



SACRISTON
ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

22nd March 2024

Uniform Reminder and Swap Shop

Our uniform and personal appearance at Sacriston Academy is a reflection of our school's character. Wearing a uniform creates a sense of unity and pride and we ask that everyone, students, parents and carers, help to ensure that our school dress code is always observed. Please ensure over the Easter break that you purchase any replacements that you need.



We will be holding our uniform swap shop on 22nd April if you would like to support us in recycling any surplus uniform. Additionally, if your child has outgrown any of their uniforms, donations for this will be welcomed. Our uniform and personal appearance at Sacriston Academy is a reflection of our school's character. Wearing a uniform creates a sense of unity and pride and we ask that everyone, students, parents and carers, help to ensure that our school dress code is always observed. Please ensure over the Easter break that you purchase any replacements that you need.

School Book Fayre

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended our Book Fayre! A massive total of £925.05 was spent on books! We will earn 20% of this back from Scholastic in rewards, which we are able to spend on new books for our school. Thank you!



Nursery Love for Learning!

This week in Nursery, we looked at grouping different objects. The children quickly realized they needed to group the objects into land animals, sea creatures and trees. The children were all then able to follow instructions to find the correct number of objects and then showed their amazing recognition of numerals up to 5! Our socks have been blown away by your amazing love for learning Nursery! You are superstars! ✨



What Being Healthy Means to Us In Reception

This week the children have been learning about the importance of staying healthy by exercising. The children played 'beans' and made their own obstacle courses. To do this the children planned exercise activities, gave and followed instructions as well as took part in lots of exercise in the sunshine.

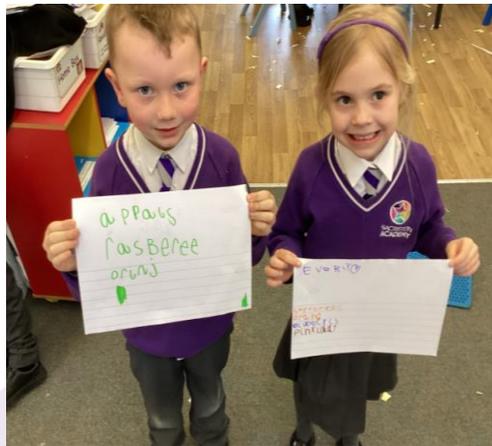
The children also learnt about the importance of having 5 a day. We learnt that we need 5 portions of fruits and vegetables each day. The children prepared healthy smoothies and enjoyed tasting their healthy delights they had created!

Sam- "The smoothie tasted like apples and it was tasty."

Casey- "My favourite part of being healthy was playing the bean game and being a jumping bean."

Tyler- "The smoothies had berries, bananas, apples and water in."

Grayson- "I liked saying 'oo la la' for the French bean in the bean game."



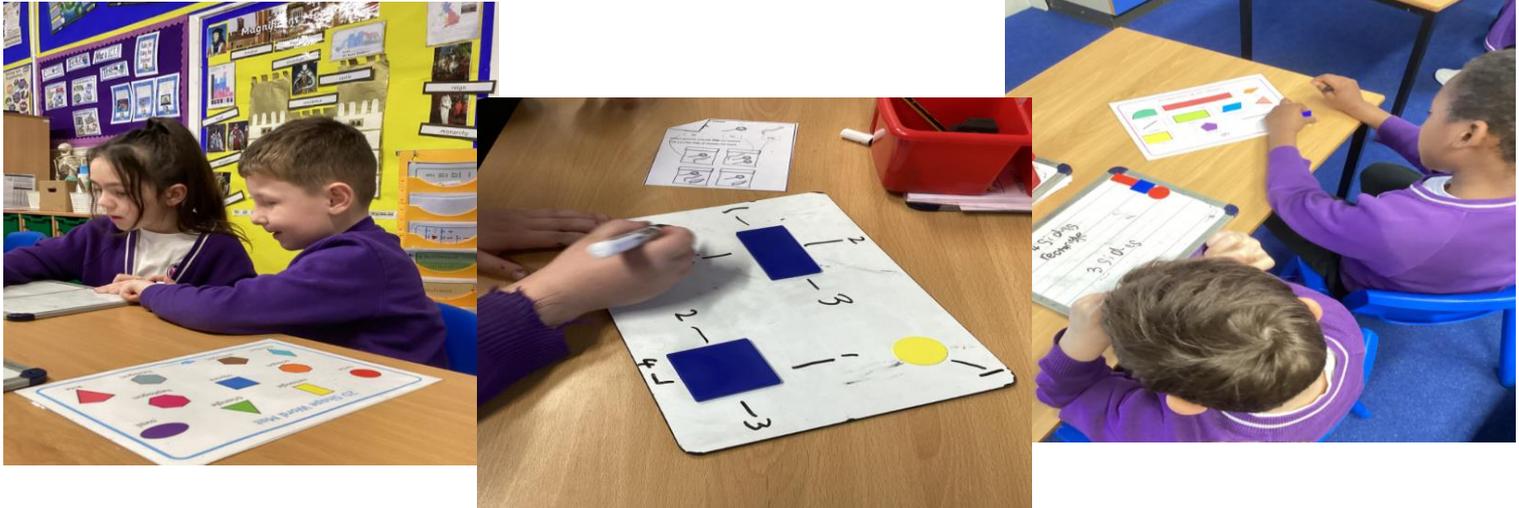
Year 1 David and Goliath

This week in RE, Year 1 learned more about the Torah and Judaism. The class learned that the first five books in the Torah contain the same stories as the Bible, including the Creation Story learned about last week. In this lesson, Year 1 explored another story called 'David and Goliath'. The class enjoyed learning about the story in which David shows bravery, courage and faith.



Year 2 Maths No Problem

Year 2 have made a fantastic start to their new Maths No Problem topic all about 2D and 3D shapes this week. The children have been exploring all about what makes each shape unique and counting the sides to determine its properties. We have also been comparing similar shapes and examining their different characteristics.



Year 3 Become Paleontologists

This week in science the year 3 class became palaeontologists and excavated fossils (chocolate chips) from the Earth (a cookie)! They used their tiny tools and saw how many they could dig out using their patience and precision skills. This links with our writing at the moment where the children are creating a non-fiction text about how fossils are created and excavated. Well done year 3!



Year 4 Explore Holy Week and Easter

This week, Year 4 have been exploring Holy Week and Easter in their RE lessons. We learnt about the significance of Palm Sunday and why palm crosses are an important part of Easter celebrations. The children then had a go at making their own palm crosses. We saw some excellent kindness

and teamwork this lesson with children helping each other to make their palm crosses Well done Year 4!



Year 5 Rugby Trip to Maiden Castle

This week, Year 5 attended a rugby trip at Maiden Castle. They learned the basics of not being able to pass forwards, how to pass the ball and how to score points. After that, we then had small sided games amongst each other.



Football!

This week brought the curtain down on Sacriston's mixed football for this year. Following two wins against St Patricks and Bowburn (3-1 and 1-0 respectively), the Purples managed to finish in second place in the table - a fantastic achievement.



The menu for week beginning 25th March 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>

School Meal Price Increase from 1st April 2024:

We have been notified that from the 1st April 2024, school meals will be increasing to £2.81 per day, £14.05 per week. Please see Class Dojo post for further information. Thank you



Class Attendance

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.75%	89.10%	99.54%	99.52%	98%	92.08%	97.50%	89.47%

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

Tuesday 26th March

Wednesday 27th March

Friday 29th March

Monday 16th April

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Monday 22nd April

Thursday 2nd May

Friday 24th May

Wednesday 26th June

Thursday 27th June

Friday 28th June

Bunny Bingo + Easter Crafts (**Year 1/Year 2 - 9:15am**)

(**Year 5/Year 6 – 1pm**) (**Year 3/Year 4 - 2:15pm**)

Parent Consultations Face to Face

Early Years Stay and Play 10:30am

Parent Consultations Phone Call

SCHOOL CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY

SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

Children return to school

Uniform Swap Shop 3:30pm

Reception vision tests

SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY

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Weekly Awards

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

Nursery: Chase Loan

Reception: Max Bentham

Year 1: Jovian Tom

Year 2: Ethan Bradford

Year 3: Cally Saunders

Year 4: Georgia Ovington

Year 5: Ebenezer Parshad

Year 6: Abbi Scott-Hamilton

Class Awards this week were presented to **Year 2** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 4** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime! Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!