



SACRISTON
ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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School Meals Update – Introduction of CyPad



We have been working closely with our catering contractor, Chartwell's, on how we can improve our school meal service. We are delighted to inform you that from Monday 20th January 2025, school will be introducing CyPad. CyPad is an online ordering system which allows children to choose what they would like for dinner at the start of each morning. We have made the decision to roll out CyPad to ensure children do not miss out on their favourite food options. We will send out further information after the Christmas Break.

Christmas Fayre!

Our Christmas Fayre is almost upon us. Your children will have brought raffle tickets home for you to purchase at £1 per strip. We have some fabulous stalls and prizes to be won for all the family. All proceeds made go towards buying new classroom resources to enhance our children's learning, which will help develop basic life skills and give our children opportunities to do things in school that they may never get the chance to experience. There is still plenty of time to buy your raffle tickets, we will also be selling them on the day at our School Fayre.

We look forward to seeing you all there, and cannot thank you enough for your ongoing, generous support

DiggerLand Durham



Christmas Fayre Friday
6th Decemeber 2.10-4pm
Raffle Prizes 2024

Perfumes,
Bags and
much, much
more!!

Food Hamper



Mr Mulligans Crazy Golf



Krazy Kingdom Pass
with Bowling.



Hall Hill Farm



Champagne, Wine
Prosecco, Spa
Sets, Bath Sets
and much, much
more...



Chocolate Hampers

Board Games



Gift
Sets

Nursery

Nursery have been doing lots of exploring this week, as the weather has started to get colder, we focused on the story 'The Dark.' The children have enjoyed exploring with the torches, drawing pictures and doing the 'writing dance' where we make mark making movements in the air. The children are very excited for the weather to get colder and the possibility of lots of snow.



Reception Road Safety Week

This week Reception have been learning all about how to stay safe on the road as pedestrians. The children have learnt that we never cross a road without doing these steps first and we should always be with an adult.

We learnt that we:



STOP



LOOK



LISTEN



THINK

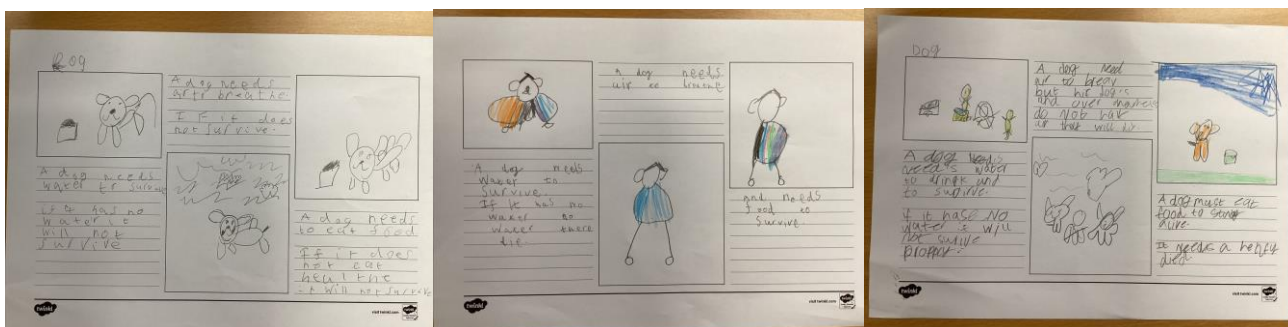
Year 1

In Maths, Year 1 have been using practical resources to support their knowledge of addition within 10. They have enjoyed using cubes and part whole models to explore different ways to make the same number. The children have demonstrated some excellent mathematical thinking, applying the correct vocabulary to their explanations. Well done Year 1, keep up the good work!



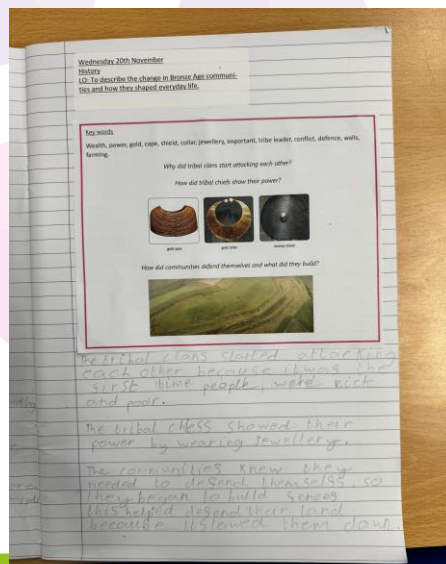
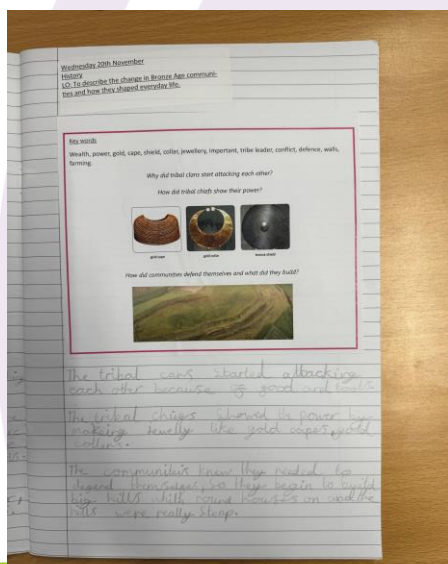
Year 2

As part of their 'Animals Including Humans' Science topic, Year 2 have been learning all about the essential things that both animals and humans need to survive. We talked about the importance of food, water and air and that these are vital to our survival. We also discussed exercise, hygiene and diet as important factors of this. The children then made leaflets about an animal, informing their reader of what the animal needs to live healthily.



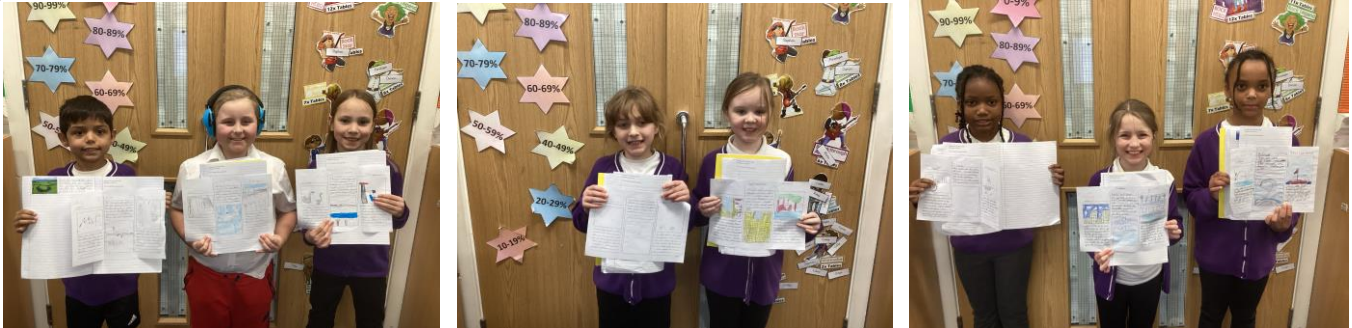
Year 3

This week, in Topic, Year 3 have been learning about how Bronze Age communities changed over time. We discovered that this was the first time there were rich and poor groups of people. This was due to the discovery of bronze and the conflict over this. We also found that tribal leaders would wear bronze jewellery to signify their status.



Year 4

As part of their Mountains and Rivers topic, Year 4 explored the different uses of rivers this week. We learnt how important rivers are and have been throughout history. We learned that rivers are used for settlements, transportation and provide important habitats to lots of animals including fish, birds and even hippos! We created our own leaflets explaining the different uses of rivers and produced some excellent work!



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have continued their science topic of forces. We have focused our learning on gravity. We learnt that Sir Isaac Newton is a famous physicist, who discovered that when an unsupported object falls, the force acting upon the object is gravity. To investigate, we each made a paper helicopter. We then worked as a class to add a different number of paperclips to the helicopter to investigate the question – Does the number of paperclips added to a paper helicopter effect how quick it falls to the floor?



Year 6 Scientists Shine Bright!

This week, Year 6 continued their learning into the fascinating world of electricity in their science lessons. They independently explored how voltage affects the brightness of a bulb in a circuit and they then came up with their own way of how to record the results. The excitement in the classroom was electric!



Girls Football

This week was an amazing week for Sacriston girls as they finished second in their league. It came down to the last week. After 6 games, Sacriston won four, drew one and ended with only one defeat. What an amazing few weeks and the girls were delighted with their medals.



Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
78.33%	95.65%	92.71%	100%	98.15%	100%	100%	100%

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 **Year 2** in KS1 and **Year 5** in KS2 the following children who have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Gary Taylor

Reception: Lilly Fets

Year 1: Amelia- Rose McDonald

Year 2: Maisie Johnson

Year 3: Ruby Dawson

Year 4: Stephen Shena

Year 5: Elisha Turner-McHugh

Year 6: Hollie Parker

Handwriting Awards

Year 1: Ella-Rose Edmundson
Year 2: Joseph Patterson
Year 3: Julian Pascal
Year 4: Maria Isaakidou-Fotiadou
Year 5: Austin Pinkney
Year 6: Katie Skelton



The menu for week beginning **25th 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>

Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th November
Wednesday 27th November
Thursday 28th November
Friday 6th December
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 Extravaganza at Fulforth Centre
Girls Football Tournament
Boccia Day
Christmas Fayre!
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

