



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## **School Photos – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

Our school photographer is coming into school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to take individual and sibling photographs. **If you have more than one child in school and would like a sibling photograph, please arrive at the main office at 8:30am where you will be given a ticket and asked to wait with your children to have their photograph taken (Please note: sibling photos are only for children within our school).** Children will then be having individual photographs taken during the school day.

## **Halloween Activities**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October:** Halloween Non-Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate donation (All donations will go towards putting together a Halloween Hamper which will be raffled on the last Friday before half term)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October:** Spooktacular Movie Night for Year 1 – Year 6 (Please see your child's class dojo page for further information)

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October:** Halloween Theme Lunch

**Halloween Hamper:** Raffle tickets for the chance to win a Halloween Hamper will go on sale on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Each child will automatically be given one strip but if you would like to purchase more, they will be on sale for £1 per strip and can be bought from main office. Raffle will be drawn on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October.



## Nursery Create Artwork!

This week in our art lesson the children in Nursery class have enjoyed progressing their skills to the next level. They have continued using the dash strokes learned from the previous week and have developed how to use smudging as a technique using felt tips and water. They enjoyed watching the colours run and were proud of their work. Well done!



## Reception Can you guess our book?

This week Reception came back into the classroom to find lots of clues! The children were excited to try and predict what our story is about this week. The children worked out that it is a Halloween book because there is a pumpkin and a witch. Can you spot any more clues?



## Year 1 Go on a Nature Walk!

This week, Year 1 explored seasons in their Science lesson. The class went on a Nature walk in school, looking for signs of Autumn in the plants and trees. They saw that leaves have changed colours and began falling from the trees. The class used a checklist to see what they could find and drew some of their favourite features.

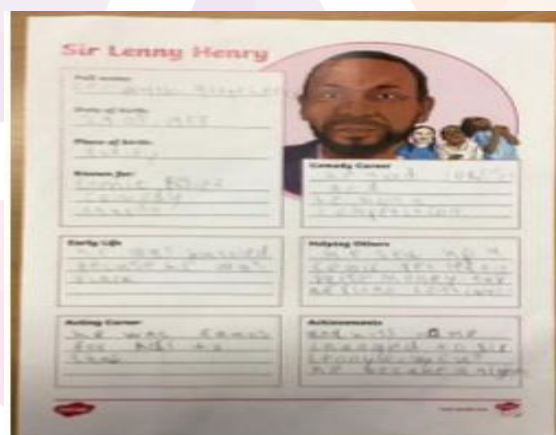
**Harry** – *"I can see tiny acorns!"*

**Finn** – *"I found yellow and brown leaves."*



## Year 2 Learn All About Sir Lenny Henry

In Year 2 we have been learning all about Sir Lenny Henry for Black History Month. We made fact files about him and included information about his early life, career and most importantly his charity work in setting up Comic Relief. The pupils were able to reflect on their own lives and make comparisons between our own situation and the situations of others in other countries.



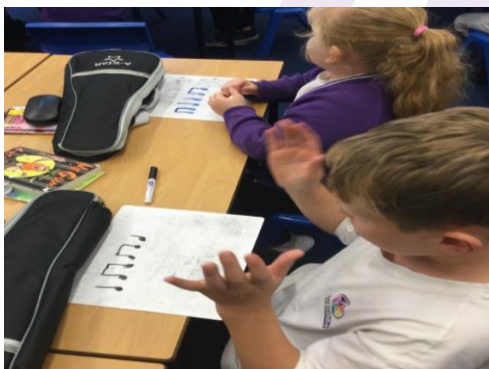
### Year 3 Learn the Importance of a Balanced Diet

In Science, Year Three have been looking at macronutrients. We know that we need fat as part of a balanced diet. We have carried out a fair test enquiry where we sampled different foods to see how much fat were in different foods. We observed the olive oil had the most fat whilst broccoli and the lowest amount of fat.



### Year 4 Learn to Play the Ukulele

In Music this half term, Year 4 have been learning to play the ukulele. The children have really enjoyed Miss Keithley's lessons and have developed their understanding rhythms and chords. At the end of each session, she has also treated us to a song played on the cello. We have learned lots about this instrument too. This week we learned that the bow is made from horse hair! Thank you to Miss Keithley and well done Year 4!



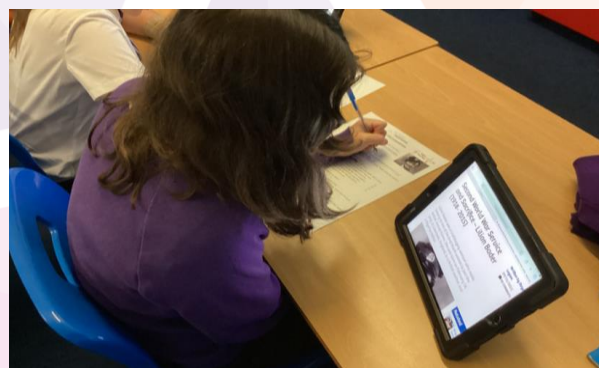
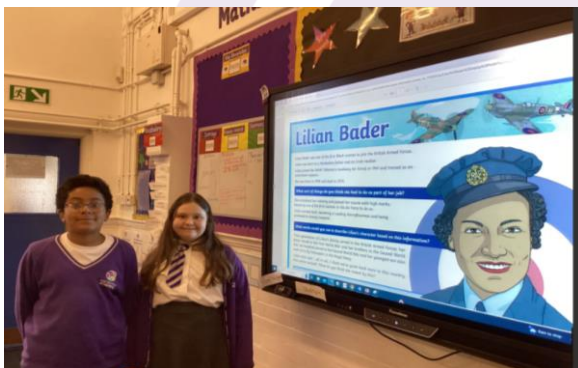
## **Year 5 Study Marcus Rashford**

This week, for Black History Month, Year 5 have been studying Marcus Rashford and the incredible charity work he has done. We started off by completing a reading comprehension on the footballer, developing our knowledge and understanding of him. We then created our own fact file based on him. We even learned his celebration!



## **Year 6 Learn All About Lilian Bader**

Year 6 have spent an afternoon learning about Lilian Bader in the celebrations of Black History Month. Lilian Bader was one of the first black women to join the British armed forces. We learnt that she was born in Liverpool and that her family also served in the armed forces. Lilian enlisted in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force in 1941 where she trained as an instrument repairer. After her time in the armed forces, Lilian went to study at London university and later became a teacher. For our activity, we each researched Lilian using iPads and answered questions about her, increasing our knowledge and understanding.



## **Sacriston Finish their League Strong!**

Sacriston finished their league season strongly this week. Their first game was a 3-0 victory against Framwellgate with goals coming from Oscar Ward and Vinni Smith. Their second game, against Silvertree in a stalemate with a goal from Alfie Erskine in a game where they had plenty of chances to win. In the end, Sacriston finished 4th out of nine teams. We managed to win 4 games, 2 draws and 2 losses. Well done Purples!



The menu for week beginning 23rd 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**

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>92.1%</b>	<b>94.2%</b>	<b>93.5%</b>	<b>92.5%</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>94.5%</b>	<b>88.5%</b>

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

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	School Individual/Sibling photos (only siblings within school) Raffle tickets go on sale for Halloween Hamper
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Halloween non uniform day (In exchange for chocolate donations) Y2 Halloween Festival Sports Trip
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB</b> Halloween Movie Night Year 1 to Year 6
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Reception to Year 6 Immunisations Halloween Themed Lunch Halloween Hamper Raffle Draw Break up for half term
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children return to school New school lunch menu start date
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need Theme Lunch
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>School Closed – INSET DAY</b>

## **Weekly Awards**

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

Nursery: Lola- Lou Mason  
Reception: Tyler Wood  
Year 1: Kaleb Anderson  
Year 2: Ben Judge  
Year 3: Orryn Bloomfield Bell  
Year 4: Leo Boyle  
Year 5: Hollie Parker  
Year 6: Alfie Erskine

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

Class Awards this week were presented to in **Year 2** Key Stage 1 and **Year 6** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime!