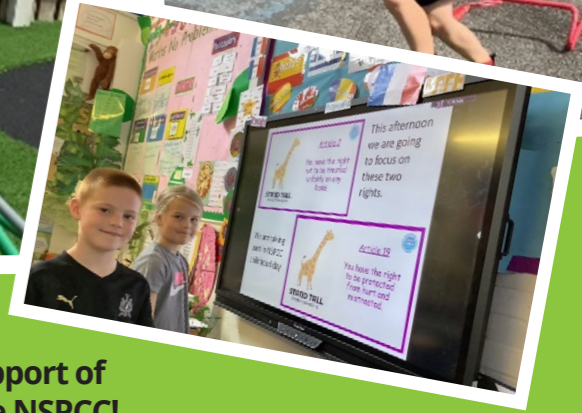
## We love maths!



To launch our termly 'Maths Masterclass' days, across school we celebrated National Numeracy Day.

Our children had a brilliant time taking part in a number of maths challenges - some outside the classroom.

Reception went on a shape hunt around school as our Year 2 pupils took to the outdoors to count using natural resources like sticks and stones!



## Childhood week!

This term, our pupils enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon in support of Childhood Day where they raised an amazing £175 for the NSPCC!

To celebrate World Childhood Day, Nursery enjoyed spending time in the MUGA playing football, tig and practicing their climbing skills on star island for the first time! Our Reception children enjoyed free choice in the outdoor area. They enjoyed being vets and looking after the animals, climbing on their new climbing frame, and popping lots of bubbles!

Year 1 all listened to and valued each other's opinions before working as a team to create their own obstacle course. They then enjoyed one of their favourite games, disco tig, and showed off their amazing dance moves!

Year 2 spent the afternoon creating their own obstacle courses before challenging their friends to complete them in the quickest time.

Our Rights Respecting Ambassadors in Key Stage 2 spoke to their classes about the important work that the NSPCC do to support children and young people around the country before venturing outside to have some fun.

Year 3 created stop motion movies using animation frames, sharing knowledge and creating a film for the small screen. They then headed out into the sunshine to simply enjoy blowing and chasing bubbles.

Year 4 spent some time working together in teams to complete some topic hotseating in class, this was competitive but also very fun. They then went outside to complete some mini activities such as British bulldog with a twist!

Year 5 started childhood afternoon by designing their own carriages for the class rollercoaster! After that, they went outside and took part in a bench ball tournament where they were able to show fantastic team work and communication skills.

Year 6 spent some time in the MUGA playing 'splat' and having a penalty shootout. Then, they made their own exciting comic books! Joshua said: "It was very fun because we got to do a penalty shootout." Summer said: "I liked doing the game splat and the comics because it was really fun."



## We're social!

Follow our social media accounts to stay up to date with all of the latest news from around the Academy!



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## Engineers in the making!

Years 2 and 5 recently took part in the Young Engineers competition, where they had to think of a problem in everyday life and design a product to solve it. The children's ideas were then put forward to engineers, with a chance of the best ones being created!

We were extremely lucky to have a 1-to-1 meeting with Mike, an engineer from Siemens. Our curiosity shone when we asked Mike a variety of questions.

Aimee found out that through working with other engineers and companies, Mike had the opportunity to travel around the world to places in Europe and the USA!

## Wellbeing Week

**Earlier this term our children took part in a range of activities as part of Mental Health Week 2021.**

Reception wiggled their toes and grounded themselves with deep breaths in our outdoor area. The children explained that this made them feel calm and happy. We walked calmly over different textures and enjoyed the feeling beneath our feet. The sunshine on our faces and the grass between our toes put gigantic happy smiles on our faces.

Year 2 children explored nature as part of their work on raising awareness for Mental Health Week. They went into our garden and planting area and explore with their sense of sight, touch and smell. They then

completed observational drawings of plants of their choice.

Year 4 discussed the importance of friendship to support our mental health. To build on this, they completed two problem solving activities. First, they attempted to solve the human knot, where they had to untangle themselves by working together. Then, they looked at the Chicken Crossing puzzle which required them to use our problem-solving skills and work as a team - it was fantastic to see our children so engaged.



## How do you spend Sunday?

**As part of their religious education this term, our Year 6 pupils focussed on Christianity.**

The class found out how people around school spend their Sunday. They collected data and then used their computing and maths knowledge to turn this data into a graph to present their findings. Year 6 found out that children enjoy having time to relax and play, spend time with their families and play sports. In our lesson, we learned why Sunday is a special day for Christians and how Sundays are used for worship.

