



NEWSLETTER

6th December 2024

Nursery are excited for Christmas!

This week, Nursery have been getting into the Christmas spirit! The children worked hard and showed great resilience when decorating our class Christmas tree!

"Santa is coming." - **Harry**

"I love the gold baubles." - **Isla**

"It is so pretty." - **Agalisai**



RECEPTION

We have been reading "The Incredible Journey" this week. The children were very excited to design their own pirate hats so that they could be like the fierce pirate in the book. They have also astounded us all with their use of the Wondrous Words this week, such as 'incredible', 'fierce' and 'slimy.'





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YEAR 1

Year 1 have been retelling the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' in their writing this week. They have enjoyed verbally retelling the story, particularly recalling the words spoken by the troll! The children have then been writing sentences to retell the story. As a challenge some children also continued the story using their own ideas about what happened to the troll after he was pushed off the bridge.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been thoroughly enjoying their new art topic "Still Life". We learned all about this style and format of creating pieces of artwork and observed in our very own classroom 'art gallery' some famous pieces of artwork by famous artists. We used artistic vocabulary to comment on these, comparing and contrasting. The class were then able to attempt their own still life drawing using an existing example.

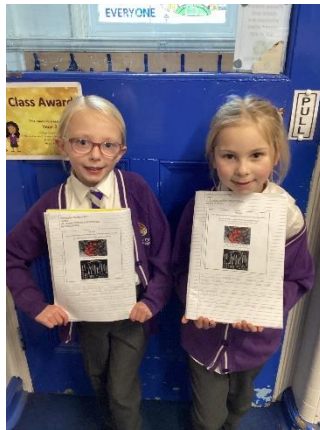




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YEAR 3

This week, Year 3 have been looking at the impact of the Iron Age on Britain. The name 'Iron Age' derives from the switch from bronze to iron courtesy of the Celts. With this came new jobs such as being a blacksmith and iron was seen as a lot stronger than bronze, making fantastic weapons. After a discussion around this, the children were given questions to answer in their books to consolidate their knowledge.



YEAR 4

In PHSE lessons, Year 4 have been exploring the topic 'Celebrating Differences.' As part of this, we discussed why we are special and what makes us unique. We thought about the things we like about ourselves and our personalities and what we like about our peers. From this, we created and labelled our own self-portraits to celebrate our uniqueness and what we are proud of.

"I like that I have my dad's sense of humour!" - Myla

"I like my determination. That means I never give up." - Memphis

"I like that I'm artistic. I love to draw." - Orryn





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YEAR 5

Linking our writing and history lessons together, Year 5 have been researching Greek Gods and Goddesses this week. The children found out many facts about their four chosen Gods or Goddesses and added these facts into their writing books, ready to use in a non-chronological report. The class thoroughly enjoyed researching their chosen Gods and Goddesses and can explain, in detail, lots of new knowledge that they have learnt.



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 took part in their second 'Confidence and Resilience' workshop. They explored the meaning of confidence and resilience, discovering how to recognise their unique strengths and apply them to overcome challenges. They discussed what thoughts, feelings and behaviours could be present in certain situations and looked at various strategies and techniques so that they can face difficulties with a positive mindset and to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Well done Year 6!





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Girls Football

It was another week of success for football at Sacriston Academy this week. Our girls' football team finished as runners up in their cup competition. The tournament began with a 1-1 draw with fellow NELT school Browney and they followed this up with a 1-0 victory over Sherburn, which meant they advanced from the group. Neville's Cross were next up, who were dispatched in a thrilling semi-final encounter. A composed performance saw Sacriston edge out Neville's Cross 1-0.

The final proved to be a nail-biting affair as Sacriston faced off against a strong St Margaret's side. Despite creating several chances and showing incredible resilience in defence, the game ended 0-0 after regular time. The match was decided by penalties, where St Margaret's emerged victorious with a 2-0 shootout win.

While falling just short of the ultimate prize, the girls displayed tremendous teamwork, sportsmanship, and effort throughout the tournament. Their silver-medal finish is a testament to their hard work and the bright future ahead for football at Sacriston Academy. Congratulations to all involved!





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The menu for week beginning **9th December is Week 3**. School dinners are £14.05 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
82.5%	96.6%	93.9%	96.4%	93.9%	96.8%	95.5%	95.3%

The government expectation is 97% 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 **Y2** KS1 and **Y6** in KS2 the following children who have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Harry Dixon

Reception: Daisy Johnston

Year 1: Theo Johnson

Year 2: Harry Wile

Year 3: Maisey Smith

Year 4: Lexus Mendy

Year 5: Jasmine Burns

Year 6: Penelope Taylor



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Handwriting Awards

Year 1: Lewis Laddie

Year 2: Ollie Burn

Year 3: Ethan Bradford

Year 4: Penelope Bloomfield-Bell

Year 5: Zachary Rowell

Year 6: Ava Hall

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th December

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

Friday 13th December

Monday 16th December

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

Christmas Card Workshop Y3/Y4 2pm

Christmas Card Workshop Y5/Y6 2pm

EYFS Nativity 11am

KS1 Nativity 2pm

Christmas Lunch

SEND Coffee Afternoon 2pm

Nursery Christmas Party

Christmas Panto!

Reception Christmas Party

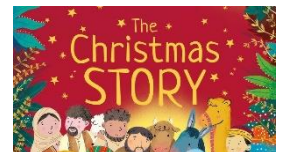
EY Stay and Play 10:30am

Y1 / Y2 Christmas Party

Y3 / Y4 Christmas Party

Y5 / Y6 Christmas Party

Break up for Christmas



• Happy Holidays •

