



SARACENS
HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter

Summer term: April to July 2020

We began this academic year with excitement and aspiration as we welcomed our second cohort of pupils. We had expanded our site into some of the classrooms vacated by Blessed Dominic Primary, and we look forward to seeing our new building start to take shape.

Our staff had doubled in size and the first half of the year saw great successes as the pupils lived the values of discipline, hard work, honesty, and humility, they brought into the family ethos by demonstrating respect and kindness, and also made exceptional academic progress.

Then we had to lock down.

Some of us have been sick. Some of us worried about sick family members who we could not support as we normally would. Some of us have lost loved ones. Some of us have continued to go to work to support the members of the community that we serve.

Many of us made big adjustments to the way we worked and at times it is difficult. Someone recently pointed out that we aren't 'working from home', we are at home and we are trying to work - there is a difference. We are looking after our families and juggling the other commitments that mean sometimes we are joined in

video meetings by children and pets, or we have to pause a call to answer the door for a delivery.

The last few months have been difficult, but they have also made us stronger and more resilient. We have learnt that we can cope with these challenges, and they have given us a unique opportunity to spend time with family, which I hope will be the overriding memory as things slowly return to normal. I hope that we will continue to find time to paint, play games, walk, or bake with our families when the daily hustle and bustle returns.

I am extremely proud of how our Saracens community reacted to the challenge; the way the students continued to learn at home and how family members supported them, how members of staff adapted to online teaching and the genuine care they showed. I am particularly proud of the regular phone calls and emails home made by the staff, despite the unions saying that they should not do so. That demonstrated to me that this is more than a job, and we are more than a school - we are a family.

Dr M Stevens
Principal

Autumn term 2020/2021

Monday 7 September	- Year 7 in for the morning only (8:20—13:15)
Tuesday 8 September	- Year 8 in for the morning only (8:20—13:15)
Wednesday 9 September	- Year 9 in for the morning only (8:20—13:15)
Thursday 10 September	- All pupils in
Monday 25 to Friday 30 October	- Autumn half term holiday
Wednesday 25 November	- INSET day: staff training - no pupils in school
Friday 18 December	- Last day of autumn term



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Discipline

Hard Work

Honesty

Humility

Staff changes

Sadly, we have some members of our family leaving over the summer to take up new positions. Miss O'Hanlon joined the school in September 2018 and has been a wonderful member of staff. She has taught PE, as well as PRE and PSHE, and contributed so much to our enrichment programme. Not least, she was instrumental in the Sport Relief Day which took place the Friday before the lockdown started. Miss O'Hanlon is moving out of the area which meant that she needed to find work closer to where she will be living.

Miss Costi joined us in January 2020 as Learning Support Assistant to get some experience of school before starting a teacher training course this September, which she will be doing at another Barnet school. *(If you are wondering why people are leaving us to train to teach, we cannot train our own teachers until 2022-2023. We must have four year groups in the school to train staff).*

We are also losing an important volunteer who has supported us since pre-opening. Mr Clackett's son, Louis, has been a regular at school and supported staff, pupils, and their families with so much, including music tuition, IT training, and moving furniture. Louis is going to University in the autumn.

We are very grateful to the impact that Miss O'Hanlon, Miss Costi, and Louis Clackett have had on our community and we wish them all the best for their future.

We are also temporarily saying goodbye to members of staff who are beginning their maternity leave. Mrs Kazmi will have already started her leave in September, and Mrs Smith will start hers at the beginning of October, although with the risk of Covid it is likely that she will be staying at home during September. We also have some colleagues changing jobs within the school. From September Mrs Bonilla and Miss Morphetis will be Assistant Principals, Mrs Halai will be a teacher of English, Miss Hirst will be teaching Geography, and Miss Osborne will be a Learning Mentor. Mr Rudd will be Year 7 Lead and will be teaching History and PSHE, Miss Boxall will be our cover supervisor, and Mrs Fernandez will teach Spanish. We have also appointed Miss Boxall and Miss Smith (PE teacher) to support our Year Leads.

Mrs Smith has ably juggled her roles as Subject Lead for Maths and Assistant Principal for the last 18 months, but has decided to focus her attention on the maths role in future, stepping back from the leadership team. She has been a valued member of that team at an important time in our development, and we are very grateful for all her work on developing teaching and learning, and character education.

We also have a lot of new people joining us. Mr Hardy (Network Manager), Mr Howard (Caretaker), and Mr Scarlata (Science technician) have already started in their new roles. I am pleased that we are welcoming Miss Copeland back to the school. She will work as a Learning Support Assistant again, as we support her into becoming a teacher in the future. The table below shows the other colleagues starting in September;

Name	Position	Name	Position
Mrs Abdirahman	DT technician (Food)	Miss MacIntyre	Science Teacher
Miss Atkinson	Learning Support Assistant	Mrs Mander	Assistant Principal
Mr Bennett	English Teacher	Ms Marceau	Home-school liaison
Mr Castro Neto	Learning Support Assistant	Miss Morrissey	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Cenci	Lead of DT/Food	Miss Nicoll	Lead of Drama
Ms Ege	Learning Support Assistant	Miss Pujara	School Counsellor
Mrs Garrett-Gunn	DT Teacher	Ms Shah	Learning Support Assistant
Mr Giles	Lead of PE	Miss Shapiro	Learning Support Assistant
Mr Jones Blasco	DT technician	Miss Smith	PE Teacher
Miss Lingham	Learning Support Assistant	Miss Tahsin	Social Science Teacher
Miss Luscombe	Lead of History	Ms Tsiappourdhi	Maths Teacher

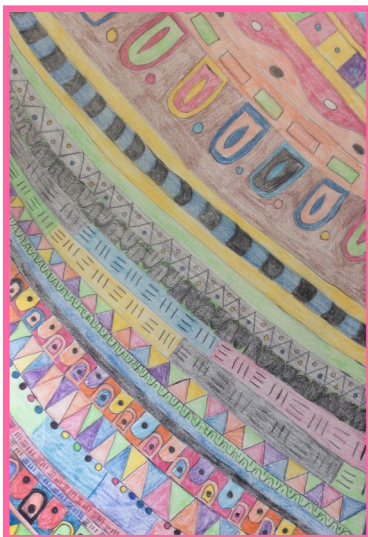
Returning to school in September

When we arrive back to school in September, some things will be a bit different, but lots of things are going to be different anyway. We will have 16 new classrooms in operation, early in September we will have new changing rooms for PE, and the reception has moved further around the building (towards the RAF museum). We will have nearly 500 children and over 70 staff - we are halfway to being a full school. For those of you who live near the Trinity Square site, you will start to see the steels going up and the new building start to take shape.

If progress with Covid stays the same then we will be back in normal classrooms with no restrictions on social distancing within the year group bubbles. There are lots of hand sanitiser dispensers around the school for pupils to clean their hands on entrance and regularly throughout the day. We will open up more of the gates on the path behind the school so year groups will enter to different areas. We will still have family lunch, but there will be more sittings and we will only have three pupils on a table. We will stagger break times, pupils will have to stay in different areas.

We know that things might change between now and September, but we have a series of plans and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school.

Dr M Stevens
Principal



Lockdown
Artwork

African masks
and African
patterns





Developing personal attributes in children essential for employment and life.

Pioneer Awards							
Year 7		Year 8					
Hill	Wilberforce	Hill	Rimla	Wilberforce	Trenchard	Johnson	Alphonsi
Blessing Christine	Monjola	Julia	Amy Yusra Zarena	Rezwan Mahdi	Asan Thando Tokky	Eddie Zulekha	Pharrel Gemma

Apprentice Awards Year 8					
Hill	Rimla	Wilberforce	Trenchard	Johnson	Alphonsi
Amina	Adam	Annelee	Asan	Alisha	Aliyah
Areeb	Amy	Aymen	Christian	Amina	Briana
Hadi	Andrei	Emanuel	Denisa	Callum	Daniel
Huda	Aran	Farhiya	Hanif	Dalia	Ege
Idris	Ayub	Gjergj	Harri	Eddie	Esther
Jack M	Ela	Imaan	Harry	Habib	Gemma
Jahynne	Emily	Jaabir	Ibrahim	Laila	Gerald
Jonathan	Fernando	Jasmine	Iziah	Lee	Idman
Julia	Harry	Kazi	Jaykwan	Lewis	Kelechi
Keeley	Jack	Lara	Joseph	Lilly	Madison
Mikey	Kevin	Mahdi	Karim	Mary	Mohammed
Milan	Kian	Meryem	Leyla	Najib	Pharrel
Nishant	Meriam	Mikeal	Lisa	Zulekha	Rasha
Rayan	Nicole	Mya	Macie-Leigh		Safiy
Reiss	Olivia	Ra'Shaun	Mohammed		
Sarah	Oluleke	Rezwan	Mya		
Saskia	Radmiras	Sadek	Nathan		
Shahriar	Riaz	Safia	Nicole		
	Yusra	Salim	Rosie		
	Zarena	Violet	Steven		
		Yesim	Summer		
		Yusuf	Thando		
		Zak	Tokky		

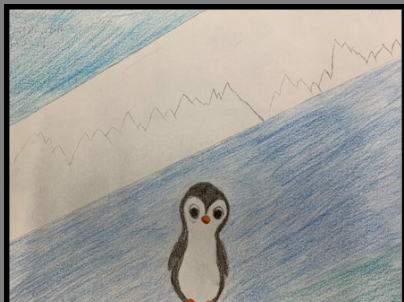
Apprentice Awards Year 7					
Adam	Enes	Annabel	Caris	Asrar	Anastasia
Adriana	Ewan	Cheryl	Carla	Dua	Caitlin
Ahmed	Ilinca	Kleya	Gabriel	Eliza	Dhasel
Ayman	Karim	Monjola	Halima	Eduard	Haniah
Blessing	Lilly	Riley	Manalla	Hasibullah	Jiya
Christine	Mason	Salma	Mishal	Jairo	Mariam
Daniel	Mayssa	Sofia	Reyan	Leo	Mario
Ehssanullah	Mazaya		Rihish	Paige	Sami
Ella	Melissa		Yusuf	Phoebe	
Eric	Mohamed		Yusuf	Shohei	
Esrae	Morsal			Yusra	
Freddie	Muaaz				
Halima	Nathan				
Haroon	Negareen				
Latrell	Riley M				
Layla	Rhianna				
Letycja	Seyar				
Nawar	Shahed				
Nnenna	Tyler				
Peace					
Reiss					
Ryan					
Sumayo					

GEOGRAPHY

Miss Morphitis

ANTARTICA FLAGS

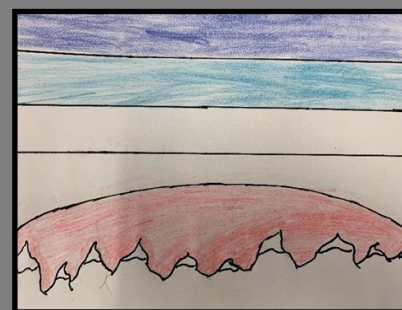
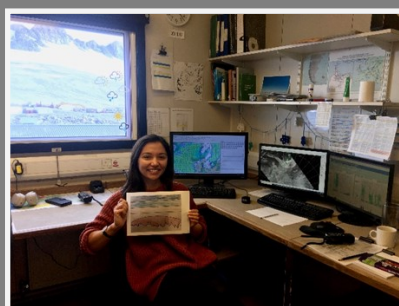
Back in November the Year 7's designed their own flag for Antarctica. The winning flags were sent with scientists to Antarctica. We have now received the photos of our first 3 flags. The others are still there on Bird Island and we will be able to share those photos with you in September.



Eric's flag is held by Catherine Maguire, one of the meteorologists in her office.



Sivagami's flag is photographed inside the maintenance garage in front of a skidoo.



Negareen's flag is being held by the pilot. The photo was taken at Fossil Bluff, a seasonal British aircraft refuelling station on the east coast of Alexander Island. In the background is one of the famous twin otters.



Jack Petchey Achievement Award Winners

March



Sofia
7 Wilberforce

April



Reyan
7 Trenchard

May



Halima
7 Trenchard

June



Julia
8 Hill

Celebration Award Winners

SUBJECT	Year 7 Attainment	Year 7 Effort	Year 8 Attainment	Year 8 Effort
English	Nawar (Hill)	Mason (Wilberforce)	Tokky (Trenchard)	Imaan (Wilberforce)
Science	Sami (Alphonsi)	Asrar (Johnson)	Jahynne (Hill)	Rayan (Hill)
Art	David (Alphonsi)	Monjola (Wilberforce)	Rezwan (Wilberforce)	Saskia (Hill)
Music	Mohammad (Wilberforce)	Blessing (Hill)	Laila (Johnson)	Mahdi (Wilberforce)
Computer Science	Sami (Alphonsi)	Anne (Rimla)	Zulekha (Johnson)	Eron (Johnson)
Spanish	Adam (Hill)	Cheryl (Wilberforce)	Eddie (Johnson)	Eron (Johnson)
Maths	Sofia (Wilberforce)	Negareen (Rimla)	Asan (Trenchard)	Meryem (Wilberforce)
PE	Freddie (Hill)	Joe (Alphonsi)	Gerald (Alphonsi)	Amy (Rimla)
PRE	Haniah (Alphonsi)	Cheryl (Wilberforce)	Yusra (Rimla)	Meryem (Wilberforce)
Geography	Anastasia (Alphonsi)	Mohammad (Wilberforce)	Eddie (Johnson)	Rasha (Alphonsi)
History	Letycja (Hill)	David (Alphonsi)	Zarena Salam (Rimla)	Esther (Alphonsi)

VALUES	Name
Humility	Zulekha (8 Johnson)
Hard work	Eddie (8 Johnson)
Honesty	Nathan (7 Rimla)
Discipline	Cheryl (7 Wilberforce)

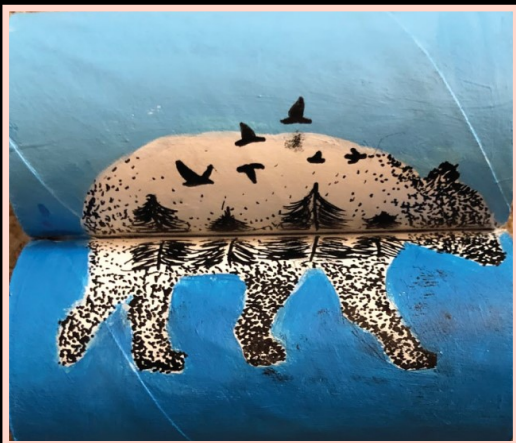
Lockdown Artwork

Sarah Graham's sweets style and nature.



CHARACTER	
Leadership	Rezwan (8 Wilberforce)
Organisation	Haroon (7 Hill)
Resilience	Joe (7 Alphonsi)
Initiative	Caris (7 Trenchard)
Communication	Anne (7 Rimla)





Lockdown Artwork

Diversity week, african patterns and nature .



In case of an emergency there is always a member of staff available for you to email.
Please see who and when they are available over the summer break:

Staff to Contact	Week commencing Monday	July			August			
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Ms Alexa	m.alexa@saracenshigh.org							
		Available		Not available				