

THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Autumn Newsletter 2022– 14 October 2022



#HelloYellow

Today, we all became YoungMinds champions. Pupils and staff came into school wearing yellow and brightly coloured clothing to show our school community that how we feel matters! We want our children to understand that we all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes and it's normal to have ups and downs. We reflected upon how important it is to talk about how you feel and also thought about who we could talk to if and when we need to.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



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SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



We started the week with Mental Health Awareness Day and practised our breathing techniques, in our Monday morning assembly, with Mrs Wilby. We ended the week wearing yellow and other bright colours to show that we are all aware of what can have a negative effect on how we are feeling and also that there are things that we can do to feel more positive again. We know that physical activity has a positive effect on how we are feeling and all year groups are

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

Early Years!

This week, Reception have had their first taste of assembly in the hall, in preparation for attending their first ever whole school assembly next week. We walked sensibly up the corridor, sat in rows and sang along to some familiar songs. The grown-ups were all super impressed with how well we did and we cannot wait to join the rest of the Infant School for assembly next week.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been busy. The children learnt all about Mars as a visitor from BAE Systems came to our school to talk about the red planet! The children have learnt about speech bubbles in English, 3-D shapes in Maths, and they started to paint their Harvest pictures they created in art last week. With so much to look forward to next week, including our Superhero Day, we are excited to get going on Monday!

Year 2

The Year 2 children continue to enjoy our Ahoy There! learning theme. In English this week, we have been learning about real pirates. We explored, read and discussed non-fiction pages and books and gathered lots of facts. Please ask us about our favourite pirate fact!

It was lovely to welcome so many grown-ups into our classrooms for 'drop in' and share our work books. We were proud to show them our learning and the grown-ups were very proud of our achievements. Well done Year 2 children!



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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 week, Year 3 have been delving in to the world of Religious Education and have been learning all about Baptism. In an attempt to reinforce their understanding, the entire Year 3 cohort went on a trip to The Church of Resurrection, in Drayton. There, they were met by Reverend Gully, who deepened their understanding by demonstrating a full Baptism, using a doll. As a part of our British Values, we all love to learn and develop more of an understanding and tolerance of other faiths and beliefs. This trip supported Year 3 to do just that! Well done, Year 3!



Year 4

This week in Year 4, we celebrated the amazing artefacts that the children had made as part of their home learning task. The pupils created a vast range of Ancient Greek artefacts including swords, pots, shields and coins. The children enjoyed viewing each others creations in our Artefact Museum and had their photos taken with their creations. They then wrote a short piece of writing about their artefact, answering questions such as 'What would my artefact have been used for?' Well done Year 4 for all your hard work and effort!

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Year 5

Over the past couple of weeks, we have been focusing on the wonderful world of Pandora to support our writing, which links to our Space topic. The children have been learning a range of writing features including figurative language, Show Not Tell and a variety of sentence structures to allow them to write a non-chronological report on their own Pandora inspired planet! We have been so impressed with the children's excellent imaginations and cannot wait to read their writing!



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Year 6

Last week, Year 6 headed off on their residential and had a fantastic week at Fairthorne! They had the chance to work with other people from across the year group, challenging themselves to try out new activities and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones to succeed with their own personal targets. Some of the activities they took part in included paddle boarding, raft building, climbing and lots more! Throughout the week, everyone showed lots of our school values, especially teamwork! All of the adults were blown away by the way everyone represented our school. Friendships and memories were made that will be remembered forever!

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...

Rec G with 98.8%

3H with 99%

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!

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Dates for the Diary!

All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.

Autumn 2022

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)

From Monday 17th October, remembrance poppies will be for sale outside the office gate each morning. At SIS, this will be the car park gate and at SJS, the upper school gate. They will remain on sale up until Friday 11th November. Cash only donations thank you.





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You've Been Spotted!

Our Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) have been out and about spotting pupils who are walking to school or parking a safe distance away and walking the rest of the way to school. They have also been noting things that are making our roads more dangerous. This week they were concerned to spot people parked on double yellow lines and also cars (many not from school) speeding up Portsdown Avenue. Well done to all of the pupils below. We are very proud of you and thank you for helping to keep our pupils safe from harm!

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