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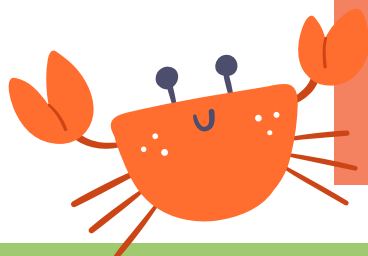
SUMMER

A message from our headteacher...

Wow! What a year! Being part of your children's learning journey and watching them grow, learn, achieve and thrive is an absolute privilege. As the academic year of 2022-23 draws to a close, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff for their dedication to simply giving your children the best every day and of course, for the support from our parents and carers.

Children in Early Years have blossomed, and we have watched them develop their independence, learn how to read, add and subtract and learn about the world around them. Year 1 children have astounded us in their phonics development whilst Year 2 took the statutory assessments by the horns and put their all into them. Year 3, on completion of their first year in key Stage Two are excelling and Year 4 prepare to move onto upper Key Stage 2 in September. Their resilience and drive to do their best is always evident. Year 5 are without doubt ready to move to their final year in primary school and Year 6 have simply blown us away with their resilience, hard work and utter determination to achieve in what were very difficult SAT tests this year. From everyone at Sacriston Academy, we wish you all the best of luck Year 6!

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A night at the musicals

Our children wowed the audience with some musical hits at the Sage Gateshead as part of the NELT summer concert.



What Would David Do?

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Trips galore!

This term has seen our children strengthen their topic knowledge outside the classroom during a range of trips.



Sports day stars

Our Sacriston stars enjoyed a sunny sports day this year where they gave their all in a range of sports day classics.

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The end of this year is also a time to say goodbye to some of our well loved staff. Miss White is moving into psychology to pursue her interest in this field and Miss Bedingfield is bound for an amazing trip to Africa to teach children in very different circumstances to us before training to be a Forest School Leader. I know you will join me in wishing them the best of luck; they will be a huge miss to our Sacriston Academy family. Miss Riley, who has been covering our Nursery class this year, moves to a new role teaching older children. Again, we thank her for the amazing work she has done in our school.

From September, we will be welcoming four new members of staff: Mr Golding, an experienced teacher joins us as our new DHT and class teacher, Mr Robson, Mrs Maw and Miss Burton, join us as new class teachers too. Exciting times ahead!

May I wish you all a fun filled, sunny and safe Summer and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Louise Parks
Headteacher

The girls and boys in blue!

Year 2 welcomed some special visitors from the local police into school this term. From taking their kit for a spin to testing out the secure doors of the van, the group had the full experience!

The group spoke to the officers about what the police do to keep the community safe and how brave they must be to go into situations without knowing what's going to happen.

Great work Year 2!



What Would David Do?

After launching our new eco campaign, What Would David Do? this term, we recently crowned our first winners who proved to be true eco warriors! Congratulations to our winners Zara, Ruby, Ava, Okitha and Jake who were presented with their certificates and eco friendly Sir David pins. Here's what our Eco Champions have been up to to bag the award...

Year 1 Zara H has been a busy bee planting wildflowers and strawberries and helping make a bug hotel.

Year 2 Ruby S planted wildflowers to help bees pollinate and planted fruits for everyone to share when they ripen. Ruby also helped put together a bug hotel for all the bugs and insects to live in.

Year 4 Ava H has improved her carbon footprint and continued to walk to avoid the car or public transport.

Year 4 Okitha A has been busy planting wildflowers to help the bees do their job as pollinators. Okitha also helped install compost bins around the playground and has been a keen recycler.

Year 6 Jake V planted wildflowers and fruits, only used lights when needed and has even helped to install a compost bin in school so everyone can do their bit to help.

Our winners now proudly wear their WWDD eco pins Well done to our winners and to everyone who applied this term - you're all fantastic and David would be very impressed with your passion for helping the planet!



5,6,7,8!

Our children thoroughly enjoyed every minute our dance-athon this term. The group worked extremely hard to work as a team to complete a whopping six hours of dancing!



Artefact fun

Year 4 and Year 5 ventured out to the Oriental Museum this term.

Year 4 kicked off the day looking around the gallery answering questions about the different artefacts before taking part in an artefact handling workshop and learning about what they were used for.

The group even got the chance to see a real-life mummy and experience a weighing of the heart ceremony - just like the Ancient Egyptians would have done!

Year 5 started their day in the Shang Dynasty, handling objects from the era, such as cooking utensils and scriptures. The group completed a series of challenges such as finding certain objects, before finishing their day creating their own vase patterns by carving into foil.

We look forward to more interesting trips next school year!



Goodbye Year 6

As Year 6 prepare to spread their wings and begin a new chapter at secondary school. We would like to share two poems written by the year group which reflect on their time at Sacriston Academy. We will miss you!

"A few years have passed since the starting of school,

Our Christmas parties have been very cool.

Every now and again the police come and visit,

Sometimes they bring their dogs and we give them a biscuit.

In Year 6 when the SATs disappeared,

We went outside and an ice cream van appeared.

Learning new things may be fun,

Especially when we went to Bring It On!

Thinking back when we were in Year 3,

We made lots of brownies for you and for me.

In Year 5 we rode our bikes, To then making a smoothie, the taste we did like!

So many memories throughout our time,

Our lessons were fun, as well as playtime.

Playing on the field where our sports day was held,

To where our ice lollies began to melt."

"Many years have passed since I started school,

We made lots of memories, it's been oh so cool.

At the end of reception, we graduated class,

We played on the field and ran through the grass.

My favourite trip was based around Captain Cook,

A museum visit, we were intrigued with every look.

A beach trip in Year 2, where sand nearly entered our food,

But we never allowed it to dampen our mood.

When I heard I qualified or the girls' football team,

I was so so excited, I started to scream.

Making cookies was such a blast,

Our time in primary school has gone very fast."



Summer careers

Let's take a look at some careers that really come into focus during the summer months.

Pilot: A newly qualified captain can earn between £54 and £75,000. For experienced captains, this can rise up to £140,000. Before you can fly a plane, you must gain an Airline Transport Pilot Licence by completing a modular or integrated course.

Coastguard: The busiest time of year for Coastguards is during summer. A Coastguard sends out weather and tidal reports, responds to emergency distress calls, offers navigational advice along certain stretches of sea, monitors radio and satellite communications and gives information about coastal and sea safety.

Rollercoaster designer: Did you know that having a degree in electrical, structural or mechanical engineering could lead you to a career in designing rollercoasters? The salary for this unique careers is around £30,000 per year.

DATES

FOR YOUR DIARY

21 JUL – Break up for summer

05 SEP – Back to school

27 OCT – Break up for half term

06 NOV – Back to school

Summer fun-list

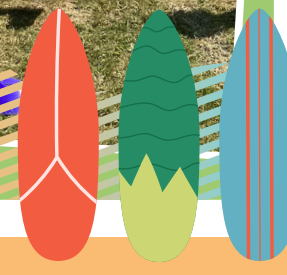
We've created a list of activities you can complete with a friend or grown up during the summer holidays. How many can you do?

- Bake a sweet treat
- Collect shells on the beach
- Do something kind for someone else
- Ready a book
- Host a movie night
- Feed ducks (peas are the healthiest food for ducks - not bread!)
- Make a den
- Paint rocks

Sports Day 2023

The sun shone as well as our Sacriston stars during their big sports day! From Nursery up to Year 6, all our children showed amazing sportsmanship, great teamwork and superb behaviour. From relay to obstacle courses - everyone gave 100%!

The house group score table was as follows: 1st - Fire with 110 points, 2nd - Earth with 102 points, 3rd - Water with 101 points and 4th - Lightening with 100 points.



Summer traditions around the world

Wimbledon - Wimbledon is the oldest and arguably the most famous tennis tournament to exist. The tournament made history in 1967 to be the first broadcast to be televised in colour! Did you know that Wimbledon is the only remaining 'grand slam' to be played on actual grass?

Cheese rolling - Have you heard of the annual Gloucester Cheese Rolling event? People gather in their thousands to watch as competitors chase gigantic rolls of Gloucester cheese down some very bumpy hills!

Spain: La Tomatina - On the last Wednesday of every August, over 20,000 people gather in Buñol, Spain, to celebrate La Tomatina. Hundreds of tomatoes are thrown at each other in the street just for the fun of it. The tradition began in 1945 and approximately 40 metric tonnes of tomatoes are used – that's a lot of tomatoes!

Japan: Aomori Nebuta Matsuri Festival - During August, vibrant lanterns showing gods and mythical characters are paraded through the streets of Japan as drummers and dancers bring the parade to life!

Pupils sparkle on stage

WOW, what a night! The term came to a close with a bang as our students came together with children from across the North East Learning Trust last night for the fantastic NELT annual summer concert at the Sage Gateshead where they blew the audience away!

The atmosphere was electric as our students performed hit songs, Circle of Life and I Just Can't Wait to be King, from much-loved musical Lion King. Our superstars' talent and enthusiasm shone throughout the evening, resulting in a roaring applause and standing ovation as they took to the stage together for their finals bows.

A HUGE congratulations to everyone who performed and a massive thank you to all those who organised and supported the incredible evening.



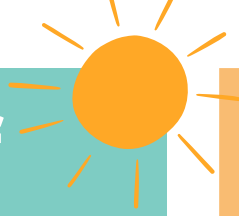
Year 3 head to the Hancock

Year 3 went on an adventure to the Hancock Museum, Newcastle this term.

The class explored the fossil and Roman galleries, building on their knowledge and getting to see and hold some real artefacts - great work Year 3!



The power of words



Our Nursery children were fascinated to learn about different ways we can stay healthy, not just physically but mentally this term.

The class focussed on the power that kind words and actions have to benefit others and ourselves. Everyone thought about things they like about each other and themselves and gave some lovely answers that focussed on their characteristics and individual features.

Our children agreed that their confidence levels had gone through the roof and came away from the lesson with big happy faces!

Celebrations fit for a King

This term we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III in true Sacriston style!

Dressed in red, white and blue, everyone started the day with a school assembly looking back on the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and compared it to the coronation of the king. Every pupil became a king or queen for the day and sat on our very own Sacriston Academy throne dressed in a royal robe and wearing a crown. The group enjoyed a whole host of royal activities including a royal quiz, a treasure hunt, recreating portraits of King Charles, party games and ended the afternoon with a very British afternoon tea.



Stories brought to life

After enjoying the book 'The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch' our Reception children loved making their own 'lighthouse sandwiches' to eat during a picnic.

Pupils created a shopping list before constructing sandwiches based on those from the book. The sun shone as our pupils got the sample their hard work!

