



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Autumn Newsletter 10 October 2022

Thank you very much for your ongoing support and engagement this half term. We have been overwhelmed with parents and carers offering to join our volunteer bank and also attend our curriculum evening. The support that you offer really does contribute greatly towards school life, making a positive difference to your children and also the staff at the Solent Schools. We very much appreciate this!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

We have really enjoyed launching into our assemblies this year and are particularly looking forward to welcoming in our Year R pupils in to join us very soon. We thought you might be interested to see what we get up to each day across our schools!

Monday	Values assembly (SIS Mrs Wilby, SJS Mrs PA)
Tuesday	British Values (SIS Mrs Lempriere) Equality & Diversity (SJS Mrs Young)
Wednesday	Musical (SIS Year Group Leads) British Values (Year Group Leads)
Thursday	Equality & Diversity (SIS Mrs McQuilken) Musical / Golden Child (SJS Miss Hill, Mrs Pye)
Friday	Celebration Assembly! (SIS Mrs Curthoys, SJS Mrs Wilby)

Your Feedback Matters to Us!

Thank you very much for providing us with feedback regarding the recent class expectation meetings. It was so great to see so many parents and carers in attendance. Those who weren't able to attend have told us that this was due to working during the school day. We are aware, as a result of consultation last year, that we also have parents and carers who are unable to attend evening meetings. For this reason we offer a mixture of daytime and evening meetings throughout the year. If you were unable to attend, then don't forget that we have a curriculum evening on Tuesday 8th November 6-7pm.

80 people feedback. Out of those 80, 56 had attended the meeting.

When asked whether they found the meeting useful, all 56 responded that they did, with 43 giving it 5 full stars!

When asked if they felt the information was relevant, 47 out of 56 gave it 5 full stars!

Finally, we asked what days and times would be most convenient for future meetings. Once again we received a mixed response which reinforces our decision to vary the times of the meetings throughout the year.

Attendance Excellence!

We have been so impressed with attendance at school so far this term that we have decided to shine a spotlight on those classes with the highest attendance each week. Classes will be celebrated each Monday during whole school assembly. This week the winning classes are...

1E with 99%

3H with 99.4%

These 2 classes will be receiving £10 to spend on something nice for their classrooms. The class can choose to spend or save each time they win!





SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



This week, we have been exploring Feelings as a whole school. We know that sometimes we can find it tricky to understand our own feelings as well as to tell others **how** we are feeling. We have practised using different emotion words and linking these emotions to colours; we have also spoken about the feelings that make us uncomfortable and how we can learn to change these into more positive emotions. Being able to explain how we are feeling is important if we are to have successful Friendships. Friendship is our focus Value for October so we will have lots of practice in understanding our own and our friends' feelings.

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

Early Years!

This week in Year R, we have been learning to compare size, mass and capacity. We had a range of different sized objects that we needed to order, then we used our growing mathematical vocabulary to describe and compare them. We also looked at a variety of classroom objects and we compared them by weighing them in our big outdoor scales, saying which was heavier and which was lighter. We discovered that big objects are not always the heaviest!



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have enjoyed exploring their new book 'Eliot Midnight Superhero'. Last week, we made a prediction on what we thought the story might be about. This was based on the front cover and the blurb on the back of the book. We were very keen to find out if our predictions were correct!

In art, we have become drawing detectives and have drawn some super harvest pictures. We loved drawing the giant pumpkin!

Year 2

Year 2 continue to impress all of the adults with their positive attitude to learning and to others. Our PE provider has said how especially impressed he is with the children's engagement and attitude to learning. In our special PSHE themed week about 'Feelings' the children have thought carefully about how our actions can affect both how we feel and how they can affect our friends. We are loving the 'The Pirates Next Door' book and this week we are writing letters to the council to persuade them to let the pirates stay in town!





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

The value of the month for October is “Friendship”. This week in assembly we have been exploring good characteristics in friendships such as communication, understanding, empathy, as well as fun, laughter and shared interests. We agreed that these are really important, especially as friends we may get on but also fall out from time to time. The children were set a challenge to think about what friendship means for them and to also think of strategies that will help them if there is conflict in their friendships. In next week’s assembly I will be linking this idea to the restorative approach we have in school to help empower all of our learners in their friendships moving forward.

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

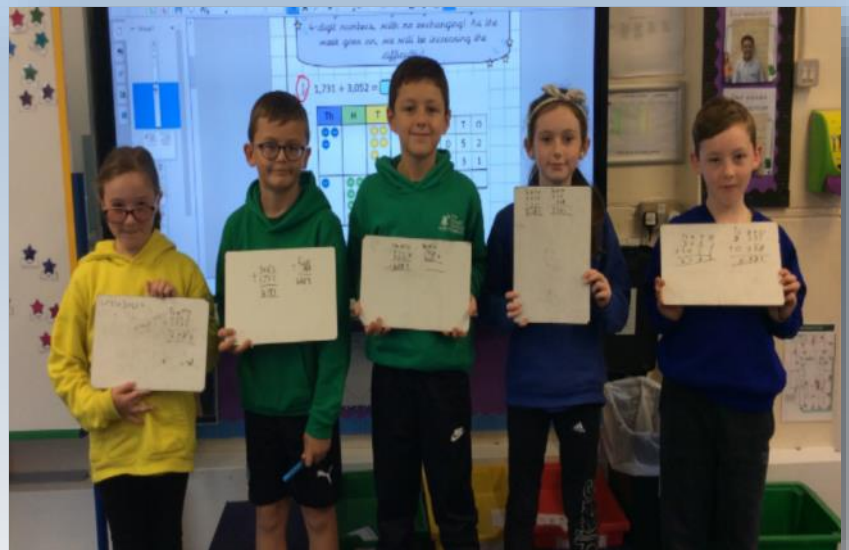


Year 3

This term, Year 3 have been learning how to quill, inspired by the artist Yulia Brodskaya. Linked to our topic of animals, the children have been sketching animals moving in different positions and have then taken these drawings to base their quilling design on. First, the children had a go at practising different quilling techniques before attempting to create their animal final designs. They had great fun learning how to quill and they will be bringing these home very shortly to share with you! We hope you are as impressed as we have been!

Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been refining our addition skills using our formal written methods. The children have taken huge pride in the presentation and layout of their sums. The children are proud of the progress they have made this week, and have embraced challenge and tackled reasoning problems. Hopefully, your child has come home this week an expert in formal written addition, and I’m sure they can’t wait to show off their new skills to you at home!

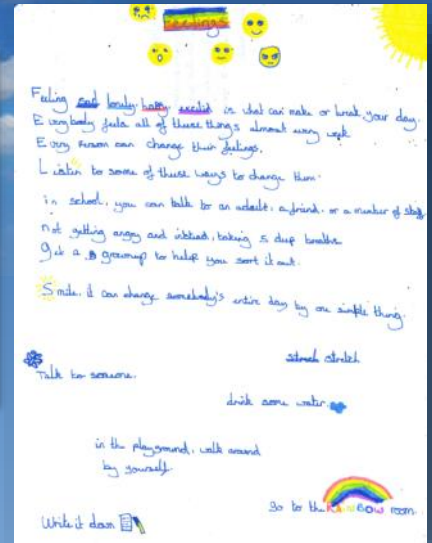




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Year 5

This week has been PSHE week centred around feelings and transition. We enjoyed listening to the story 'Feelings' written by Libby Walden. In response to the book we discussed how we had settled into the new year and what emotions they may have felt. We then thought about different strategies that we could use to manage a range of different emotions. To show off our learning we created a personal response, these ranged from advice posters to poems and art pieces. Keep up the good work year 5!



Welcome Back from Fabulous Fairthorne Year 6!



A very special thank you to all of the adults who kindly accompanied the children and took care of them so well! We hope that you have a lovely restful weekend!





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Year 6

The year 6 who stayed behind have not missed out on the fun! We have been busy with plenty of exciting activities. They have put on their thinking caps and created their own islands filled with all sorts of magical creatures. We had a great time creating paper aeroplanes and decorating them. The weather held off long enough for us to take them outside for test flights and WOW they flew high and far. Of course, we had to test out the new play area and it was a winner! A walk to the park was refreshing and blew away the cobwebs. Coming back an exciting game of bingo got everyone's heads down, ready to shout BINGO at a full card and win a wonderful prize!



Our girls' football team entered their first tournament of the year on Thursday 29th September at PGS playing fields where there were 9 other teams keen to bring home the champions' trophy. For many of the girls, this was their first ever football match so there was a mix of nerves and excitement. Our team got off to a great start with a 2-1 win followed by a 1-0 win. The final two games in our group ended with a draw and a loss. The girls came second in their group which meant they faced some tough opponents in the remaining matches. Throughout the afternoon, our girls' showed superb teamwork, resilience and positivity. Out of 10 teams, Solent finished a very respectable 4th. Thank you to all the parent supporters who came to cheer on our team!



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Dates for the Diary!

All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.

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.