



# Saint Nathaniel's Academy

## October 2023 Newsletter



We are almost at the end of our first half term back at school already! Where has the time gone? We are so proud of all our children's achievements this half term, and we know that there will be lots of exciting events to look forward to next half term as we move closer to Christmas.

### Harvest

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents, carers and children who generously sent in donations of food for our Harvest festival this year. We were overwhelmed by the volume of food that we managed to collect, and this has been shared out between the Community Cupboard at the Port Vale Foundation as well as the food bank at Swan Bank. This leads us on nicely to our next point...

### Yr 4 Harvest Celebration

A huge well done must also go to the children and staff in Yr 4 for their hard work in putting together our Harvest celebration this year. It was lovely to see the amazing work that has taken place in Year 4 leading up to Harvest, as well as sharing the importance of this celebration. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the Year 4 Harvest worship too. It was great to see so many of you. Following on from that event, some of our Year 4 children took donations to the Port Vale Foundation and met the Golden Valiants, where they read out their Harvest poems. Have a look at what they did there by watching our short video placed on our Twitter feed, or by using the following link:

<https://youtu.be/HpHw7iEOZoM>

### Bonfire Workshop

Invites have gone out to parents and carers from Miss Minor to see if anyone would be interested in joining in with a bonfire themed craft afternoon workshop. There are two afternoons to join us, and places are filling up quickly, so if you are interested, please be sure to get your replies back as soon as possible. Each event will take place in school. The two events are taking place on the following dates:

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 1pm – 3pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 1:15pm-3:15pm

### Pyjama Day

Our amazing Enterprise Club are continuing to raise money in order to host a "Fun Friday" next half term for the whole school. In order to continue to raise vital funds to help them with their project, they have organised a 'Pyjama Day' in school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils are invited to attend school in any suitable pyjamas with a donation of 50p which will go towards the Enterprise Club's project.

### Drinks in School

Please remember to only send your child to school with water in their drink bottles. We do not encourage juice drinks and certainly no fizzy drinks. Water is the best source of fluids for children to drink, and spills happen quite often in classes on tables near to books and work.

### Reading Diaries

Thank you to all the parents and carers of children in Key Stage 2 who are regularly completing their child's reading record when their child has read at home. Please remember to send these diaries into school on the day that your child has their book changed. If you are not sure when this is, please just ask your class teacher.

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### Parking in Murhall Street

We politely remind parents and carers to park considerately if using Murhall Street for drop offs and pick ups. Please remember that the yellow lines are restricted areas and cars should not be parked on these whilst bringing children to school or when fetching them.

We have also been advised that a new company will be opening soon in one of the units in the warehouse next to the school on Murhall Street. We have been informed that they are currently looking at implementing parking restrictions next to the warehouse. Please be aware that some changes could take place soon regarding this. This may involve measures that are beyond the control of the school. We would encourage parents to use the school's overflow car park on Westport Road when necessary. Please also be advised that the car park in front of the school is for staff use only. The gates to the staff car park should be kept clear at **all times** for immediate access for emergency services.

### Attendance for September

We continue to monitor attendance very closely at school. To the right are the latest attendance results for each class for last month. The national average for attendance which we strive to achieve is 96%.

	<u>Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>		<u>Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
<b>R1EP</b>	20	89.3%	<b>3DY</b>	12	95.9%
<b>R2SP</b>	20	94.5%	<b>4EP</b>	30	94.9%
<b>1AT/ZB</b>	39	93.3%	<b>4RT</b>	22	94.1%
<b>1MB</b>	46	92.9%	<b>5HH</b>	16	96.4%
<b>2DF</b>	22	95.5%	<b>5SB</b>	28	92.7%
<b>2AB/ET</b>	33	89.7%	<b>6ES</b>	12	93%
<b>3CH</b>	37	92.9%	<b>6TG</b>	22	95.5%

**Congratulations to Class 5HH** for having the highest attendance during that month!

### P.E. Kits

Just as a reminder, please remember that on P.E. days, children are to arrive in school in their full P.E. kit. There have been a few instances recently where children have arrived in school uniform, or in P.E. kit but with school shoes and not trainers. School jumpers should be worn over the top of t-shirts during colder months. Full P.E. Kit consists of the following:

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Royal blue T-shirt
- Black pumps (if indoors) Trainers (if outdoors)

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Bonfire workshop

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Bonfire workshop

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Pyjama day (50p donation)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for half term

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November – INSET day for staff only

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November – School opens to all pupils

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# Magic Maths!



Have you logged into your Power Maths home account yet? You will find lots of games and activities to use free of charge at home. Just head to <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> and use your username and password to login. If you've forgot your details, just ask your teacher who will provide them to you again.



Write the numbers 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, in the correct place so that each line (vertical, horizontal and diagonal) adds up to 6.

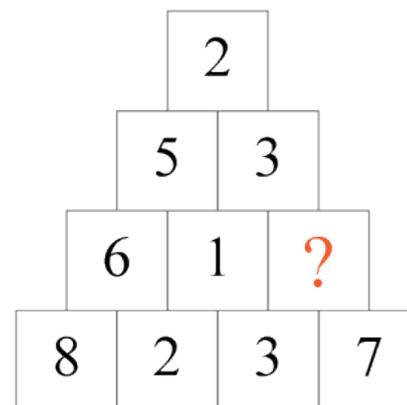
1 1 2 2 3 3

Total must be 6



3		
	2	
		1

Which number is needed to complete the pyramid?



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### Maths Website of the Month:

Our next website gives you a selection of maths puzzles (with answers!) to print out, or try on screen at home. They are all organised into age groups, so you can choose the games most suitable for you.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

Have you got a maths puzzle that you would like to see on the next newsletter? If so, share your idea with Mr Rowley, Mrs Turkmen or Mr Bowler.