



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Autumn Newsletter 2021 – 10th December



This week has been a challenging week for all at Solent. So, as a pleasant change, I have chosen a picture to share with you all. On the left, you will see Darcy in 2MA with a post box topper created for us here at school, by her mummy, as a 'Random Act of Crochet Kindness'. What a beautifully wonderful reminder of what a warm and caring community we have here at Solent!

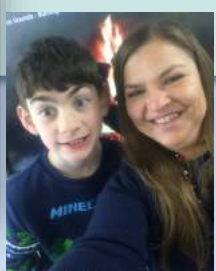
Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



Christmas Jumper Day!

Today, we all dressed up beautifully cosy and warm in our Christmas jumpers to take part in our annual Christmas Jumper Day. This year we are raising vital funds for Save the Children. Thank you all very much for your kind donations towards this very worthy cause. Every single penny you have donated helps children around the world get the things they need to see the magic in the world again.

Thank you all for making the world better in a sweater!



Twinkle all the Way!

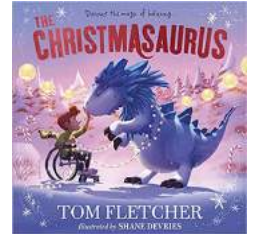
The FSS Twinkle Trail is up and running! With 24 secret letters displayed at our 24 secret locations, why not see if you can follow the trail and work out the secret Christmas phrase. You will also have the opportunity to vote for the house you feel is best decorated and be entered into the draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher. All this for just completing a healthy and fun festive activity. Maps will be on sale at SIS (under the blue gazebo) and at SJS (at the main office gate) right up until the end of term and the trail will be open from now up until Christmas Eve. Entries can be returned to school up until Friday 7th January.





SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

Christmas songs have continued to ring out down the corridors from the classrooms, this week, which has been wonderful to hear! The children have been busy making Christmas crafts and cards, learning about different Christmas traditions and writing letters, poems and descriptive passages linked to winter and Christmas. The excitement is definitely growing and we have loved seeing everyone's Christmas jumpers (and accessories) today. We would like to thank the FSS for buying a copy of the wonderful story "The Christmasaurus" by Tom Fletcher for every class in the school and also for the school library.



Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

Early Years!

Year R have explored their expressive arts and design skills this week by experimenting with a variety of materials, techniques and textures. We have particularly enjoyed making our own snow using cornflour, oil and glitter—and describing the texture when we mixed them all together. We then used our homemade snow in our outdoor learning time and created our very own snowmen! Year R have been enjoying getting into the Christmas spirit!



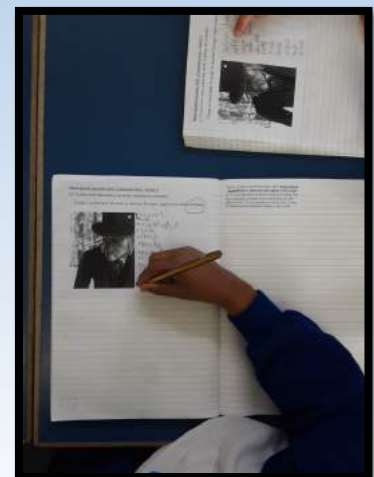
Year 1



Year 1 have been really busy this week! They have been writing instructions for the Reception classes on 'How to make a party hat' and have enjoyed using bossy verbs to do so! Hopefully, we will see some party hats soon! In DT, the children have continued to develop their creative skills by making 'split pin angels'. This was very tricky but the children showed their resilience and kept going with big smiles on their faces. They were proud of the end result!

Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed our 'Time Travellers' learning theme this week and we have found out about a famous Victorian author called Charles Dickens. We were thrilled to find out that he was born in Portsmouth! We used his book, 'A Christmas Carol' to inspire our writing as we wrote a descriptive paragraph about Scrooge. We were pleased to find out that Scrooge changed his behaviour by the end of the story.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Christmas is in full flow at the Junior School! Every time I leave my office I can see Y4 shepherds followed by their sheep and other characters walking down the corridor on their way to the hall. This has been followed by Christmas Carols echoing down the corridors from every single year group! It is lovely to see the children becoming so excited by the Advent calendar at Northwoods. This has been celebrated in assembly, along with Christmas traditions from around the world. The children were set a class discussion to share their Christmas traditions. It has been fantastic hearing them all I have chuckled at how many of them feature chocolate! I have cherry picked a few to start with my family this year!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



Year 3

Super Samie's! Wow, what an amazing bunch of budding chefs we have! Last Friday was our Year 3 Sandwich Making Day and the classrooms were a frenzy of bread, lettuce, cheese, ham—you name it! Some children even got super creative with their healthy ideas by thinking about how to make sweet sandwiches with fruit! The children's skills were fantastic too, using the 'bridge method' to cut and slice their ingredients safely. We hope they tasted as good as they looked!

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have worked their socks off, to each create a class Nativity, 'Prickly Hay'. We are so impressed with the children's enthusiasm, and their acting, singing and dancing skills. Remarkably, each class has created an amazing performance in just one week! Today, each class has recorded their final Nativity performance, which will be coming to you next Thursday 16th December, at 6pm, just in time for the end of term!

We know you will be blown away with each performance next week, and we cannot wait to share it with you.



Year 5

In Year 5 we have been working on creating our very own 3D planet sculptures! The children have been using their art skills to design their own planet in their sketchbooks. After that, they started to use cardboard, newspaper and masking tape to make their raised surface (also known as their planet sculpture)! The children will then cover them with strips of newspaper and PVA glue to papier-mâché over the top! Once dried the children will use their art techniques to paint them using acrylic paint! We can't wait to update you with their final masterpieces!



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Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been creating slippers made from upcycled materials, as part of the 'Putting on the Blitz' topic. By breaking down the stages, the pupils have learned to create a template from paper that was then as a pattern to create the various material, foam and padding layers. Over the following few days, pupils will learn to develop their designs and the various sewing techniques required to make a stylish item of footwear!



7th December Oakley 3H

6th December Isabelle 6W



8th December Gracie 2M



Advent Winners!

We have had a lovely start to the month revealing our advent competition winners each day in assembly. Each of these pupils have won an amazon voucher, sponsored by Northwoods, to spend as they wish. If you would like to see the pictures in situ, then pop on down to Northwoods on the Havant Road, as they reveal a picture a day.



10th December Esme 4SW



9th December Milly R 5F