



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Autumn Newsletter 30 September 2022

It has definitely felt very Autumnal as we have come to the end of our last school week in September. With October we welcome the value of Friendship across our schools as we begin to think about what we value in our friendships, but also how we can be a good friend to others. On Monday 10th October, we will be asking our staff and pupils to wear something yellow to raise the profile of young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day. We have already begun to explore how important those around us are when we are in need of support and how we should never feel alone. What a great way to start the month of October and the value of Friendship!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

You've Been Spotted!

Earlier on this week, the first team of Junior Road Safety Officers were out and about on our local streets. They were carrying out research into why it is that our school roads feel unsafe right now. Upon their return to school they fed back the following concerns:

- Farlington Avenue, Eveleigh Road and Solent Road get very busy.
- Some parents and carers are parking where there isn't a space or they should not be parking including on the zig zags (right outside school) and over driveways. This is causing a 'car lock' around the school.
- Highlands Road gets very busy, so this is a road to avoid parking in.

They then walked a little further and spotted a number of pupils who were safely walking to school. Congratulations to those pupils below, who we are celebrating in our school assemblies this week. Watch out as the JRSO will be out and about



Congratulations to the following pupils (and staff) who were all spotted walking to school this week:

- Ruby-Sue H (5C)
- Annie L-D (3H)
- Alice H (2RM)
- Oliver D (6W)
- Mrs Dawson!
- Joey H (2M)



FRIENDS OF THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Congratulations to Mr Jamie Dale, who was voted in as the new chair of the Friends of the Solent Schools at the AGM earlier this week. Congratulations also to Mrs Caroline Sutherland, our new treasurer, and Mrs Lucy Humphreys, our new secretary. We are all looking forwards to working alongside you during the coming year!



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

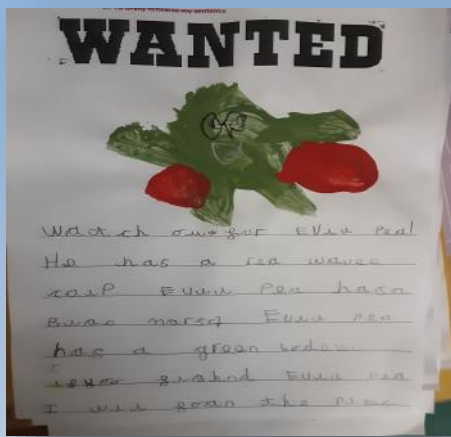
In our September Assemblies, we have thought about our schools' value of Responsibility: learning how to take responsibility for our actions, becoming more responsible for our belongings and showing responsibility within our learning. As we move into October and focus on our new value of Friendship, we will be thinking of how these two values link together. Next week, every class in the school will be taking part in a special PSHE Week about Feelings. Look out for the whole school homework at the end of next week! Thank you very much to the FSS for buying each class a copy of the Feelings book.



Mrs Curthoys - Head of School SIS

Early Years!

Year R have completed their first full week at school and we are so proud of them all! We have continued to learn all about the story 'We're going on a bear hunt', as well as enjoy both PE sessions, and our outdoor learning time. We particularly liked our maths learning this week, where we have been exploring ways to copy, continue and create a repeating pattern. Well done on a super week, Year R! We look forward to another week full of exciting adventures!



Year 1

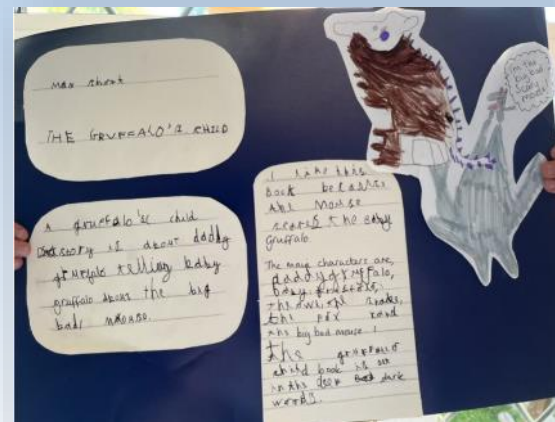
Year 1 have been reading the story 'Supertato' in English. Last week we heard that Evil Pea had escaped from the freezer and so decided to make wanted posters to try and find him! The children have done a fantastic job of describing Evil Pea and have practised writing sentences with capital letters, spaces between words and full stops.

In science, we have been on a senses walk around our school grounds to try and work out what our five senses do.

Year 2

The Year 2 teachers have been so proud of all of the home learning they have received! Take a look at the book review in the photo.

This week, the children have started looking at a new text, 'The Pirates Next Door'. They have been thinking about the pirates in the story and what they know about pirates. It has encouraged some super debates! In Maths, the children have been using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 and applying this to number bonds to 100. Well done Year 2!

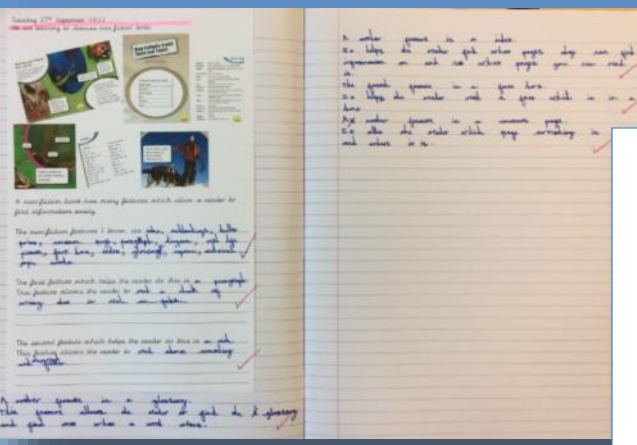




SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

I can not believe that today is the last day in September however with the turn in the weather, I definitely know Autumn has arrived! Yesterday morning, our Year 6 Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) met and monitored the roads near the Junior School. They noticed children from both the infant and junior school who were walking to school, and awarded a couple of stickers to a few they spotted. Their names have been taken and they will be celebrated in assemblies at both schools. The JRSOs know it is difficult when the weather turns to walk to school but they are really impressed with those that continue to do so. Keep going, as you will be noticed!

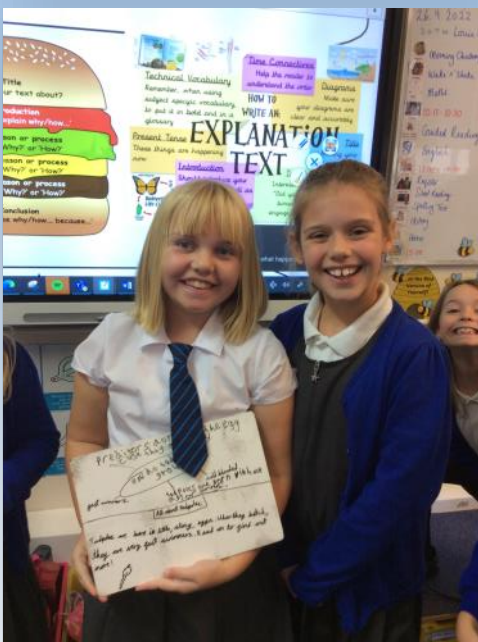
Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



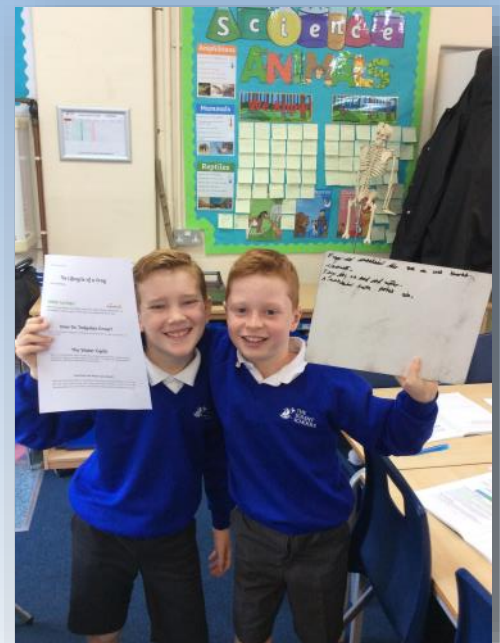
Year 3

This week, Year 3 have started to explore a whole new world of English writing, with our new genre 'Information Texts'. We have begun to learn all about the structure and layout of non-fiction texts linked to our Science topic about Animals. By the end of the English unit, the children will have all of the necessary skills to write a non-fiction text based on an animal of their choice! We have been very impressed by the children's knowledge and understanding so far, and look forward to seeing them progress throughout the unit!

Year 4



This week, Year 4 have embarked on their new English topic, Explanation Texts! They have spend a number of sessions examining different forms of Explanation Texts to develop a deeper understanding of what they consist of. As a result, the children are now beginning to feel confident enough to explain what Key Features an Explanation Text include! When asked how they felt about Explanation Texts, Mia (4C) said "I think they are pretty fun!" We are so excited to keep this momentum up! Why not ask them at home, "Do you like Explanation Texts?"





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Year 5

Year 5 have been starting their Science topic 'Earth and beyond'. We have been wowed with the amazing number of budding Scientists in the year group. They have been learning about the spherical bodies in the Solar System and how this informed and changed opinions and beliefs from 'Flat Earth' theory to a 'Round Earth'. They have also been learning about various Planetary bodies and their relationship with Earth. In turn, we will be using our gathered knowledge to create fact files and knowledge organisers over the term.



Year 6

This week, as part of our PSHE wellbeing work, we explored the character of the fox from Charlie Mackesey's heart-warming story, 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse'. In order to make our learning cross curricular, we explored the style of the illustrations included in the text and had a go at emulating this in our own artwork. We followed a step-by-step guide for how to draw the fox from the story. Pupils made sure to sketch lightly as the fox took shape, then pressing more firmly when they had constructed an outline they were happy with. They shaded in the fox to give it a fluffy texture. I'm sure you'll agree that their artwork is fabulous.

New to Year R or 3 2023?

Our tour booking system is now open to all prospective Year R and 3 parents and carers who have children due to start in September 2023! If you have a child, or know of somebody who has a child, due to start then please encourage them to book in before the slots book up!

Our final inset day has been set by the trust as Thursday 19th January 2023.

A reminder that the other two days this year are June 16th and 19th 2023.

Schools Season Ticket Offer

Havant and Waterlooville Football Club are once again running their School's Season Ticket offer and we have been lucky enough to have been given a limited number to give away! The ticket pass allows up to two under 16s free into each league home game with a full paying adult. Currently sitting second in the National League South, now is definitely the time to go along and support a local club! Tickets will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. If you would like one, please [click here](#) to leave your name and child's class and if you are within our quota, we will send one home with your child.





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Dates for the Diary!

All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.

We have added new dates in green!

Autumn 2022

Mon 10th Oct	Y1-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15- 4pm)
Mon 10th Oct	#Hello Yellow— Theme week (Young Minds)
Fri 14th Oct	Wear Something Yellow (non school uniform)
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
Thurs 8th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 15th Dec	Christmas Party, Lunch & Card Drop Day
Friday 16th Dec	Christmas Themed Non School Uniform Day

Christmas Break Mon 19th Dec—Mon 2nd Jan

Spring 2023

Tues 10th Jan	6-7pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
Thurs 19th Jan	INSET Day
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)

#HelloYellow

On Friday 14th October we will be inviting all pupils to come into school in non school uniform wearing something yellow. This could be a full yellow suit, or an item of yellow clothing! Our aim is to make the day as big and bright as possible, so together we can show young people they're not alone with their mental health. The children will take part in a range of activities throughout the week to reinforce the fact that how they feel matters.

Throughout the month of October, the Solent Schools will be supporting the 'Portsmouth Helps Ukraine' charity. This charity regularly collects and distributes donations from their Cosham-based store. The Solent Schools will have a collection point inside the Junior School car park gate each morning throughout October. The following items are those in greatest need:

- Non-perishable food (rice, pasta, noodles, dried potato)
- Beverages (tea, coffee, hot chocolate)
- Medical supplies (bandages, tape, surgical aprons/masks/gloves etc)
- Nappies for babies
- Sleeping bags, duvets, thick blankets

Each time our donation box fills, we will fill the school minibus and drop them off with the charity in Cosham.

If you would like to donate, please drop anything in to the collection point inside the junior school car park gate where Mrs Tod will be waiting from Monday.