



SACRISTON  
ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



As the first half term of this school year draws to a close, we are so proud of all our children for how hard they have worked and settled in since coming back to school in September!

We have lots of exciting events and activities planned for next half term so please make sure you keep a regular check on Class Dojo and our newsletter for updates.

We hope you all have a wonderful and safe half term holiday.

We look forward to seeing the children back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

This week, all classes have been learning about Black History Month



## **Nursery – Jessica Watkins**

This week in Nursery, the children have been learning all about Jessica Watkins. Jessica Watkins was the first black woman to work on the International Space Station, the children found this very exciting. Here is what they had to say:

*"It is good she worked on the spaceships." - Harry*

*"She went on the rocket ships. - Isla*

*"She is a girl astronaut." - Alfie*

*"I think she likes to go on the spaceships." - Faith*



## **Reception-Mary Seacole**

Reception loved learning all about Mary Seacole. The children found out that she was an inspirational black woman who put caring for sick soldiers above herself. She faced prejudice but this didn't stop her using her own money to help sick soldiers during the Crimean War. This is what we have taken from our learning:

*Laura said "that she helps people because she cares"*

*Lennox said "she gives people medicine and helps them"*



## **Year 1 – Tessa Sanderson**

In Year 1 this week, we have been learning all about Tessa Sanderson. The children watched lots of videos about Tessa Sanderson and we discussed her life, her career and her influence on other people. Below are some quotes from the children:

*"Well done Tessa, for winning lots of gold medals." - Corey*

*"I really love how you worked hard through every challenge." - Everly*

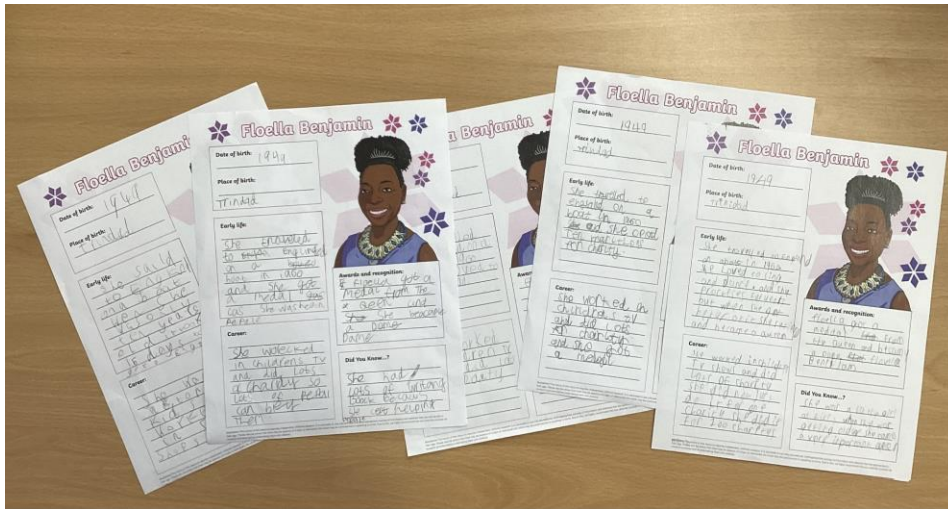
*"I think she is well respected and shows children what to do, so they can get into sports." - Esme*

*"I really love it when she tries her best and she won a gold medal." - Tyler*



## Year 2 – Floella Benjamin

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed learning all about Black History month and our focus individual Dame Floella Benjamin. The children read a story and learned all about Dame Floella's difficult journey and transition to Britain from Trinidad and how she need to adapt to her new life and overcome her fears. We then wrote fact-files about this remarkable woman, focusing on her career in children's TV, her charity work, and the award she was given by the Queen in 2020.



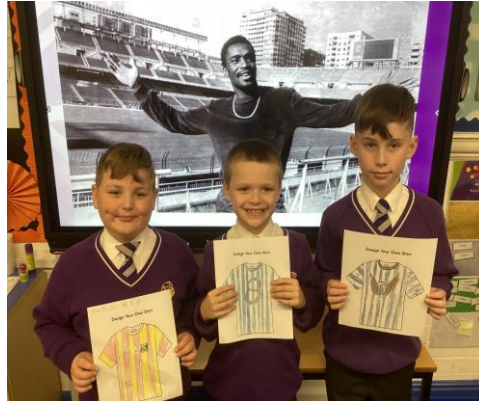
## Year 3 Betty Campbell

For Black History Month, Year 3 decided to study Betty Campbell. Betty Campbell was a former head teacher and the first black head teacher in Wales, who had a passion for diversity in education. We read information about her and then completed a research task, which the children enjoyed doing.



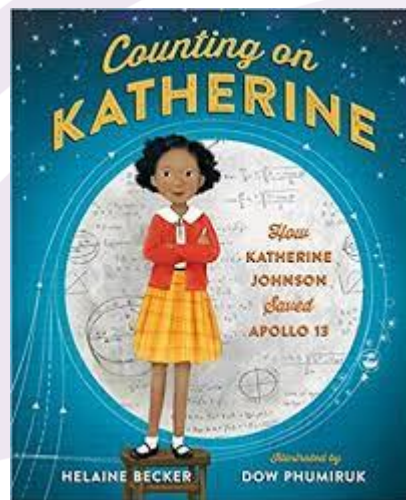
## Year 4 – Laurie Cunningham

In Year 4 this week, we have been learning all about Laurie Cunningham. Laurie was one of the very first black footballers to play for England. He played for various clubs throughout his career including Manchester United and Real Madrid. The children designed their own football shirts to represent Laurie and included lots of key facts about his life in their designs.



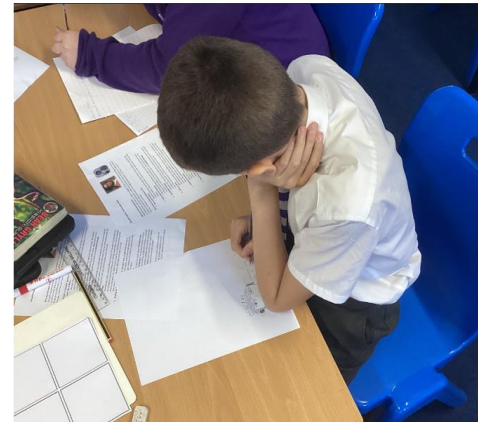
## Year 5 Katherine Johnson

This week in year 5 we have been finding out about the life of Katherine Johnson. We learnt all about her background and what inspired her to become a scientist with NASA. We also looked at the word 'segregation' and what it means to be segregated. Year 5 then made posters and fact files around Katherine Johnson and celebrating her achievements.



## Year 6 - Olaudah Equiano

To celebrate Black History Month, year 6 looked at Olaudah Equiano and learned how he spoke out about the slave trade and was involved in the British abolition movement to put a stop to it altogether.



## Sports/ News/ Events

Your child's school photos are now live on the Focal Point website to buy. Your child will have brought home a QR code on card with a code to do this. You will have until the end of next week to buy these.



The menu for week beginning **4<sup>th</sup> November is Week 1**. 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
87.50%	98.44%	94.71%	99.07%	94.44%	94.79%	96.55%	93.50%

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 **Year 2** in KS1 and **Year 6** in KS2 the following children who have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Harry Dixon

Reception: Cayde Armstrong

Year 1: Esme Harrison

Year 2: Rosie Hall

Year 3: Alfie Rispin

Year 4: Lukas Zand

Year 5: Tyler Lowley

Year 6: Thomas Shaw

## Handwriting Awards

Year 1: Alivia Stanley

Year 2: Rosie Hall

Year 3: Hrithika Sajith

Year 4: Myla Ward

Year 5: Leo Boyle

Year 6: Abbie McLaughlin

## Reader of the Month

Reception: Laura Bere

Year 1: Max Bentham

Year 2: Isaac Gray

Year 3: Mason Hubber

Year 4: Lincoln Bloomfield-Bell

Year 5: Jasmine Burns

Year 6: Max Inglis



## Author of the Month

Year 1: Everly Smith

Year 2: Freddie Erskine

Year 3: Zara Hillson

Year 4: Penelope Bloomfield-Bell

Year 5: Winnie Mckie

Year 6: Penelope Taylor



## Mathematician of the Month

Year 1: Amelia-Rose McDonald

Year 2: Harry Wile

Year 3: Alfie Rispin

Year 4: Stephen Shena

Year 5: Lexie Walker

Year 6: Hollie Parker



## Dates for your Diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Children back to school

Girls Football Tournament

Parent Consultations F2F

Parent Consultations Phone Call

Girls Football Tournament

Children in Need

Non- Uniform for Fayre Donations

Christmas Extravaganza Fulforth Centre

Girls Football Tournament

Christmas Fayre!

Christmas Card Workshop Y3/Y4 2PM

Christmas Card Workshop Y5/Y6 2PM

EYFS Nativity 10am

KS1 Nativity 2pm

Nursery Christmas Party

Christmas Panto!

Reception Christmas Party

Y1 / Y2 Christmas Party

Y3 / Y4 Christmas Party

Y5 / Y6 Christmas Party

Break up for Christmas



Merry Christmas!

