



# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Autumn Newsletter 23 September 2022

This week, we experienced the first Development Day of the academic year. Development Days give our schools the opportunity to celebrate all of the effective teaching and learning that is already taking place around school and to look forward to the steps that we will be taking over the coming year to make it even better! Over the past three years, we have taken part in a 'Maths Mastery' development journey, which has had significant impact upon the way in which Maths is taught across the Solent Schools. We have been able to evidence this impact through the way in which our pupils are taught and also their progress and attainment in Mathematics. This year, we turn our attention to the teaching of writing. We know that over the past two years our pupils have not necessarily had the same writing opportunities that they would have done without a global pandemic. This has made us even more determined to ensure that their experiences in writing support them in becoming the very best writers that they can be. We look forward to sharing our progress with you and inviting you along to support your child on their writing journey.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

## You've Been Spotted!

Last year, our pupils told us that they did not always feel safe on the streets around our school. The reason for this was the sheer weight of traffic in both Eveleigh Road and Solent Road. This was at the beginning and end of the school day. In attempt to solve this problem, we asked the pupils to come up with ideas to encourage their peers and their families to walk to school (or park further away and walk) and keep us all far safer. With the help of Dylan (6W) they came up with the idea 'You've Been Spotted'. Starting next week, our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) will be out and about on the roads around our schools. They will be randomly spotting pupils who are walking to school. Not everybody will receive a sticker, but instead the JRSOs will have a random number counter and award the next to walk past on the set number. Those who are lucky enough to receive stickers will be celebrated in Friday assembly at each school and will earn themselves a certificate and team points. This will be repeated periodically throughout the term. If successful, it will be carried over into the Spring term.

We all have to take responsibility for the safety of our school community. This is our pupils doing their bit—now it is over to our parents and carers to support them by walking to school!



## FRIENDS OF THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

**Don't forget that the FSS AGM is being held at 5pm on Tuesday 27th September at Solent Infant School. This is the first face to face meeting they have held since Autumn 2019! The support this charity gives our schools is priceless and really does make such a difference to our pupils.**



# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

This week, we have worked hard to fit our 5 days of learning into 4 days. Year R are becoming more confident as each day passes. They have had lots of new experiences this week: lunches at school, PE and Music lessons and getting to know the other friends in their classes. We are all very proud of how well they are doing! Year 1 have launched themselves into their "Superhero Me!" learning theme and have enjoyed their first outdoor learning day this week; Year 2 have set sail with their "Ahoy There!" theme and have enjoyed exploring materials in their Science lessons. We are looking forward to learning more about Harvest next week and seeing our Harvest food collection for the Food Bank grow!

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

## Early Years!

We have been using our ears to listen carefully to different types of sounds. We went for a sound walk adventure around our school and talked about the different sounds we could hear and where they came from. We heard children playing, teachers talking, music playing, the internet cables whirring and the hand dryers in the toilets! While we were on our sound walk, we spotted something unusual in the woodland walk.... A tent with a bear and a book inside! We wonder where this adventure will take us?



## Year 1

What another fantastic week in Year 1! On Tuesday, we completed our first outdoor learning day of the school year. The children loved learning in the different areas of our school ground. The children learnt about one-more, how to improve their observational drawing and they found out about our natural environment amongst many other things! The children have also designed and written 'WANTED' posters for Evil Pea! Year 1 look forward to next week where the children will stretch their learning once again.



## Year 2

Year 2 are enjoying their learning theme, 'Ahoy There!'

In geography, we are learning the names of the seven continents and where they are in the world. There is a song we are learning too to help us remember.

In science, we are learning about materials and their properties. We are great scientists and can name many materials around us in the playground. We are able to discuss why the material they are made from is appropriate.

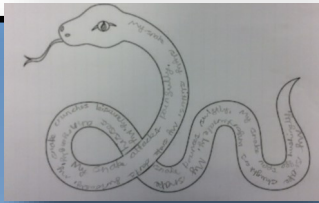




# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

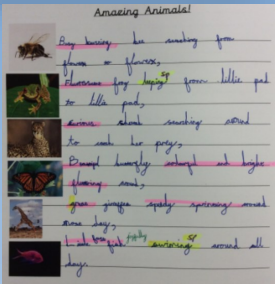
Our September value of the month is 'Responsibility' and we have been exploring this in my Monday assemblies. All of the classes have now elected their student councilors and eco warriors. Year 6 have announced the Head and Senior pupils. The school community has celebrated all of them and I know they are all eager to start their new roles in school. A role we are now electing is our Junior Road Safety Officers! Each class will have two reps who will be monitoring our communities efforts to keep our roads around school safe. Once elected a letter will be sent to their parents/carers asking them to either come in slightly early or stay after school for a small period of time to do "spot checks" so now is the time to start parking slightly further away and get those steps in to support them in keeping our school roads safer.

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



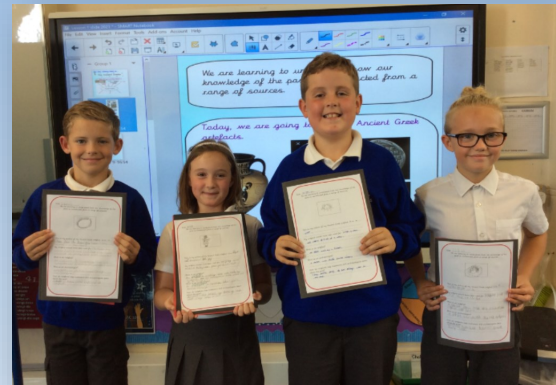
## Year 3

Year 3 have had a super third week of term and are now fully settled into Junior School life, and are embracing lots of new challenges. This week, we have concluded our third week of our writing journey and have written our own poems all about animals. We have been super impressed with the standard of the vocabulary used, as the children have been applying all of their new learning including using similes, metaphors, personification and alliteration. We have also been pleased with how the children's handwriting and presentation is improving and have already started to award a couple of pen licenses! Keep up the great work, Year 3.



## Year 4

This week in Year 4, we started our new topic in History- Ancient Greece. The children have loved becoming archaeologists and looking at different artefacts, deciding what the artefacts can tell us about life in Ancient Greece. The pupils also shared with their classes previous knowledge they had of Ancient Greek civilisation and wrote down questions about things they hoped to know by the end of the topic. The children were all very excited to start learning about their new topic and can't wait to find out more about the Ancient Greeks.



## Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been preparing to write their own recount inspired by the book Cosmic. We have been immersing ourselves in the text as the character Liam to inform our own writing. The children have been focusing on their five senses to describe their journey and experience in space whilst writing in the past and present tense. We are very much looking forward to reading the amazing work they produce!





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## Year 6

The value of the month in school has been RESPONSIBILITY. Year 6 have really stepped up in becoming excellent role models in school for all year groups to aspire to. Each class is filled with enthusiastic pupils taking on a range of roles - whether it be Head and Deputy Head pupils, Senior pupils, Teach Peace pupils, Student Council representatives and Eco-Warriors, to name just some of their responsibilities within the school. Many pupils also have extra class monitor roles too and all of these parts, which are played by our Year 6's are helping them develop their sense of personal responsibility as well as showing the rest of the school how it is done! Well done Year 6 for demonstrating a fantastic sense of responsibility - we are very proud of you all!



As we do have a number of children in school with nut allergies, we would like to kindly remind you that pupils should not be bringing into school any nuts, nut products, peanuts or any food that lists nuts or peanuts in the main ingredients.

## New to Year R or 3 2023?

We are in the process of setting up our tours for prospective Year R and Year 3 parents and carers ready for September 2023! If you have a child, or know of somebody who has a child, due to start in Year R or 3 in September 2023 then keep an eye on the school website. The booking system will open next week.

## Come and represent your child's class!

We would like to resume our parent & carer liaison meetings. As such, we are seeking one parent or carer rep for each class to attend the meetings as a voice for that class. The meetings will be held once every half term and will be a mix of daytime / evening meetings to suit all attendees. All we ask is that the rep brings along topics for discussion on behalf of other parents and carers and that you are happy to respond to questions from the school as a voice for other families. We will ensure that other parents and carers know who you are. Your reward will include tea and biscuits, priority access to events and also a great opportunity to get to know a wider group of parents and carers, as well as senior leaders in school. If you would like to put your name forward for this role, please [click here](#) to complete a very brief jot form. **We still need reps for the following classes: Rec T, Rec DE, 2MA, 4S, 5C and 5P!**



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## Dates for the Diary!

All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.

### Autumn 2022

Mon 19th Sept	School Closed
Tues 20th Sept	6-7.00pm Y3 Welcome Meeting
Fri 23rd Sept	2.30—3pm Y2 Parent & Carer Expectation Mtg
Mon 26th Sept	2.30—3pm Y1 Parent & Carer Expectation Mtg
Tues 27th Sept	9.15am or 6pm YR Welcome Meeting (1 hour)
Mon 10th Oct	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Thurs 13th Oct	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Mon 17th Oct	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)
Thurs 20th Oct	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)

#### Half term Mon 24th Oct—Fri 28th Oct

Tues 8th Nov	6-7pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
Weds 7th Dec	5.30—6pm Solent Schools Carol Concert

#### Christmas Break Mon 19th Dec—Mon 2nd Jan

### Spring 2023

Tues 10th Jan	6-7pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
Mon 30th Jan	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Thurs 2nd Feb	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Mon 6th Feb	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)
Thurs 9th Feb	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)

#### Half Term Mon 13th—Fri 17th Feb

Weds 8th Mar	6-7 pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
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#### Easter Break Mon 3rd—Fri 14th April

### Summer 2023

Weds 17th May	New Family Open Afternoon (New Year R & 3 2023) 3.30—5.30pm
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#### Half Term Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June

Fri 16th June	Inset Day
Mon 19th June	Inset Day
Mon 3rd July	Open Work Share (SIS 3.30-5pm SJS 3.15—5pm)
Thurs 13th July	Pop in and Meet the New Teacher (SIS 3.30—4pm SJS 8.20—8.30am)