



Serenity School

Newsletter

December 2021



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Term Dates

Academic Year 2021 – 2022 (January 2022)

Term three

Term time: Wednesday 5th January to Friday 11th February 2022

Half-term holiday: Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February 2022

Term four

Term time: Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April 2022

Easter holiday: Monday 4th April to Monday 18th April 2022

Term five

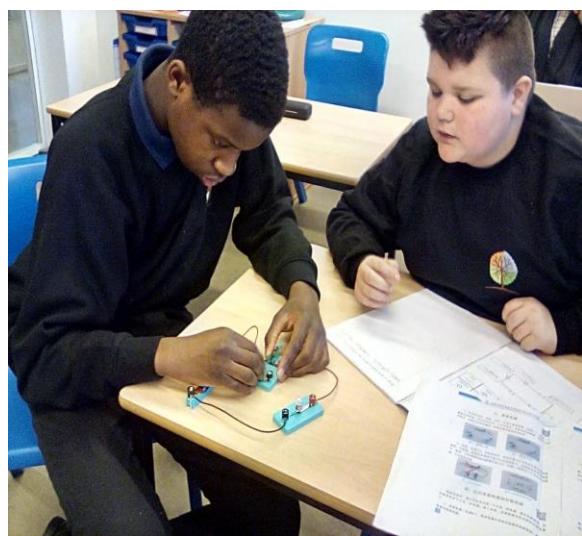
Term time: Tuesday 19th April to Friday 27th May 2022 (except May Day Bank Holiday on 2nd May)

Half-term holiday: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June 2022 (Spring Bank Holiday on 2nd and 3rd June).

Term six

Term time: Monday 6th June to Friday 15th July 2022

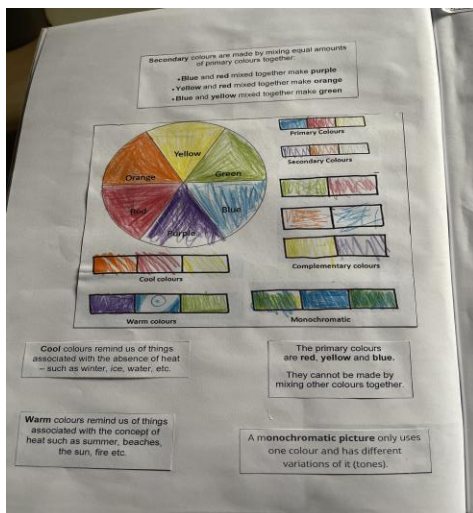
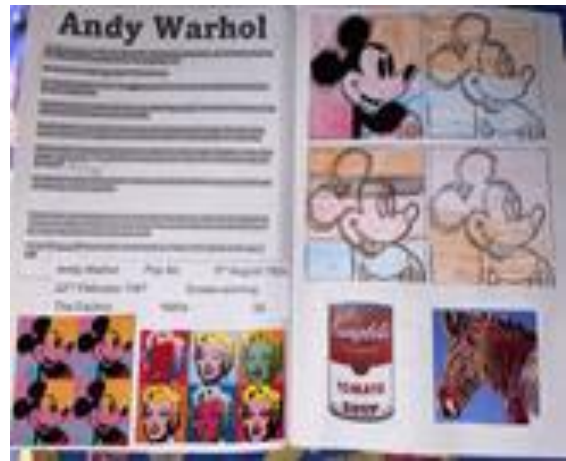
Science Session



Pupils from Key Stage 3 (years 7-9) learnt about Science circuits this term. Pupils followed pre-existing circuit designs to improve their skills and confidence before using their own creativity to string multiple components and elaborate circuitry designs.

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Art and Design



Art & Design is an exciting subject that encourages creative self-expression. Ms Claire works with pupils on various techniques across KS3 and KS4 to create truly stunning artwork in a dynamic and supportive atmosphere. Drawing is an essential part of the course, as is working with new techniques, materials and processes. Well done, if you can spot your child's artwork. Could be the next Pablo Picasso.

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Food Fest Autumn 2021: A Burst of Flavour and Colour



Food is designed for learners with an interest in food and cookery. Food provides learners with experience of using different cooking skills and methods to enable them to use these within further education or apprenticeships. Pupils made sponge cakes, chicken soup, rice and beans and many more. Look out for the next British Bake-off competition.

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Caple Manor College



If your child has a passion for working with animals, we work in partnership with Caple Manor College who are specialist in animal management, zoology, veterinary science and dog grooming. Our pupils thrive on the weekly experience of working with animals. They have developed an awareness that farmers have an important role to play as custodians of the British countryside and wildlife.

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Croydon Auto Bikes (CABS)



Our pupils attend motor bike workshops twice per week to learn about motorbikes (such as basic engine maintenance, the carburetor, suspension, wheels and bearings). Our pupils are supported to learn about safety, riding skills and the consequences of illegal behaviours; the course includes a day trip to a specialist off-road motorbike track, where our pupils enjoy the fruits of labour, by riding the bikes, after they have been maintained and repaired.

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Youth Social Action – Serenity Young Ambassadors



Pupils took part in the Team London Youth Ambassador Project over the past six weeks. Pupils worked in teams and small groups to further various social causes within their local communities. On this occasion, our pupils passionately addressed some societal injustice such as sexual and physical assault. They proposed workable strategies that will be further developed to impact others with their communities.

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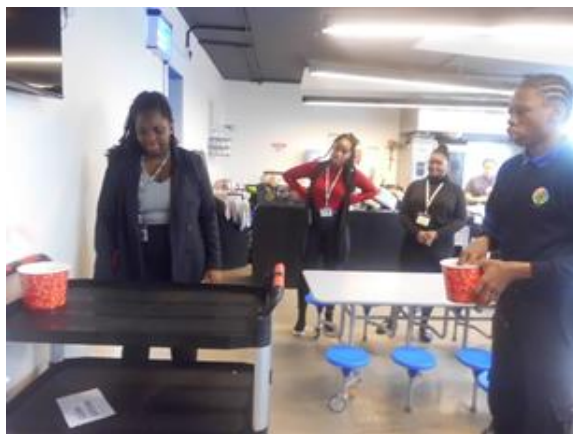
Going Against Violence (GAV) Workshop



Safeguarding our pupils and young people is a priority for us at Serenity School Eltham. As a result, our pupils receive various workshops on staying safe online and how to avoid gang violence in the streets along with many other topics. The sessions promote various debates and group discussions around safety online and on the streets.

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Golden Time



Pupils enjoy the privilege of Golden Time on Thursdays each week. By completing all their classwork and tasks set, teachers and pupils join in the structured fun activities. The competitions range from table football, pool, snooker, ping pong, skipping contest etc.

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Science Museum



Pupils visited the Science Museum to enhance their scientific learning experience and broaden their understanding and appreciation for Science. They toured all levels of the museum and were in awe at some of the intricacies and scale of the inventions. On their way back, one pupil announced, 'Scientists are really smart!' and questioned what will he need to do to become a Scientist'

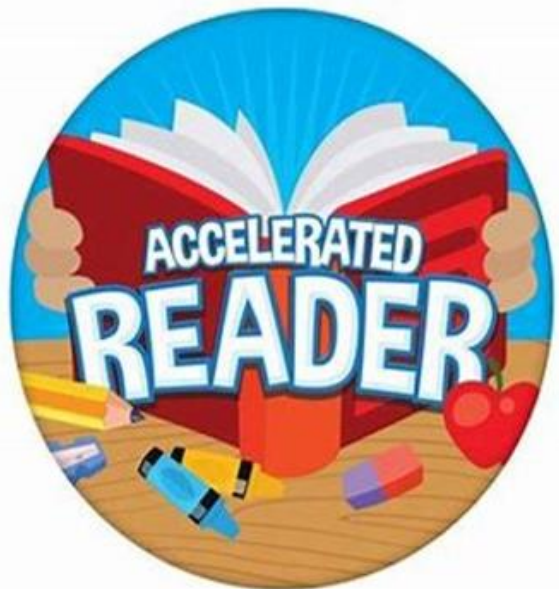
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Numeracy and Literacy

When pupils join us at Serenity School, they complete a baseline assessment in Numeracy and Literacy. Based on the results pupils are allocated in Band 1, Band 2 and Band 3. Band 1 and Band 2 means that pupils perform below their expected age for Maths and English. Students who are in Band 3 will be able to access to the Literacy and Numeracy curriculum independently.

Students in Band 1 receives 2 weekly 1:1 Numeracy and Literacy sessions of 25 minutes. Students in Band 2 take part in one 1:2 weekly session of 25 minutes.

Pupils who willingly engage in the Numeracy and Literacy intervention sessions and complete their work to a high standard and make good progress receives a £10 Amazon voucher.



Personal Development Sessions



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Student Council



The School Council elections took place this term and the pupils have elected their leaders for the School Council.

Pupil Voice has grown even stronger in Serenity School Eltham with the use of the Smart School Council Platform and our Pupil Suggestion Box where all pupils have an opportunity to have their say.

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Staff Appreciation Day



On Staff Appreciation Day, the school community showed their appreciation to staff through various gifts and kind gestures. Pupils and staff wrote their messages and dedications on printed cards to show their appreciation for all they have done. Several staff were also greeted with gifts from parents/carers on the day. The day brought the school community together where we all celebrated as Team Serenity!

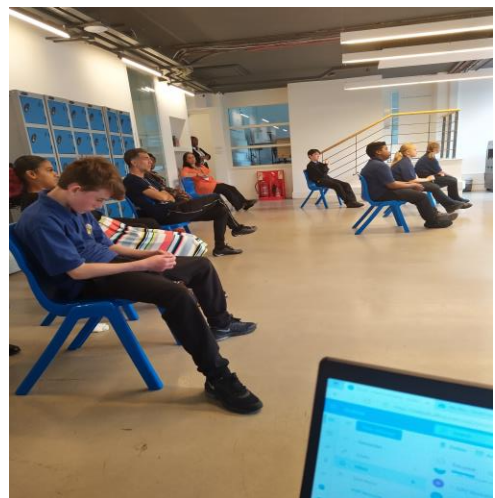
Book Fair (Teacher peer-assessing each other's books and folders)



Our Serenity Termly Book Fair is an opportunity for staff to peer-assess each other's subject area books, and leave constructive feedback on the work their pupils produce within the books. Teachers had an opportunity to make cross-curricular links, with similar topics being taught in other subjects and key stages. Our Book Fair has always been a great opportunity for staff to learn and develop their professional practice in a practical way.

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RSE Workshop



Our positive, interactive and engaging RSE **workshops** provide the support and guidance that will mold our pupils' ambitions and dreams into reality. Our guest speaker shared practical examples and references to various social issues affecting young people and provided strategies as to how they can apply themselves to address the issues.

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Every child receives a Christmas present at Serenity School



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Primary News

- Welcome to Primary's News! We have had an exciting term and cannot believe Term 1 is nearly over. We would like to share with you some of our experiences.
- During this term our High Grove class were lucky enough to enjoy two amazing school trips. The children were impeccably behaved and a credit to Serenity School. They were able to share with the Imam about their prior learning in lessons linked to Islam. It was really good to know they could see their learning come alive by seeing it in action at the Mosque.

Visit to the Mosque



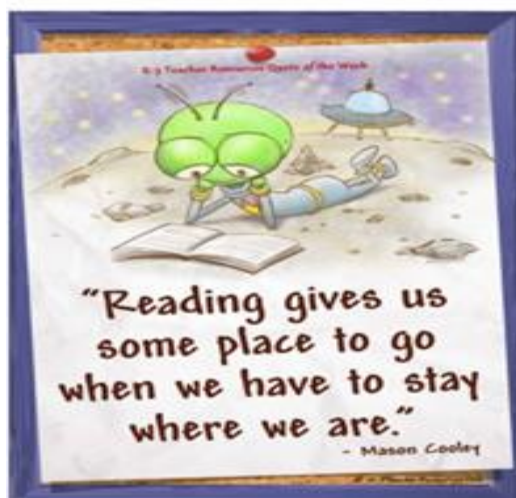
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Tower Of London visit



The pupils in Primary visited the Tower of London. They were perfectly behaved and enjoyed the journey by train, viewing the sights along the way. When they arrived at the Tower of London, they were amazed that an old building still existed, and were impressed with how big it was. They saw the Crown Jewels and were bedazzled with just how bright and big the jewels were.

Library Visit



Whilst visiting 'The Eltham Centre' each week for swimming, pupils and staff were able to become members of the library, choose new books and learn the value of reading for pleasure. Our pupils are now frequent visitors and have grown accustomed to the procedures at the library.

Swimming



Pupils in Primary and KS3 do swimming once per week. They exercise and learning how being healthy can also help with their mental health whilst participating in our weekly swimming sessions.

All children showed progression in their swimming skills from the first week they started the sessions. Some children were very brave and ventured out swimming without their floats developing their confidence and self-belief in the water.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding – Working together to safeguard children.

Serenity School Eltham is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and parents/carers to share this commitment.

Safeguarding is a term which is broader than 'child protection' and relates to the actions taken to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

The Designated Safeguarding Officer and Deputies are:

Ms Hogg - DSL

Mr Skyers – Headteacher - DDSO

Ms Javene Piper –SENDCo Assistant Headteacher and DDSO

Mr Pitts - SENDCo Assistant Headteacher and DDSO

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Crack the code



This term 'Crack the Code' represents pupils who consistently displaying our 5 School Core Principles throughout the week as detailed below:

- **We look after ourselves**
- **We look after each other**
- **We look after our learning**
- **We look after our school, community and world**
- **We look after our future**

We congratulate all of our pupils who have Cracked the Code this term.



I am sure you will all agree that we have had an amazing term. The school is blessed with a community of staff and pupils who are truly remarkable. Thanks to our committed parents/carers for all their support throughout this term. Please enjoy your Christmas holiday and I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Mr Richard Skyers
Headteacher

Merry Christmas !



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