



Serenity School



Good Provider



Message from Headteacher

We have come to the end of a long term and the whole school community is looking forward to a well-earned rest, spending time with friends, families, and loved ones.

The prospect of Christmas cheers us and lifts our spirits away from the cold, dark and depressing weather of the season. The past week in particular, the school looked great, with staff and students dressed in all sorts of wonderful Christmas jumpers! Christmas has always been a magical time for me.

As the term draws to a close, it is with humility and gratitude that I look back on the term and with barely restrained anticipation look forward to the holidays and next term! I am sure that pupils, parents and carers would like to join with me in thanking all of the staff and governors at Serenity School for their continued hard work and commitment to the students of the school.

Likewise, we would like to thank all parents and carers for all your support. Last but in no way the least, I want to thank our pupils – you are indeed some of the best pupils I have ever had the pleasure of working with. I pray for and wish everyone peace and happiness in all homes and families during this holiday season – may we all be safe and keep healthy. Merry Christmas and see you all on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

With warm regards and many thanks

Mr J Onye

Top Tips for Online Safety

Prioritise safety

Teach children not to give out personal information, like their name, address, telephone number, or which school they go to.

Set parental controls.

Agree a list of websites your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook and YouTube.

Discuss their activity.

Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and their online friends.

Set boundaries.

Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and games consoles. Make sure to set aside time for “unplugged” family activity.

Headline Story

Charity fundraising UCKG Help Centre Well done everyone! We raised £20.71



Message From The Office

Students will be allowed to bring a packed lunch to school from 7th January 2020. This must be a healthy lunch. The following items are NOT allowed in the packed Lunch –

Nuts, Fizzy drinks, Energy Drinks, Chocolate, crisps.

No hot food or food that needs heating

Any of the above items will be confiscated

Dates For Your Diary...

Christmas holiday

Monday 23rd December 2019-
Monday 6th January 2020.

Students return on

Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Staff Training days (School will not be open for students)

- Monday 6th January 2020
- Monday 25th February 2020

Events this term

At Serenity school all students get the opportunity to participate in events offsite. These events allow students to experience life outside the school and gain from enhanced learning also. Events such as Boxing, Gym, Motor Mechanics and trips to the cinema or to the post office to experience how to post a letter.



In P.E. the students have started different sports and this term tried Tennis, the gym and Badminton. All the students have done amazing at taking part and improved both their understanding and ability in performing the sporting actions.



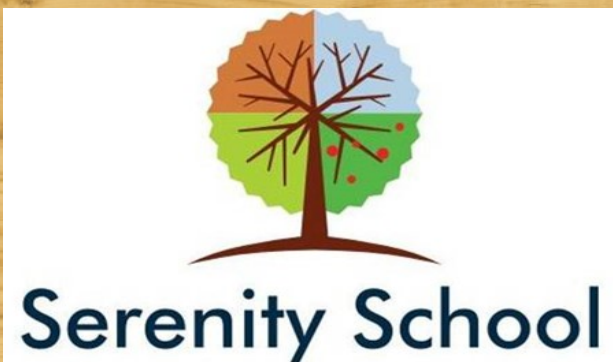
In Art the students have been exploring different types of media including clay, oil pastels, pastels, paint and pencils. They have been working on the topic of Surrealism. They have created some beautiful art work and started their project where they will create a final piece. This involves them making a paper mache sculptures based on a Dali painting.



Christmas Jumper week!



Food tech and Christmas lunch



Introducing our new Staff

Mrs A Tejada - Office and Attendance Manager
Ms J Muhammad – Progress Partner
Ms P Burke – Chef & Food Technology teacher
Ms I Stevenson-Olds – Progress Partner
Mr Y Dione – Progress Partner
Mr F Longdon – IT & LiFE Teacher
Mr C Farrell – Progress Partner

Attendance

Low attendance has an impact on learning

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year - Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades and form a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2 week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best.

85%: 29 days absence a year

The Government classes Young People in this group as “Persistent Absentees”, and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of young people in this group could also face the possibility of legal action being taken by the Local Authority.

The school will continue to monitor the situation and may refer your child’s absence

Roll Of Honour

Attendance overall this term has been good. Well done to the following students who have the highest attendance this term

- ⇒ Tyrell Gordon
- ⇒ Oliver Knight
- ⇒ Bobby Taylor-Lummis
- ⇒ Isaiah Simpson
- ⇒ Luke Beaver

Congratulations

To Ross Lazenby who has
100% Attendance this term.
Fantastic effort!!

