

# Saxon Way News

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Dear Saxon Way Families,

Well what an exceptional end to a school year we have had! Just as we were about to celebrate our first full academic year since the global pandemic hit, we encountered an unprecedented heatwave with summer temperature records being broken many times over. At least now everyone can rest away from school and make the most of the summer sunshine.

The final day of term 6 brings a note of sadness as it is the last at Saxon Way for our year 6 children. We have ensured for those children, that we gave them a term to remember with their production, Prom, Diggerland trip, The Strand trip and festival day all creating memories to treasure. The school community wish each and every one of our Year 6's all the very best for their future and the next part of their learning journey.

We are continuing to plan exciting events across the curriculum for all children to take part in next year but this year has closed with an amazing GAF experience enjoyed by all with the return of the GAF Parade, one of our most famous and enjoyed proud traditions.

The year ends with a couple of fond farewells and some exciting welcomes as some staff move onto pastures new and others join us. Firstly, we say goodbye to Miss Lowe, who is about to embark on a completely new career using her artistic flair, in the field of corporate design. We are also saying farewell to Miss Lake who has secured an amazing opportunity to equip and plan learning for a Reception class in a brand-new school. An opportunity too good to miss, we are very excited for her! We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Dunne, who has been absent in recent months due to ill health. We wish her every success and good health for the future.

As hard as it is to say goodbye to members of our trusted family it is also exciting to welcome new people. We have managed to secure some amazing teachers for Saxon Way and we are really looking forward to working with them. We have asked all of them to introduce themselves within this newsletter so please enjoy getting to know them.

There are no free school meals vouchers being issued to eligible families this summer by Medway Local Authority. However, there are many holiday club activities taking place across Medway which also provide children with a free meal. Saxon Way have teamed up with Hoo sports to offer two weeks of fun activities at the school site. Places can be booked here <https://medwaycouncil.coordinate.cloud/project/32398> We look forward to seeing many children at our summer sports club. Mr Wells and the sports team are really excited and can't wait to have fun!

So, it just remains now for me to wish you a healthy and safe summer and we look forward to welcoming you back on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Take care.  
Mrs Sandow



### **Miss Southwood – Kahlo Class**

I am looking forward to September and helping my new children to nurture and grow!

I like reading, drawing and going on long walks in the summer.  
I am very excited to meet you all in September!



### **Miss Perry - Taylor – Nightingale Class**

Hello! I'm Miss Perry-Taylor (Miss P-T for short) and I'm so excited to start working at Saxon Way Primary School in September. Here are a few things about me: I love all animals but my favourites are highland cows, I love all things singing and dancing- I have danced and performed since I was 3 and my favourite place to be is Brighton beach, where I am from. Looking forward to meeting you all in September!



### **Mrs Robinson– Drama and Arts**

Hi, I'm Amy Robinson. I graduated from university with a degree in Drama and Theatre Arts in 2011. Drama has always been a passion and hobby of mine; from working in London theatres, to regularly visiting the theatre, and more recently working with young people in extracurricular Drama classes.

Seeing children engage and grow in confidence when taking part in drama is so rewarding and enhances my passion for the subject even more. I am so excited to be joining Saxon Way and inspire more students to share their creativity and find an enjoyment within Drama and their learning.



### **Miss Morris – Williams Class**

I am very excited to be joining Saxon Way as part of the year 6 team. I cannot wait to spend a fun-filled year with my new class, learning and growing alongside them during their final year of primary.

I love all things Disney and enjoy visiting the theatre in my spare time, especially musicals. I also have a passion for maths, something I'm sure many students will share with me during our time together. I will always give my best and expect pupils to try their best, having high expectations for a brilliant year ahead.



### **Mrs Clarke – Year 5/6 Group Teacher**

I have been married for 36 years and have three adult children. I used to work in international banking but retrained as a teacher after my children were born. I've now been teaching for 16 years and I am really looking forward to working in Year 5 and 6 at Saxon Way. I am a passionate gardener and love making wildlife friendly gardens. I also enjoy feeding and seeing the birds, including our family of blue tits. My favourite subjects are English, Maths and History. I love reading, visiting castles and going for walks in the country or by the sea. In my spare time I also work for the charity Slide Away which helps children that have experienced bereavement.



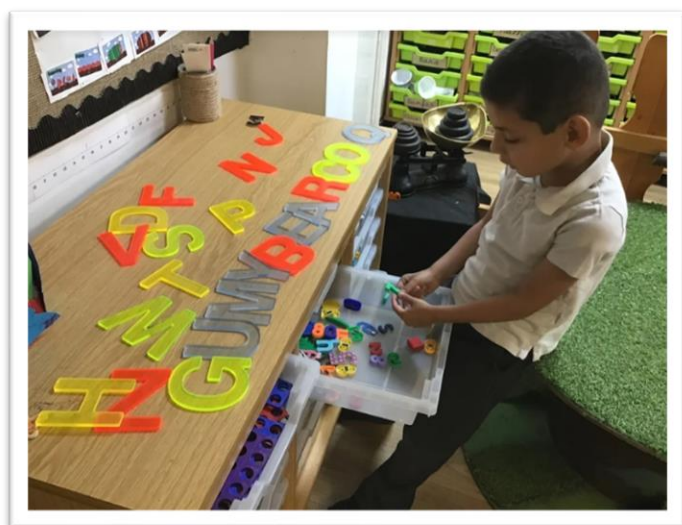
## **FS2 - Attenborough and Donaldson**

This term the children in FS2 have been learning all about Change Makers to celebrate GAF.

We are little hands that make big changes!

We spoke about how we can be a change maker and the children came up with lots of ideas such as, keeping the planet clean and picking up our rubbish, we spoke about the importance of this for our environment and animals. We also spoke about helping others, this could be giving and donating food, clothing and everyday things to those that need it. We also spoke about how something as small as a smile can make somebodies day and spread kindness!

The children in FS2 have also been preparing to come to end of their year in Donaldson and Attenborough Class and onto their journey into Year 1! All the staff in FS2 would like to say and big thank you to our parents and carers for their support this year and we would like to wish the children all the very best for Year 1!



## **Year 1 – Curie and Kahlo**

In Year 1 we have been learning how to stay safe in the sun and heat. We built dens using fabric, pegs and different resources to hold up the fabric. We learned that dipping our feet in water can help us to stay cool as well as doing calm activities and avoiding lots of running and jumping and drinking plenty of water. To help us to avoid getting sunburnt we know that we should stay in the shade or wear a sun hat as well as making sure that we have sun cream on.





## Year 2 – Nightingale and Shackleton

Well here we are at the end of another school year already! Our focus for term 6 has been on plants and minibeasts. Along with embedding all of the English and Maths skills they have learned, the children were able to consider what makes a good habitat for a minibeast and they were amazed at the variety of creepy crawlies they found around the school grounds.



During the two weeks of our Griffin Arts Festival, they showed us just how artistic they are and thoroughly enjoyed considering what it means to be a change-maker.

We have had an amazing year with the children and would like to thank you for all of your support through the year. We hope you have a fun and relaxing Summer.





## Year 3 – Pankhurst

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During GAF, we learnt how to make simple weaving patterns and arranged them with some cds to make an eye-catching piece of artwork.



As part of our work on shadows, we created human sun dials to tell the time of day.



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The GAF parade was great!  
We joined the whole school in  
a celebration of the Arts



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## Darwin

Darwin class have created houses for the borrowers who live under the floorboards at school! After reading the book during guided reading this term and comparing this to the film, we have become inspired to make our own houses. We have spent weeks collecting and saving things we think the borrowers could make and today we have brought it to life!

We have bunk bed, toilets, clocks, sofas, shelves and even a garage for their cars! Our ideas are endless and very creative!





## Year 4 – Fitzgerald and Brunel

Year 4 has had a very busy and exciting Term 6! Of course, the biggest feature being GAF which took place over 2 weeks. We have been very creative, making models from recycled material, designing our ideal school of the future and learning how we can improve our observational drawing skills. We enjoyed preparing for the GAF parade, and of course the hard work we all put into learning sign language to our song, 'Thousand Years'.

We have had a focus on Cats the musical, so we have been practising our drama skills and have grown in confidence when performing to the rest of the class. We have grown cress seeds in science, and learnt what plants need to grow, and what happens when they do not have the things they need to grow. Year 4 took part in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, where we had lots of fun activities to help us celebrate as well as the whole school lunch on the field.

Thank you for being a wonderful year 4 team, we wish you all the very best for year 5. Have an enjoyable summer!





## Year 5 – Mercury and Shakespeare

Year 5 took the train to Rochester for the day and visited the Cathedral, Guildhall Museum and had a walking tour guided by Dickens historian Stephen Moriarty - dressed as a sweep.

They learned all about the influence of Rochester, its people and architecture on the writing of Charles Dickens, and how Dickens was a change maker for human rights, in particular those of poor children. In the Cathedral, costumes helped pupils' imaginations to journey through time, from the Cathedral's construction through to more recent history.

We all enjoyed the Hulk's exhibition in the museum and the great variety of other objects from through the ages.



Year 5 got to grips with redesigning our school as part of the 'Change Makers' theme this year. They learnt about landmark architecture across the centuries and then applied their knowledge from maths, making cuboids from 2D nets, to build 3D school layouts. The pupils had to think about the functionality of the building as a whole and its grounds, what rooms a school requires, and how and where the imaginary pupils would spend their time. Pupils then ran with the project brief and added all sorts of other details through conversation and teamwork. It was rewarding to discover that pupils included features they really appreciate at Saxon Way, including the outdoor gym, woodland walk, garden areas and sport facilities.



## **Year 6 Williams and Hawking**

Year 6 have had a very exciting term! Having worked incredibly hard, the children completed their SATs in Term 5 and so they have been enjoying their last few weeks of their time at Saxon Way and the many trips and activities that Term 6 has to offer.

The 'fiver challenge' was a resounding success, with the children designing their own business and selling their goods at a school wide enterprise fair.

We have had trips to both Flip-Out and to the cinema, and this week the children have enjoyed an amazing day at Diggerland followed by their leavers Barbecue.





## Summer Reading Challenge 2022

# GADGETEERS

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

**From Saturday 25 June  
to Saturday 3 September**

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Join us at Medway Libraries for our free Summer Reading Challenge for 4-11 year olds! This year's fun science theme is Gadgets! You will be able to discover the amazing science and innovation behind the world around you, including some of your favourite things! It's time to unlock your imaginations to endless possibilities...

The challenge is to read 6 books between Saturday 9th July and Saturday 10th September, and for every book you read you'll receive a prize. The final prize is a certificate and shiny gold medal! All library books count towards the challenge; books with stories, books with facts, e-books, graphic novels, comics, and audiobooks- the main thing is to read books you enjoy!

It's quick and easy to sign up; just visit any Medway library and don't forget to bring your certificate in to your class teacher in September for an extra prize!

### Key Dates

**Staff INSET days – school closed to pupils**

*5 and 6<sup>th</sup> September*

**First Day back at school for pupils**

*Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September*

**The Big Draw and Black History Month**

*October*

**First Year 6 Swimming session**

*Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September*

**Sports Festival**

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October*

**Flu spray vaccinations**

*13<sup>th</sup> October*

**INSET DAY – School closed**

*1<sup>st</sup> November*

**Start of Term 2**

*Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October*

### Celebration Assembly

Well done to these pupils that have been celebrated this term for trying hard with their Writing, Maths and demonstrating excellent values:

<b><u>Year R</u></b> Harleigh Joni Kendra Mara Daisy P	<b><u>Year 1</u></b> Chi Chi Daisy P Lierra Ny'Asia Stevie Tiana-Leigh	<b><u>Year 2</u></b> Amelia-Joy BJ Freddie Rayn Sofia Talula-Rose	<b><u>Year 3</u></b> Talha Alfie C Tommy G Abrahm Alexis Bella B Connor Jimmy Priam
<b><u>Year 4</u></b> Eric M Israel Jobie Lohla P Madison T Ellie Jacob Louie-Joe Oliver S Scarlett L Sophia	<b><u>Year 5</u></b> Elsie S Kyle Mason H-T Michael Raihana Richard Brooke Edward Emmie Ella -Mai Kianna Summer E	<b><u>Year 6</u></b> Alistair Fareed Isaac Jayden E Jennifer Lacie-Jo Ruby G Tyla	<b><u>Year 6</u></b> Yanis Alfie Col Amina Jayden S Kalvin Megan S Stevie C Tubo

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# HOO SPORT

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Hoo Sport offers holiday clubs during each school holiday, providing multiple sporting opportunities and activities in a fun, safe environment and familiar setting. Our holiday clubs look to get children playing sports, improving their confidence, socially interacting, having fun and whilst making new friends. Our multi-sport holiday clubs run between 9am-3pm and will see children play a variety of sports and activities including football, hockey, gymnastics, dodgeball, handball, benchball, athletics, archery, table tennis, kvik-cricket, netball and many more. Hoo Sport has a strong reputation for booking up very fast due to the fantastic structure we have implemented in all our holiday clubs. Our clubs are for all children not just those that attend the school.

**Where:** Saxon Way Primary School, 100 Ingram Rd, Gillingham ME7 1SJ

**Who:** All children aged between 5-11 from any school

**Price:** £15 per child, per day or 4 days for £55

**Times:** 9am drop off and 3pm collection

**Dates:** Week 1- Mon 25<sup>th</sup>, Tues 26<sup>th</sup>, Wed 27<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> July

**Dates:** Week 2- Mon 1<sup>st</sup>, Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> August

If your child is entitled to free-school meals, please get in contact as a free fully-funded place on our holiday club may be available. You will need to fill out the required information and create an account. From there you will be able to book your child/children onto the holiday club for free. Providing your application is successful you will have full access to our holiday clubs and your child will also receive a free hot dinner at lunch time. We cannot accept application for this offer directly via the school. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the contact information below or the school office.

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