



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter – 29 April 2022



Welcome to Summer at Solent! I hope that you all had a lovely relaxing Spring break. We have really enjoyed hearing about all of the exciting adventures you have all got up to! Our infant school pupils were so excited to have arrived back to some outdoor equipment bought for them by the FSS. Look at these wonderful scarecrows and log seating ready to enjoy during all of the glorious sunshine that is coming our way!



Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

SJS House Hoodies Now on Sale!

Last term, we ran a uniform consultation. As part of that consultation, one of our families suggested that we introduce coloured house PE hoodies at Solent Junior School. We are delighted to let you know that these hoodies are now in stock on our online uniform store (accessible through the school website). Pupils new to Year 3 will find out which house they are in on our open afternoon on May 18th, when you too will be able to order one!



Year 6

Our final day of the Spring Term saw an amazing display of costumes and wartime food to celebrate the Y6 WW2 day! A huge thank you to the children (and parents) for making an incredible effort with costumes -all of which looked fantastic- and the authentic wartime recipes that made use of rationed items at the time. The children also had the opportunity to showcase their projects, finishing with a dance performance of 'In the Mood' by Glenn Miller!



Drop and Shop!

Throughout the Summer term, we will be running a 'Drop and Shop' second hand uniform stall. Every fortnight throughout the term we will invite families to bring along any second hand uniform (good condition only) they no longer need and drop it on the stall. In exchange, those who drop will be able to choose the equivalent number of items to take away. Alternatively, those without uniform to drop, can pay via an honesty box. All proceeds will go to the FSS. The stall will be in the playground at SIS and outside the front entrance at SJS on the following dates:

- SIS Mondays 9th & 23rd May, 13th & 27th June and 11th July
- SJS Tuesdays 10th & 24th May, 14th & 28th June and 12th July



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

Welcome back after the Easter break! The children have had their batteries recharged and have approached their learning this week with enthusiasm. All three year groups are following a Science learning theme for this half term: Year R will be discovering all about life cycles by watching their class caterpillars change into butterflies in the coming weeks, Year 1 have gone Potty about Plants and will be learning the names of the different parts of the plant, and Year 2 will be investigating the best living and growing conditions for plants. Therefore, by May Half Term, we will all be green-fingered and our school grounds will look even more amazing than they do already!

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

Early Years!

The Reception children had a very exciting start to the Summer Term with the arrival of our class caterpillars. We have shared the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, discussed the life cycle of a butterfly, explored our next Garden Centre role play areas and many more brilliant activities. We cannot wait to watch our caterpillars grow and change over the coming weeks. We wonder if they will become butterflies before the half term holidays?



Year 1

How lovely to see all the children's smiling faces back after the Easter holiday. Year 1 have already started our new theme called 'Potty About Plants'. Guess what our learning will focus on! We began our theme with an outdoor plant hunt, linking science and literacy, and are planning a non-fiction poster about sunflowers. In maths we have been focussing on counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and are becoming experts. Test us at home to see how clever we are! Well done everyone for a great week back!



Year 2

The Year 2 teaching team were very pleased to see the children after the Easter holiday and enjoyed listening to their exciting news. Our learning theme for Summer 1 is, 'Our Growing World'. This week we have explored what we already know about the topic and expressed what we would like to find out. In literacy, we read the story, 'Rosie Revere Engineer' and answered questions using inference—a challenge as we had to give answers based on drawing conclusions from the story. The answers are not easy but we rose to the challenge!





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Welcome back to the Summer Term! My week started perfectly, with Year 5 coming back into the school hall for their first assembly with me. They have set the bar high with their behavior and it was a delight to see all of their faces on a Monday morning. To support the children getting used to being back all together, we have begun with year group assemblies in the hall, whilst the other year groups watch from their rooms. Each year group attends a different assembly during the week, as this will also help them get used to different members of staff from other year groups. The children have loved it, especially Year 3 as they were in the hall today for Mrs. Wilby's 'Feel Good Friday' assembly. We hope all of the children are enjoying it as much as we are! Hope you all have a lovely bank holiday and see you for a slightly shorter week, next week!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

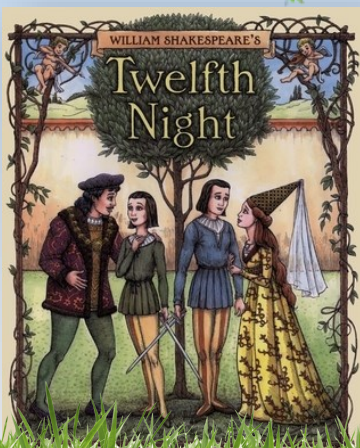
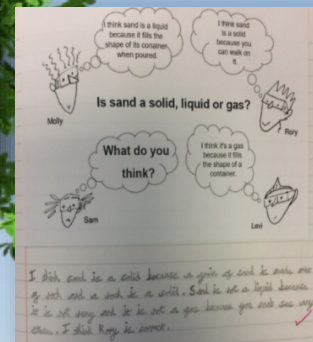
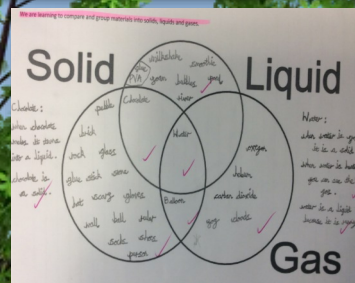
Year 3

This week Year 3 have started our writing unit on persuasive writing- so be prepared for them to come home and use their powers of persuasion on you! We have enjoyed reading lots of persuasive texts and letters in guided reading as well as been really impressed with how the children have used expanded noun phrases to advertise a new chocolate bar. With phrases such as "The New King of Cadburys" and "Try a Twirl with a Twist!" it is clear we have some future marketing and advertisers in Year 3!



Year 4

Welcome back to the Summer Term! This week, we have had a jam-packed week full of lots of learning and we have began an array of new topics, which we will continue, as the term progresses. One highlight was our new Science topic of State Changes. We have explored the properties of solids, liquids and gases, and thought about how some materials can change state, when a temperature change occurs. For example, we discussed how water, can become a solid, liquid and a gas, when frozen or heated above 100 degrees Celsius!



Year 5

This week in English, we have been rehearsing our performance of A Twelfth Night. The children have really enjoyed getting into character and performing in front of each other. The pupils have been busy learning their lines and just a reminder for children to get together props and costumes, ready for us to film in a few weeks time!



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The Solent Schools Governing Body

A very warm spring hello from the Solent School Parent Governors! We hope you all had a 'relaxing' break over the Easter holidays with your loved ones!

Following on from the voting earlier in the year, we (Sarah Turner and Iain Sutherland) have been appointed as Parent Governors, and alongside the rest of the governing body, are really enjoying supporting the school leadership in the excellent job they are doing with our little ones. Over the coming term, as we continue to learn to live with Covid, we will start to take an active role in visiting the school, taking part in face-to-face parent meetings, and generally helping engage with the parent and carer community. Whilst we don't act as the collective 'parent voice' on the governing body, we are always really keen to hear your views and discuss any topics or ideas regarding the schools', so do feel free to approach us if you see us around. We're very friendly, passionate about the schools and always keen to chat (we'll usually be wearing Governor lanyards when we're on site, for easy identification!).

We hope we meet you soon!
Sarah and Iain



One of our wonderful Year 3 LSAs has raised £230 for The Little Princess Trust and also donated 14 inches of her hair to the charity! Well done Miss Nicholas we are very proud of you and think that your new hair do definitely suits you!





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Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd May	May Day Bank Holiday—No School
Tuesday 3rd May	Additional School Bank Holiday—No School
Thursday 5th May	Showcasing Portsmouth Event
Thursday 5th May	Polling Day—School fully open
WB Monday 9th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 18th May	New to Year R and 3 Open afternoon
Friday 27th May	TSS Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
Friday 27th May	Break up for May Half Term!
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June MAY HALF TERM	
Monday 6th June	Return to School for Summer 2!
Friday 10th June	SIS Whole School Trip to Marwell
Monday 13th—Friday 17th June	Arts Week
Monday 13th June	Showcasing Portsmouth Event at SIS
Friday 17th June	Inset—School Closed to all pupils
Monday 20th June	Inset—School Closed to all pupils
Friday 24th June	Class photograph day
Wednesday 29th June	Year 3 Disability Awareness Day
Thursday 30th June	Year 6 Disability Awareness Day
Thursday 30th June	Showcasing Portsmouth event at Guildhall
Monday 4th July	Summer Open Afternoon (work share)
Monday 4th July	Year R Gymnastics Festival (set group)
Week of 4th July	Progress Reports home to parents & carers
Week of 11th July	Year 6 Residential to Fairthorne Manor
Wednesday 20th July	Year 6 to Paultons Park

Friday 22nd July—Break up for Summer Holidays!



Inset Days

Additional Bank Holiday
for schools
Tuesday 3rd May

Friday 17th June 2022
Monday 20th June 2022

Friday 27th May is Platinum Jubilee Day at the Solent Schools. All pupils are invited to dress in red, white and blue. If you have any spare red white and blue bunting, that you could donate to school, we would be very grateful. Please drop off any donations at the school office.

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.