



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

24th November 2023

Please could we ask for any donations for Christmas Fayre to be brought into school as soon as possible. Anything from bottles, chocolates, books etc. Any donations would be greatly appreciated, and we thank you in advance!



## Nursery Fact Find about Owls!

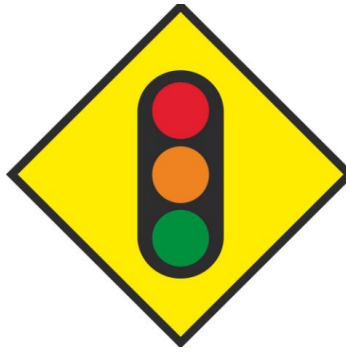
This week Nursery have been very busy fact finding and learning lots of new information about owls. We have worked together and built our own nests for the owlets in the construction area. The children thought it needed to be high so they wouldn't fall out of the nest. We have also done lots of other 'owl themed' activities from using real feathers in our art area to working on our fine motor skills.



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## **Reception Learn Road Safety**

This week Reception have been learning about how to cross the road safely. We talked about how important it is to hold our adult's hand so that we can stay safe on the road. The children learnt the steps to cross the road safely: 'Stop, look, listen, think.'



## **Year 1 Create Personal Timelines**

Year 1 have been learning about Childhood in their topic lessons this half term. The class have used photos from home to create personal timelines that represents the stages of life they have experienced so far (baby, toddler, child). They have also learned about family trees and how each 'level' represents a different generation, with every family tree being different and unique. In our most recent lesson, the children asked the question 'How long ago was the 1950s?'. They learned about decades and created a timeline in groups to show important events that have happened in each decade from the 1950s to present day.





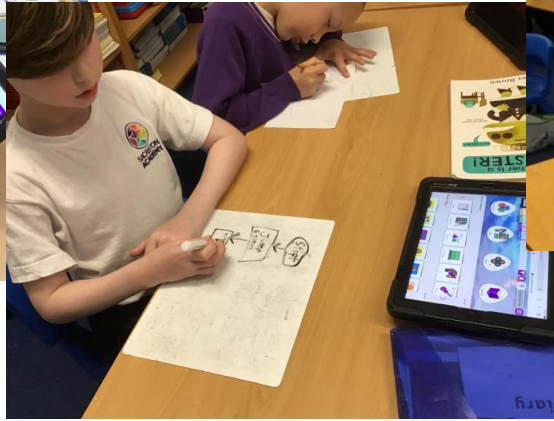
### **Year 2 Cricket**

Year 2 have been enjoying their P.E. lessons so far this half term as they have moved onto Cricket. So far, we have learned fielding skills such as running and catching, and last lesson we moved on to batting.



### **Year 3 Coding**

In year 3 the class enjoyed continuing with their new computing topic of Coding. This week the lesson involved planning on whiteboards what scene they wanted to create. This could be people moving side to side and making objects such as the sun appear and disappear. They then acted this out so they knew exactly how their scene would look. Next it was time to use the iPads to create their work. Well done year 3 for working hard on such a complex computing topic!



## **Year 4 Super Scientists!**

The Super Scientists in Year 4 were classifying teeth this week. We learned the names of the different types of teeth and what they are for. We then tried to make our own set of teeth using mini marshmallows. They did a fantastic job!



## **Year 5 Working Conditions in Mines**

This week, in Topic, Year 5 have been learning about working conditions in the mines. We learned some shocking facts such as miners working 18-hour shifts, with some children working even longer. The children were asked to make notes on the topic in their books.



## **Year 6 Learn all about Light**

This week, in science, Year 6 have been learning all about light! We learnt that light travels in straight lines from a light source, it hits off an object and is reflected before travelling in a straight line to our eyes - this is how we see the object! In small groups, we used a torch and string to represent how light travels!



## Girls Football League

After last week's success the Purples went on to win both games again. The return of Hollie to the midfield paid dividends with her scoring all 3 goals across the 2 games. The first game against Framwellgate Primary ended in 2-0 victory. The second game against St Oswald's was a hard-fought game decided by a penalty taken by Hollie which she fired into the bottom corner. 4 games and 4 wins! Well done!



The menu for week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> November is Week 1. 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
89.64%	92.33%	94.36%	93.08%	97.75%	94.56%	92.99%	87.08%

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.

## **After School Clubs for this half term**

- Tuesday:** Ball Skills (Final session is 12<sup>th</sup> December)  
Girls Football Matches (Final session is 5<sup>th</sup> December)  
Year 6 Booster (Final session is 12<sup>th</sup> December)  
Life Skills (Final session is 12<sup>th</sup> December)
- Thursday:** Christmas Crafts Club (Final session is 14<sup>th</sup> December)  
Girls Football Training (Final session is 30<sup>th</sup> November)

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

## **School Closed – INSET DAY**

Sacriston Christmas Extravaganza

EY Stay and Play 10:30am

Christmas Card Workshop Year 3 / Year 4 at 2pm

Christmas Card Workshop Year 5 / Year 6 at 2pm

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Movie Night Y1 to Y6

EYFS Nativity 10am

KS1 Nativity 2pm

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

Year 5 / Year 6 Christmas Party

Christmas Panto

Year 1 / Year 2 / Year 3 / Year 4 Christmas Party

Nursery / Reception Christmas Party

## **BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS**

Merry Christmas!



## **Weekly Awards**

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

Nursery: Laura Bere

Reception: Dominic Wood

Year 1: George Underwood

Year 2: Amber McManus

Year 3: Lachlan Saunders

Year 4: Ethan Stephenson

Year 5: Ernie Coates

Year 6: Robert Scott

**Well done!**

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

Class Awards this week were presented to in **Year 2** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 3** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime!