



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter – 24 June 2022

We were very pleased that the rain held off for our class photographs today. The children all looked incredibly smart and brought out their sunniest smiles to impress the photographers! This afternoon, the junior school corridors have been a hive of activity with the Year 2 pupils coming over to visit their Year 5 buddies. They had fun completing a treasure hunt to find letters hidden around the junior school building. Each clue led them to a new place to explore. Each visit brings with it a new adventure, all the time supporting our year 2 pupils in becoming increasingly familiar with their new school environment.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



Early Years!

It was such a joy to see our littlest learners return to school, feeling refreshed and ready for learning, after their long weekend. This week, we have been learning more about odd and even numbers, following on from our previous sharing and grouping learning. We were so impressed with how the children were using their developing reasoning skills to identify a number as odd or even and justify their answers. Well done, Reception!

Year 4

This week, we have been concluding our English topic of Persuasive Writing. Over the last couple of weeks, we have learnt all about how to write in a persuasive manner. We have explored how to structure a persuasive letter, using an introduction, main body (reasoning paragraphs) and a conclusion. The children have been using emotive language, rhetorical questions, facts, opinions and lots of other persuasive devices to make their writing powerful and persuasive! This week, we have been writing our final, extended piece of writing of the topic, our 'Big Write'. The children have been writing a persuasive letter to the President of Brazil to convince him to stop Deforestation, linking to our Geography topic. We have been very impressed by how persuasive the children have been this week and that they have been able to write in a formal manner.

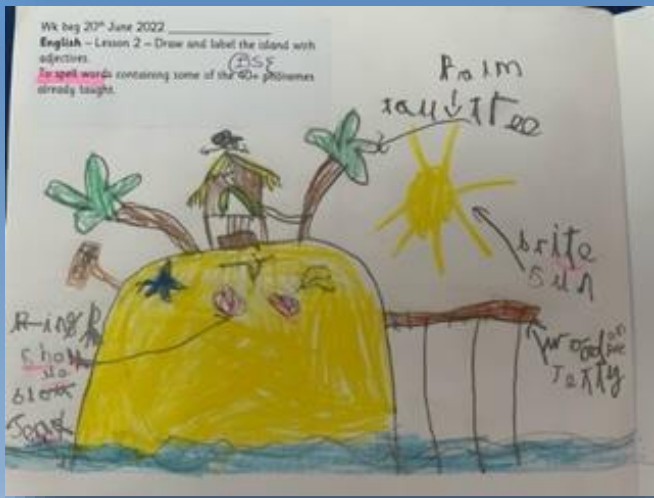




SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

Our Teachers and LSAs started the week completing their Phonics training on the Little Wandle programme which will be used in all year groups from September. We are very excited about this programme and we are looking forward to sharing more about it with you in the new academic year. The children have also been working hard this week putting finishing touches to their creations from Arts Week, learning about the values of different coins in Maths and finding ways to improve their writing. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their Scooterbility sessions, from helping each other put on the safety gear to showing off their new found skills to the rest of the group.

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS



Year 1

Year 1 have been reading a book called 'Message in a Bottle' and are going to be writing an advertising leaflet about a paradise island! They started this week by drawing the island and labelling it using adjectives. They had to think carefully about their spellings to make sure they had included all of the sounds in each word. In maths, year 1 started learning about money. They have loved using the coins to pay for things in our role play area and generally just exploring the different coins we have!

Year 2

This week has flown by! Year 2 have been busy with Scooterbility, transition for Year 3 and ...sssh...our upcoming Year 2 'performance'. Tuesday's Scooterbility lesson allowed the children to learn how to control their scooter properly and how to act when they are on the pavement. This involved a lot of braking and emergency stops! Today's transition was amazing and Year 2 were able to buddy up with a member of Solent Junior School's Year 5. The children thoroughly enjoyed being shown around Solent Juniors!





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Another busy week at the Junior School but we have ensured that we have enjoyed this lovely weather! On Tuesday, Mrs Wilby, Mrs Curthoys and myself had the pleasure of visiting all of the classes in the school for our final monitoring day of the year. We saw children engaged in learning tasks, show casing the skills that they had learnt throughout the year. Three of our governors joined u for the day and were able to conference children about how they are challenged in school in their learning. As expected the children were articulate and confident to discuss their skills and the strategies they use, when they are stuck. Seeing what the children have achieved were lovely and showed how hard they have all worked this year!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

Year 3

As part of Arts Week in school, Year 3 learnt about collage. We studied and evaluated existing art work using this technique and practised creating our own collage designs. These skills were then applied to our current topic- The Ancient Egyptians- to create our own Egyptian style God and Goddess self portrait collages. The children loved using their imagination, paired with their knowledge on Egyptian Gods, to create bright and creative designs using a variety of materials. We think the Year 3 children rather suit their new God and Goddess titles, don't you?



Year 5

This week, for Arts Week, the Year 5 children have been busy making Peruvian art. They have been making tiles out of cardboard and string and painting them with brightly coloured paints and printing them in their art book. They worked hard to design, make, paint and print their tiles, drawing inspiration from some of the Peruvian pictures they were shown.



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Year 6

It has been a very busy week in Year 6 with rehearsals in full swing for our production of 'Archibald's War'. Once again, our wonderful year6's are exceeding our expectations with the speed at which they have learnt scripts, songs and stage directions. The children's singing, we have been told, is being enjoyed across the school already! We are all very much looking forward to sharing our production next week, with the rest of the school and with parents and carers from year 6 .

Dates for the Diary

Friday 24th June
 Tuesday 28th June
 Wednesday 29th June
 Thursday 30th June
 Thursday 30th June
 Friday 1st July
 Monday 4th July
 Monday 4th July
 Monday 4th July
 Tuesday 5th July
 Week of 4th July
 Wednesday 6th July
 Thursday 7th July
 Friday 8th July
 Week of 11th July
 Wednesday 20th July

Class photograph day
 Year 6 production to parents (1.15pm & 6pm)
 Year 3 Disability Awareness Day
 Year 6 Disability Awareness Day
 Showcasing Portsmouth event at Guildhall
 Year 3 new parent & carer meeting (9.10am)
 Summer Open Afternoon (work share)
 Year R Gymnastics Festival (set group)
 Year 6 transition day at Springfield
 Year 6 transition day at Springfield
 Progress Reports home to parents & carers
 Year 2C celebration to parents & carers
 Year 2MA celebration to parents & carers
 Year 2M celebration to parents & carers
 Year 6 Residential to Fairthorne Manor
 Year 6 to Paultons Park

Friday 22nd July—

Break up for Summer Holidays!



Inset Days

Friday 17th June 2022
 Monday 20th June 2022

We can now confirm that the first two days of the academic year 2022-2023 have been set as Inset days. These dates are:

Thursday 1st September
Friday 2nd September

Children (Except new Year R pupils) will return to school on Monday 5th September.