



SACRISTON
ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

2nd February 2024

IMPORTANT STATEMENT FROM MRS PARKS

As the headteacher of Sacriston Academy, the safety and well-being of our students is my top priority. With this in mind, I am writing to inform you of an important change in our school policy regarding food safety.

Effective immediately, Sacriston Academy and all schools across the North East Learning Trust will be adopting a strict nut-free policy. This decision has been made in light of recent incidents and increasing concerns regarding students with severe nut allergies. Nut allergies can be life-threatening, and the presence of nuts or nut products on school premises poses a significant risk to these students.

To ensure the safety and health of all our students, we kindly request that **no nuts or nut-containing products be brought into the school**. This includes snacks, lunch items, and any food used for classroom activities or school events.

We understand that this change may require some adjustments for your family, and we appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a safe environment for all students. Please carefully check the labels of food products to ensure they are nut-free before sending them to school with your child.

Our school staff will be vigilant in monitoring this policy. However, we also rely on the support and understanding of our parent community to successfully implement these necessary precautions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office. We are here to support you and ensure that this transition is as smooth as possible for everyone.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter and for your continued support in providing a safe learning environment for our students.



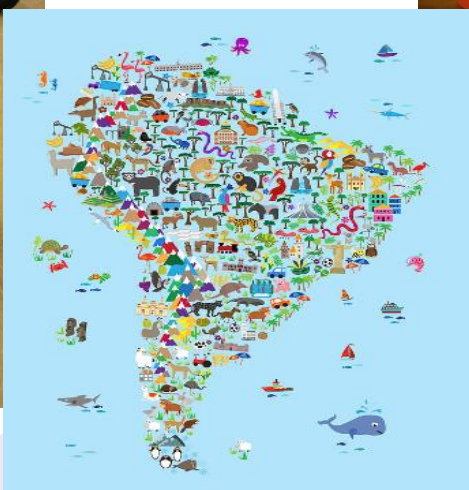
School Crossing Patrol

Please be aware that we still have no school crossing patrol and have been notified by the Council this will be for at least the next month. Please ensure that you are extra careful when walking to and from school and make sure that children are accompanied or use the alternative crossing facility at the lights. We are working with Durham County Council to try and get cover.



Nursery Explore South Africa

This week, Nursery have been learning about South Africa. The children were all very intrigued to learn about which animals live in Africa! In computing, Nursery used Purple Mash to paint a picture of an elephant - they were amazing at using the different tools on the app! Well done, Nursery you showed great resilience!



Reception 6, 7 and 8

This week Reception have been learning all about 6, 7 and 8. The children can make these numbers out of different objects to represent them and have shown lots of number bonds. See if you can spot all the different ways the children have made the numbers.



Year 1 Ready, Set, Serve!

This half term Year 1 have been practicing their tennis skills in PE. In this week's lesson, Year 1 learned how to use a tennis racquet with control. First, the class practiced flipping a bean bag into the air and catching it, with some children also flipping their racquet to the other side as the bean bag travelled through the air. Next, they practiced in pairs using tennis racquets to pass the beanbag without dropping it and using the correct grip. At the end of the lesson, the class were challenged to pass the beanbag from one end of the class line to the other without dropping it. The class showed good concentration and teamwork skills to complete the task!



Year 2 Learn all About Weight and Mass

Year 2 have been learning all about weight and mass, and have been using balancing scales to compare different classroom objects. They have demonstrated a keen enthusiasm for mathematical investigation and for exploring this new method of measuring.



Year 3 Focus Learn About The Layers of the Earth

This week year 3 have been focusing their learning on the layers of the Earth. This is a tricky topic as there is brand new, complex vocabulary to learn. They have used this knowledge to help in their leaflet writing in English and their work in Geography. Within Geography we have talked about plate tectonics and how different plate boundaries move. As well as this, we have discussed the career choices they could focus on if they are interested in this topic. Well done year 3 for working so hard!



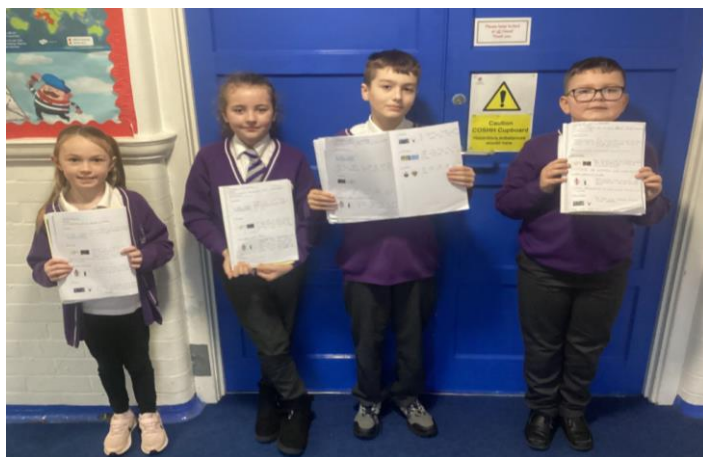
Year 4 Water Cycle

In their science lessons, Year 4 have been exploring the four stages of the water cycle. As part of this, we created our own mini versions of the water cycle and placed them on our classroom window. We watched how the heat from the sun changed the water in the bag into water vapour. This told us that evaporation and condensation had happened! We were also super surprised to discover that we use the same water as the dinosaurs!



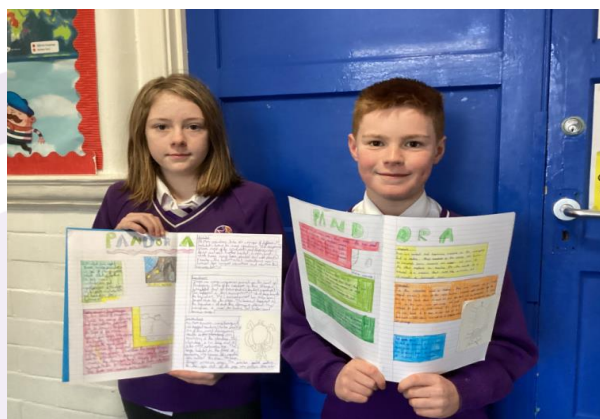
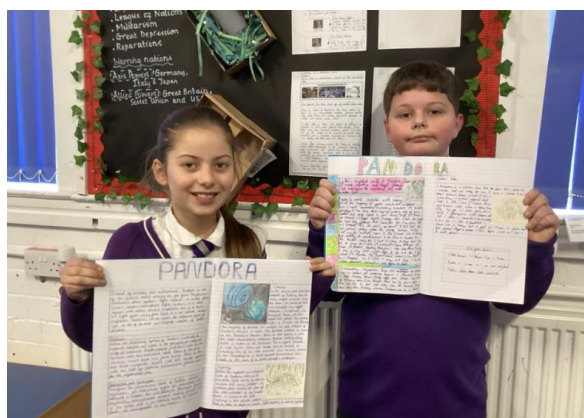
Year 5 Minoan and Mycenaean Civilisations

This week, in Topic, Year 5 have been comparing the Minoan and Mycenaean civilisations. We looked at a range of different aspects such as buildings, location and work and social class. We noticed lots of differences between them both and also lots of similarities.



Year 6 Wonderous World of Pandora!

In writing, Year 6 have uncovered the wonderous world of Pandora! The short video, which is based on Avatar, gave the children a brilliant opportunity to write a non-chronological report explaining all about the magnificent land. The children created their own creature, before writing about the habitats, landscape and variety of species that inhabit the land. Once the children completed their report, they created a double-page spread and presented their work in their own, creative way.



The menu for week beginning 5th February 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
91.11%	92.33%	94.50%	92.54%	96.21%	93.30%	92.30%	86.45%

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

Wednesday 14th February

Friday 16th February

Thursday 7th March

Tuesday 19th March

Tuesday 26th March

EY Stay and Play 10:30am

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Y1 Sports Festival

Y5 Rugby Sports Trip

Y1/Y2 Bunny Bingo + Easter Crafts 9:15am (More info to follow soon)

Y5/Y6 Bunny Bingo + Easter Crafts 1pm (More info to follow soon)

Y3/Y4 Bunny Bingo + Easter Crafts 2:15pm (More info to follow soon)

Parent Consultations F2F

Early Years Stay and Play 10:30am

Parent Consultations Phone Call

SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY



Wednesday 27th March

Friday 29th March

Parents Evening



Weekly Awards

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

Nursery: Abigail Parshad

Reception: Alfie Barclay

Year 1: Cruz Berry

Year 2: Willow Renshaw

Year 3: Lincoln Bloomfield- Bell

Year 4: Roland Adamson

Year 5: Lily Ovington

Year 6: Mia York

Class Awards this week were presented to **Reception** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 6** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime! Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!