



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Nursery 'The Enormous Turnip'

This week in Nursery, we have loved reading *The Enormous Turnip* by Katie Daynes and the children were so excited to learn more about turnips that we decided to sow our very own turnip seeds! Throughout the week, the children have learnt how to care and look after the seeds. We will observe and discuss these further over the next couple of weeks... I wonder if we will grow enormous turnips!



## Reception Go On Safari

This week Reception went on safari! We got strapped into our Sacriston Star jeep, got our binoculars at the ready and set off on our journey. We spotted lots of safari animals and we drew the animals we saw along the way. Have a look at our Reception children's fantastic drawings! We had so much fun and talked about what the different animals look like, what they were doing and how they were moving. We recognised that:

*"Giraffes have long necks and spotted skin."*

*"The lions are in their pride under the tree."*

*"The zebra has black and white stripes."*



### **Year 1 Look at the History of Our School**

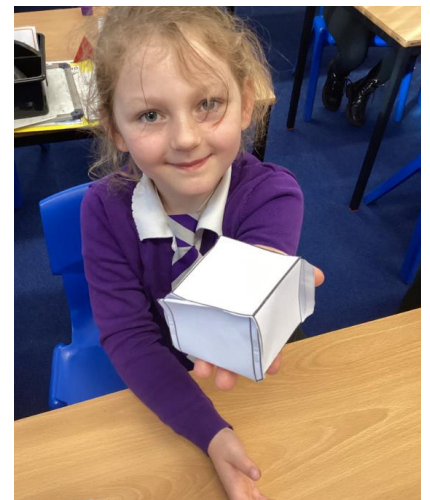
This week Year 1 began the new topic, Schools by looking at the history of our school! The class looked at previous images from the school exploring how the school has changed in the last 30 years. This included learning how the school was originally separated into two separate schools with their own headteachers. They also looked for signs of history around school, including signs from the school's opening in 1910.



### **Year 2 Explore 3D Shapes!**

Year 2 have been learning all about 3D shapes in their maths lessons this week. We explored faces, sides, vertices and nets, as well as making patterns using these shapes. The children were able to develop their knowledge by assembling their own nets of 3D shapes.





### **Year 3 Make their Own Lanterns!**

This week in Year 3 we have been working very hard and learning about fractions. All the class have shown great resilience and have produced some great work at the start of this topic. In RE this week, we learned all about Vesak and the Festival of Light in our Buddhism topic. We got creative and made our own lanterns! Well done Year 3!



### **Year 4 'Living Things and their Habitats'**

Year 4 have started their new topic 'Living Things and their Habitats' in Science. As part of this, we discussed what living things we typically see in our local area. We then went and explored our school grounds to see what we could find. As a class we found lots of minibeasts as well as different types of trees and plants. We then discussed the key features different living things have and why they are important. We were shocked to discover that a woodlouse has 14 legs and a spider has 6 eyes! We thought carefully about how these features can help living things within their habitats.





### **Year 5 Trip to Broom House Farm**

This week, Year 5 have travelled to Broom House Farm as part of their Sow, Grow and Farm topic. Here, the children got to meet lots of different animals including sheep, chickens, goats and pigs. It was an amazing experience being so close to them and getting to interact with them. In the afternoon, the children were able to complete some team-building activities in the Forest Adventure centre. What an amazing day!



## **Year 6 How to Stay Safe in the Local Community**

Year 6 have been discussing how to stay safe in the local community. They have shared some excellent ideas and they will be sharing what they have produced with the rest of the school next week. We will share photographs of them doing this next week!



## **Mathematician of the Month**

Reception: Tyler Wood

Year 1: Johan Tom

Year 2: Zara Hillson

Year 3: Caleb Bunyan

Year 4: Joe Morris

Year 5: Grace Loan

Year 6: Abbi Scott- Hamilton



## **Author of the Month**

Reception: Amelia Young

Year 1: Ollie Burn

Year 2: Ruby Dawson

Year 3: Penelope Bloomfield- Bell

Year 4: Jasmine Burns

Year 5: Jack Elliott

Year 6: Wade Collins





## Reader of the Month

Reception: Dominic Wood

Year 1: Crystal Omar

Year 2: Darren Afolabi

Year 3: Emily McDonald

Year 4: Lillie Dawson

Year 5: Sam Slater

Year 6: Sophie Bladen



The menu for week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April is Week 3. 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024:**

We have been notified that from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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
94.19%	91.34%	96.30%	87.98%	98.50%	93.33%	95%	90.79%

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.

## Weekly Awards

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

Nursery: Molly Musgrove  
Reception: Ella Rose Edmundson  
Year 1: David Oluitan  
Year 2: Theo Long  
Year 3: Casey Saunders  
Year 4: Winnie McKie  
Year 5: Ellie Foster  
Year 6: Grace Hacker

Well  
done!

Class Awards this week were presented to **Reception** in Key Stage 1 and **Year 5** in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at playtime and lunchtime! Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**W/C 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Girls Football League Match

Reception vision tests

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Year 6 SAT Week

Girls Football League Match

Year 5 Trip to Edinburgh

**SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

New Reception Parents Meeting

Y6 Residential

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NELT Summer Concert

Zumba Festival Whole School

Summer Fayre

