



Serenity School



December 2022
Newsletter



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Term Dates

Academic Year 2022 – 2023

Staff Return from Summer Holiday: Wednesday 31 August

Pupils:

Term One: Monday 5 September to Friday 21 October 2022.

Half-term holiday: Monday 24 October to Friday 4 November 2022.

Term Two:

Term time: Monday 7 November to Friday 16 December 2022.

Christmas and New Year holiday: Monday 19 December 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023.

Term Three:

Term time: Tuesday 3 January to Friday 10 February 2023.

Half-term holiday: Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February 2023.

Term Four:

Term time: Monday 20 February to Friday 31 March 2023.

Easter holiday: Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023.

Term Five:

Term time: Monday 17 April to Friday 26 May 2023 (except May Day Bank Holiday on 1 May).

Half-term holiday: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023 (spring bank holiday on 29 May).

Term Six:

Term time: Monday 5 June to Friday 14 July 2023.

Careers

YR 11- Are you looking to start college in September 2023?

Act Now!

- ❖ Investigate courses in college websites
- ❖ Attend open events
- ❖ Apply for the courses you are interested in online ASAP.

Explore resources designed to help you start your career in film, TV, animation, VFX or games.



[Watch all the Find your Future videos - ScreenSkills](#)



Croydon College

[Trainee Finder - ScreenSkills](#)

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Further Education & Training

[Explore careers](#)

Browse through lots of different jobs to get ideas about the type of job they might like or see the many ways they can get their dream job.



[Chat to an adviser](#)

A careers adviser can help you work out which choice is best for you. If you'd like to chat or get advice about your future, there are many ways to speak to an adviser.

[Special educational needs](#)

You can view advice if you're disabled or have special educational needs, such as autism, attention deficit disorder (ADHD) or dyslexia. It may help you choose what you'd like to do next.

Diary Dates – Road Safety

Looking ahead to 2023 we're pleased to share a preview of the year to come.

26 April - [Beep Beep Day](#) for younger children to learn about road safety

27 May - Brake charity ball

14 June - [Brake Kids Walk](#) as school children march for safer roads

June - After the crash conference for professionals

6 July - Brake's Annual Reception

October - [UK Fleet Champions Awards 2023](#)

November - [Road Safety Week 2023](#)



KS3 Employability Skills

We continue to work closely with Bromley DWP supporting us to deliver careers workshops to students across formal/semi-formal.

This term, they have delivered a session on Employability skills, and exploring the different routes into employment.



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KS4/5 Community Action

KS4/5 students took part in the youth social action program for schools-Team London Young Ambassadors project.



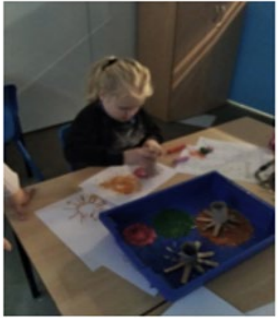
The program encourages and supports young people (aged 10 -18) to tackle local issues that they care about through their schools.

This involved creating posters and flyers to raise awareness on sexual harassment, bullying, peer on peer abuse and violence.



Nurture – Royal Lodge

We have had lots of fun this term celebrating different festivals from around the world. We've looked at Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Bonfire Night, Diwali and of course Christmas as well as many others. We also enjoy dancing, playing musical instruments and running around in the outside area. Here's some pictures of a few of our activities. We are also going to have a Christmas Dinner, have Christmas Jumper day, a visit from Santa and our reward trip is to Kidzklub soft play in Eltham.



Merry Christmas from Aoun, Izzy, Kirithees and Junior, as well as our teachers Mrs Spreadborough, Mrs Williams and Miss Clarke



Nurture – Ivy Cottage



The Ivy students have had a fantastic Autumn term! They have settled in so well, forged friendships and worked so hard in all areas of their learning.

A big well done from Miss Wigley, Mrs Daramola, Mrs Jarvis, Mrs Coakley and Mrs Gomez ☆



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KS2 Semi-Formal – Nottingham Cottage



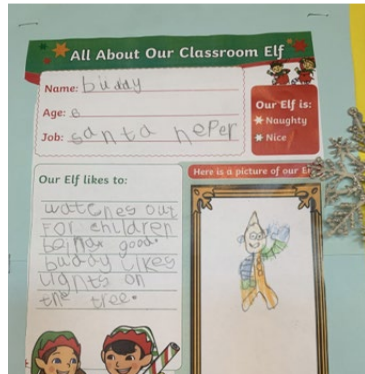
In Nottingham we had fun when Maurice the tortoise visited us in primary.



We also learnt about lava, we even pretended to be news reporters and interviewed people who lived near a volcanic eruption.



For our reward for working so hard we went to Tag Active



We were also lucky enough to have Santa's Elf Buddy to stay with us in the classroom.... I really hope he tells Santa we have been good!

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KS2 Semi-Formal – Clarence House



We had a special visitor, Maurice! We designed habitats based on what she needs to live.



We have been learning all different subjects this term.



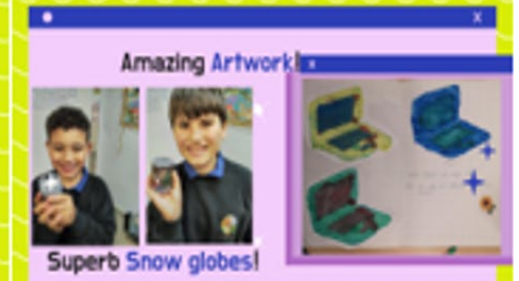
We have used lots of resources for our project!



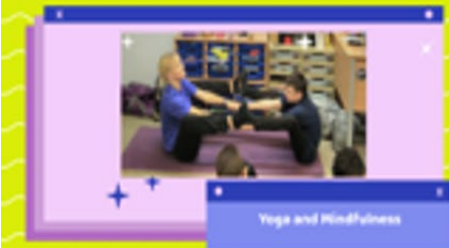
We have had our weekly reading club and we have been working with our friends in our reading club.



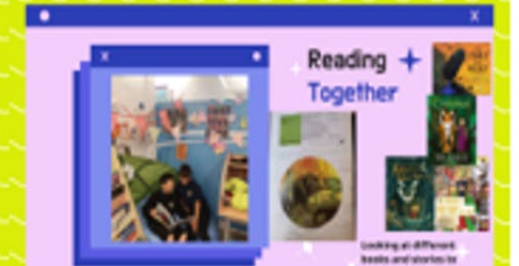
Science Experiments



Superb Snow globes!



Yoga and Mindfulness



Reading Together

Looking at different books and stories to enhance our learning.

KS2 Formal – High Grove House

We've been going kayaking and rock climbing; it has been so much fun! Did you know that 24 adults can sit on the boat, and it will not tip over?

Our topic this term has been space, in Science we have been carrying out experiments! We created our own rocket, and we used vinegar and baking powder to set it off. The first one exploded over Mrs Bridgeman's face; she was covered in vinegar. We all had a good laugh; she didn't smell too good either. We tried another rocket, and it flew over the roof; it was spectacular!

We are reading Cosmic, written by Frank Cottrell Boyce. To understand how the characters feel we have been using drama to act out the scenes.

In Maths we have been adding and subtracting, working on 4-digit numbers, if you ever need help, come to our class.

We have been creating spreadsheets in ICT, did you know that you can create pictures on Excel? We followed the instructions and created one. We were also able to work out our timetable in the columns.



KS3 Semi-Formal – Gatcombe Park

In Gatcombe, the students have been reading the story called the Journey in English this term. They have worked amazing together to carry out a play on the story. They communicated, listened, understood their roles within the play and they helped each other to practice their lines



They were able to create posters to understand features of non-fiction texts.

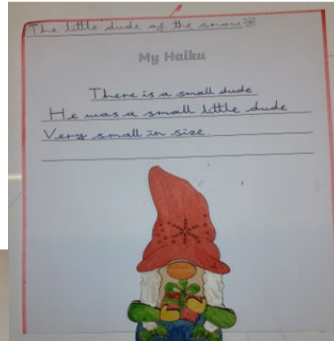
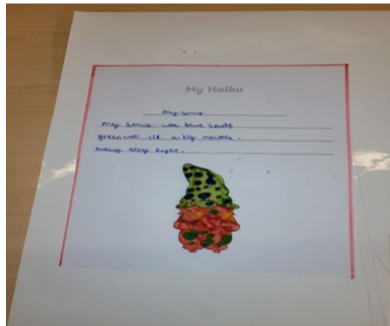


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KS3 Semi-Formal – Wren House

The pupils of Wren House studied and practised reading Haiku poems during their English lessons. They enthusiastically painted gnomes which they used as the objects in the writing of their Haiku poems.

HAIKU
Consists of
5 Lines
7lines
5Lines



KS3 Semi-Formal – Kensington

Our book this term was The Journey by Francesca Sanna, it is about a family living an idyllic life and it becomes chaos when war breaks out. We have thought about the emotions it could bring and how we would feel if we were in their shoes. We are currently writing a persuasive letter to the mum to encourage her to move to another country to protect themselves.



Cooking- Yum Yum!

During our Food Tech classes we have enjoyed making lots of delicious food. Recently we made beef patties, which were delicious. Amongst others we have made noodles, cookies, and fruit salad.



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Forest School

This term some of the Primary classes have started Forest School! We have enjoyed exploring the nature we could find close to the school and at The Tarn park. We have created artwork with Autumn leaves, learned to identify some common trees and searched for mini beasts.



Monty the Therapy Dog

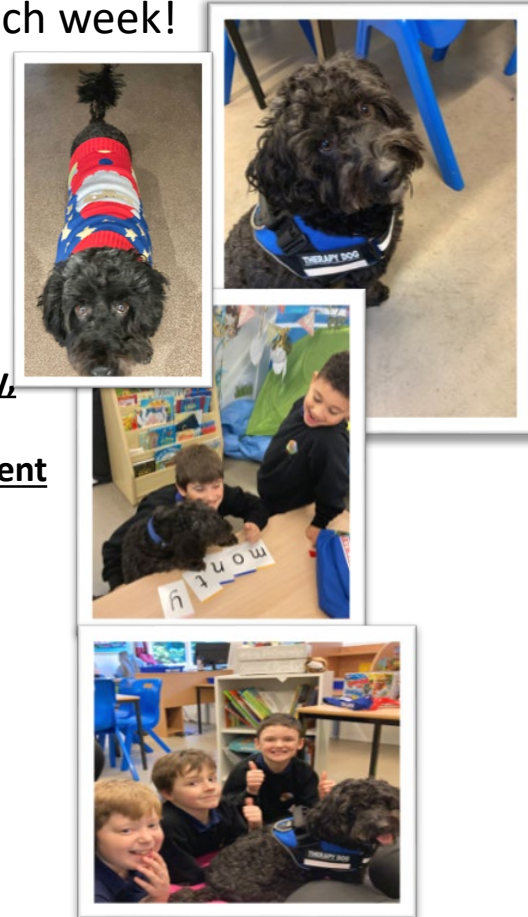


Monty has been visiting Serenity each week!

Children can benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog. In addition to these benefits, children take great enjoyment from interaction with a dog.

Reasons to have a dog in school: In summary, academic research has shown that dogs working and helping in the school environment can achieve the following:

- Improve academic achievement Increase literacy skills
- Calming behaviours
- increase social skills and self-esteem
- Increase confidence
- Teach responsibility and respect to all life
- Help prevent truancy
- Motivate children who are often less attentive



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Christmas Cake Sale



From all of us at Serenity,



Looking forward to welcoming our students back on Tuesday January 3rd, 2023.

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