



SACRISTON
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NEWSLETTER

10th November 2023

Welcome back everyone, we hope you have all had a fantastic half term break.

This half term is full of exciting events in school including Children in Need, movie night, Christmas celebrations, a pantomime, parliament week and even sports festivals!

Keep an eye out for our weekly newsletter and social media posts to see what we get up to!



Nursery 'Star in the Jar'

Nursery have been lighting up the sky this week! We have been reading *Star in the Jar* and have spent lots of time hunting for our own stars in Nursery using the torches. The children have looked under the dark fabric and used torches to try and count how many stars they can find hiding inside. They then had lots of fun using them in the sensory area where we turned off the lights so that we could see what happened. We have learned how to look after them, even managing to put them in the charging dock ourselves to keep them ready to use.



Reception Firefighters Then and Now

As Reception start their new topic, they have started to look at the different people that help us. Reception have been learning all about how firefighters' jobs and vehicles have changed over time. The children compared what it was like for firefighters over 350 years ago compared to now. Here is what our Reception children can tell you:

Grayson- "They only had a bucket of water and an axe."

Everly- "Now their clothes protect their skin and won't burn like they did a long time ago."

The children made their own firefighters and fire engines using different materials.



Year 1 Dance!

This week in Year 1, we began a new unit in PE all about dancing and helping our body move correctly with gymnastic warm ups. The class began learning a street dance routine with the help of dances coaches Caitlin and Taylor. They enjoyed moving to the beat of the music and creating their own 'cool poses' to start the routine. Year 1 are hoping to perform their routine to the rest of school at the end of term, and are looking forward to practicing every week!



Year 2 Parliament Week

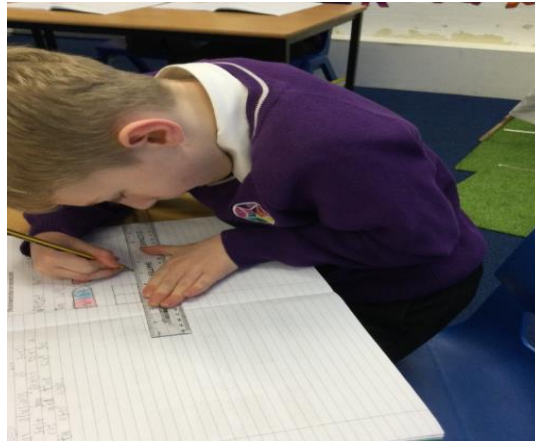
Year 2 have been enjoying Parliament week by voting for their chosen Year 6 party. The children were presented with manifestos with suggestions for how the school could be improved. We enjoyed learning about democracy!



Year 3 Science

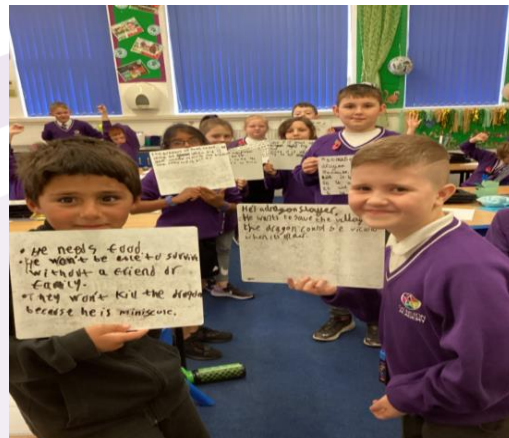
This week in Science, Year 3 class have enjoyed learning about forces and magnets. They now know how and why magnets work and even had a go at using them on their own. They have learned vocabulary such as 'attract' and 'repel' and linked this practically when putting the magnets together and taking them apart.

They then had a go at putting the magnets on objects and seeing what is and isn't magnetic. Well done Year 3 for your love of learning!



Year 4 Play Conscience Alley

This week Year 4 played Conscience Alley. We have been discussing a character facing a dilemma and debated about what choice he thought he should make. The children came up with some fantastic ideas and made predictions about what we thought our heroic character might do.



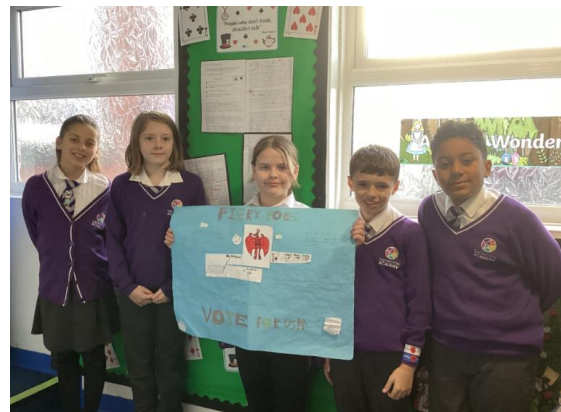
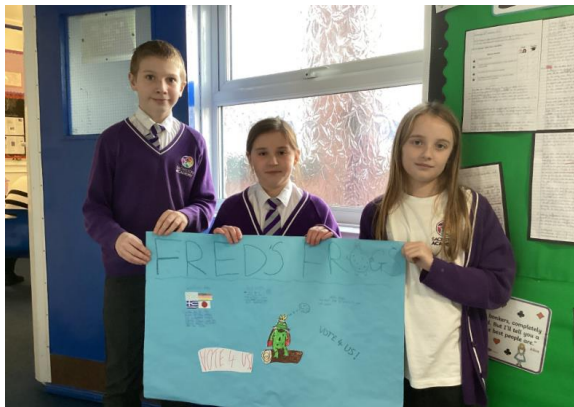
Year 5 'Clockwork'

This week, Year 5 have been getting to grips with their new novel 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. The story is set in fictional German town of Glockenheim. The children have been enjoying learning about the different characters and the strange goings on within this setting.



Year 6 Improve our School!

This week, Year 6 have taken part in Parliament Week. The children worked together in teams to come up with their own manifestos, identifying what they would do to improve the school. Each group then visited every class in school, putting forward their manifestos and presenting their ideas brilliantly! On Thursday, each class entered our school voting station, whereby they could vote for which group they believed would help improve the school most, just like we do when it comes to voting in England. We can't wait to find out which group won and how we can implement our school improvement ideas!



The menu for week beginning 13th November 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
85.71%	92.41%	85.10%	95%	92.71%	100%	94.23%	90.13%

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.

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After School Clubs for this half term

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

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 13th November**
Wednesday 15th November
Friday 17th November
Thursday 23rd November
Friday 24th November
Monday 27th November
Tuesday 28th November
Thursday 30th November
Tuesday 5th December
Wednesday 6th December
Friday 8th December
Monday 11th December
Tuesday 11th December
- Wednesday 13th December**
- Thursday 14th December**
Friday 15th December
Monday 18th December
Tuesday 19th December

- Mini Medics 1pm – 3pm
SSP Sports Festival
Children in Need
Non uniform for chocolate/bottle donation

School Closed – INSET DAY

- Sacriston Christmas Extravaganza
Y6 Basketball Festival
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: Daisy- Leigh Mason

Reception: Grayson Iveson

Year 1: Rosie Hall

Year 2: Mason Hubber

Year 3: Isabela Oluitan

Year 4: Lucian Armstrong

Year 5: George Milburn

Year 6: Philippos Emonyon-Fokas



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

Class Awards this week were presented to in **Reception** Key Stage 1 and **Year 5** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime!