



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## **Mud, mud, glorious mud!**

This week in Nursery we have enjoyed exploring pretend mud (gloop). The children were amazed by the way it changed from solid to liquid. We tried to describe how it felt.

**Daisy** - *"It feels like squishy things."*

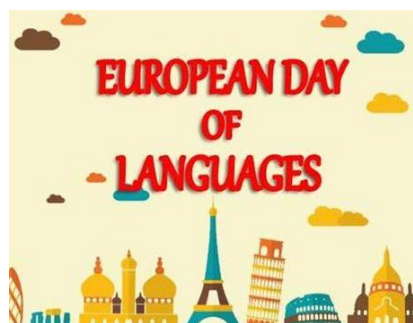
We have also had real mud and hay in our messy area with some of the farm animals from our story of Old McDonald this week. Laura explained that if we played in the real mud, we needed to wash our hands with soap afterwards.



## **Healthy Healthy Reception**

This half term Reception have started to learn about what keeps us healthy. They have learned about the importance of washing their hands, when to wash their hands and how to do it thoroughly. Now the Reception children have been learning about having our 5 a day and what fruit and vegetables are. The children loved trying the different fruits this week. Lots of the children said that they liked new fruits that they had never tried before.

**Jack-** *"This is incredible".*



This week, the children of Year 1 to Year 6 at Sacriston Academy have been celebrating European languages day. It is celebrated on the 26th of September and it began in 2001. Read on below to find out which languages we learnt and what activities we took part in!

### **Year 1 French**

In Year 1 we learned about French! The children listened to some French accordion music, learned where France is on a map and learned how to say 'Bonjour, je m'appelle \_\_\_\_\_' to introduce their names.

**Finn** – *"An accordion has lots of keys and buttons."*

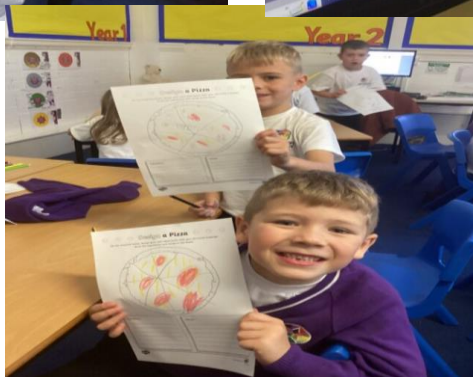
**George** – *"France is next door to our country!"*





## Year 2 Italian

Year 2 have been learning Italian this week! We were taught to say a few basic phrases, such as how to greet and introduce ourselves, as well as counting the numbers to 10. Year 2 then had a whistle-stop tour of Italy's culture and history, culminating in designing their own pizzas with a range of healthy toppings.



## Year 3 Greek

For European Languages Day, Year 3 decided to explore the Greek language. We began by discussing the location of Greece on a map. After this, we practiced saying some Greek greetings, such as 'hello' and 'goodbye.' Once we had mastered them, we moved on to Greek nursery rhymes. It was challenging, but we had a great time singing 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.' Overall, it was an excellent lesson, and some of us will surely be singing ourselves to sleep tonight in Greek! Well done, Year 3!



### **Year 4 Danish**

Year 4 found out about Denmark today. We learnt some basic words and phrases - some of them sounded very similar to English! We located Denmark on a map and created a fact file including the Danish flag. Great partner work Year 4!



### **Year 5 Greek**

Year 5 learned how to say some different phrases in Greek such as 'hello', 'how are you?', 'please' and 'thank you'. We then created an information poster welcoming people to Greece and including some of these phrases.





## **Year 6 German**

Year 6 have been learning basic German phrases this week! As part of European languages day, Year 6 chose German to delve into and explore some introductory phrases. We learnt how to say 'my name is', 'my birthday is on', 'I am 10 years old' and how to count to twenty. We then created a worksheet names 'All about me'. We explored writing German sentences based on the knowledge we had learnt.

**Abbi** – *"I liked learning how to say 'Hi' in German."*

**Robert** – *"I loved learning new German words."*



The menu for week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> October is Week 2. 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
93.7%	92.2%	89%	89%	98.9%	93.9%	95.6%	75%

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**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Uniform Swap Shop 3pm

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**

Theme Lunch – OUT OF THIS WORLD

Early Years Stay and Play 10:30am

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

School Individual/Sibling photos (only siblings within school)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

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: Molly Musgrove

Reception: Lewis Laddie

Year 1: Finn Robson

Year 2: Ruby Dawson

Year 3: Myla Ward

Year 4: Evie Hubbard- Walker

Year 5: Grace Loan

Year 6: Alex Thompson

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 5** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime!