



THE SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOLS

Pupil Takeover!

Welcome to the pupil takeover of the Solent Junior School newsletter. This week, we're giving Mrs Wilby a break and a group of Year 6 journalists have been selected to write the junior section of the newsletter. The stories this week will be linked to our first half-term: Year 6 responsibilities, Science, English, Art, quotes from the students about our trip to Fairthorne Manor and also some stories from Years 1 and 2. We hope you enjoy reading our first ever pupil takeover edition!

James W 6S & Zach H 6S - Head Boys

Dance Live!

Across the school, many pupils have been starting to get involved in Dance Live, an inclusive project where Solent have to choreograph a 7-minute-long dance about a theme of their choice. Our choice this year is the life of the film director Steven Spielberg. The routine features themes from many of his most popular, award-winning films, as well as telling his journey to where he is now. Along with the performing, the pupils also have to manage all the lighting, music, props and even what is projected onto the large video screen in the background. On Monday, the backstage crew - comprised entirely of pupils, journeyed to the Guildhall (where the team will be performing) to learn more about how to do their jobs. The Dance Live performance will be held on the 24th of February and all the pupils are looking forward to it immensely. So are the rest of us!



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 99%

3H with 99.5%

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!

Governor Shield Winners!

Today we held our Governor Shield Awards. Mr Sutherland (school Governor) came in and presented them. Each year group had 3 nominations and 1 winner. They were all nominated for displaying our school values of friendship and responsibility. The children were;

Year R—Caiden (winner), Aryana and Neive
Year 1—Ailana S (winner), Maisie and Ace
Year 2—Poppy C (winner), Harry S and Isabella G
Year 3—Harrison (winner), Alex and Flynn
Year 4—Freddie (winner), Joel and Daisy
Year 5—Annabelle (winner), Mila and Lucy
Year 6—Alfie D (winner), Lily M and George A

Congratulations! In November we begin to focus upon the value of 'Respect'.



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Roles and Responsibilities

In year 6 you have the chance to become a part of the senior pupil, teach peace and head pupil team. Teach peace pupils help people who have problems with friendship and other difficulties in the playground. Senior pupils help around the school by setting up the benches before assembly, helping the lunchtime staff (in the hall), help run the activities and tidying up the library every day. Every Monday Head Pupils announce the team point winners and lunch time raffle prizes.

Here are some quotes from the Head pupils:

'I really enjoy having the responsibility of all the jobs'
James W 6S. 'I enjoy announcing the team point winners' Zach H 6S

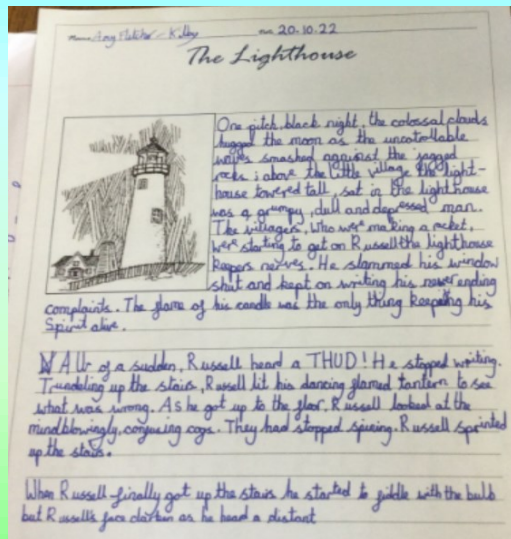
Looking forward to next half term of year 6 some of the pupils will step forward in the hope of being voted as House Captains.

Casper R & Mason H from 6P



This week's news stories are brought to from these amazing reporters:

Casper R (abs) & Mason H from 6P,
Zach H, James W & Emily K from 6S
and Olly D & Daisy A from 6W



English

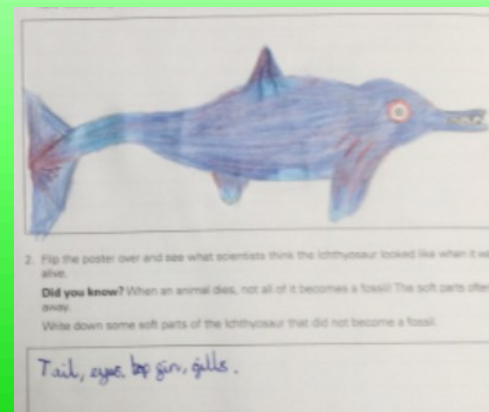
In the past few weeks, we have been exploring the world of The Lighthouse, a short clip we have been watching in English, using figurative language, SNOT (Show, Not Tell) and ISPACE (imaginative sentence starters). The heart-warming story features a lonely lighthouse keeper who faces the challenge of fixing his beloved home in time, to safely guide an approaching ship. We have been expressing ourselves with personification, similes, hyperbole and alliteration, and have upped our games to reach the expectations of Year 6. At the same time, we have enjoyed creating these fantastic stories.

Emily K (6S) & Daisy A (6W)

Science

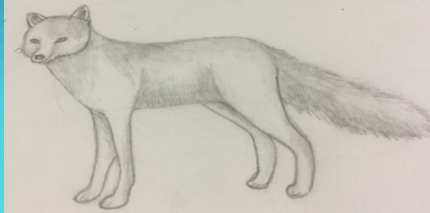
In Science this half term, Year 6 been focussing on the topic of Adaptation and Evolution. In the beginning, we shared what we knew already - our knowledge has grown as we delved deeper into this fascinating topic. We started by learning about inheritance, moving on to adaptations, where we invented a creature perfectly adapted to the environment that it lives in, and then wrote a non-chronological report about it. Most recently we've been looking at fossils and predicting what they looked like when they were alive and studying how creatures have evolved.

James W, Emily K & Zach H (6S)





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Art

I hope you are enjoying our newsletter so far. In Art this year, we have been focusing on the wonderful book 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse' by Charlie Mackesy. This book is about friendship and love and contains lots of heart-warming quotes and beautiful sketches. 6W have recreated the front page, 6S enlarged a drawing from the book and 6P have created their own art in Charlie Mackesy's unique style. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed this book and loved this topic in Art.

Olly D (6W)



Fairthorne Memories

Year 6 loved their trip to Fairthorne Manor two weeks ago. They thoroughly enjoyed the activities and being with their friends. Here are some quotes from some of the children:

"The instructors were really supportive" Elana I 6S.

"If you weren't happy, the instructors would cheer you up" Miles A 6S.

"I really enjoyed the stand-up paddle boarding" Cacey G 6P.

"The vertical assault course was very difficult and I was very impressed with the people who got to the top" Miss Smith (teacher of 6S).

"The games after dinner were amazing" Raif B. (6S)

"The instructors were very funny and they were lovely to be around" Amy 6W.

Overall, the children loved it and wished they could go again.

Emily K (6S) & Daisy A (6W)





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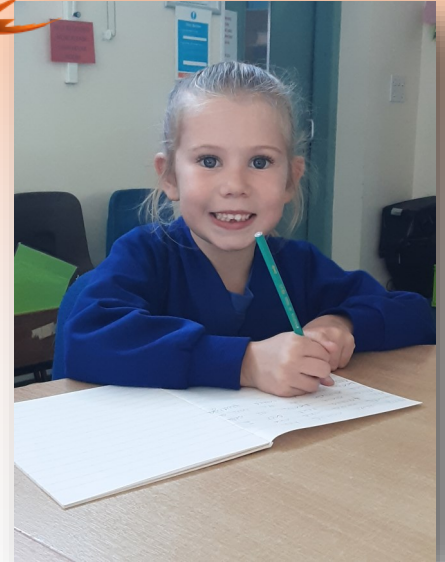
Introducing our Infant Reporters!



Year R Neive



Year 1 Darcey



Year 2 Eleanor

My name is Neive and I like being at school and playing with my friends. I have found out lots of things about Autumn. I found out that in Autumn the leaves fall down. In the Spring they grow back and the flowers grow too.

I like writing and reading. I liked reading the book about Feelings. My favourite page was about feeling Jealous. Sometimes I feel like that because when I go to school my brother gets to play with the things that I want to play with.

I want to learn more about how I can get to be a really great artist. I painted a rainbow tree in my picture and I painted a bird.

When I grow up I want to be a fairy so that I can fly up in the air. The photo shows me pretending to be a fairy flapping my arms like wings.





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Has anyone visited the planet Mars before? Franklin's mummy is an expert at space and she came into school to tell us all about it. It was brilliant! We learnt all about the planet Mars! She also showed us Sarah the Satellite and a robot that explores different planets. The robot was called Bruno. Mrs Ma-son-Stanley showed us the order that the planets are in. I liked it when she told us the story of Sarah the Satellite and Bruno the robot. I really liked it.

By Darcey Rose Ballinger Age 5 1/2



My name is Eleanor and I am in 2L. My teacher is called Mrs Lempriere. Our favourite thing in the classroom is to do posters. We already did a sunflower one and a wombat one. We like doing PE as well. We did the poster in English. Our theme is pirates and mermaids. It's lots of fun! We read two books. They were called the mermaid atlas and also the pirates next door. I likes those books. We still read them. In PSHE we have a book that is called feelings. It's about feelings lots of feelings. In maths we like to do take always because we like finding out the answers. In art we made a mermaid. It was made out of materials all sorts of materials tissue paper, scrap paper, all sorts of paper. I like school. It's lots of fun because we get to learn new things every day. I likes when Franklin's mum came in because she told us all about space. The planets we were looking at was the planet Mars. It is the closest planet to the sun so that means it is the warmest planet.

By Eleanor Cartwright Age 6 1/2



We loved our Governor Shield Assembly today. We were celebrating the children who show that they know how to be a good friend and are also responsible. Our Governor Mr Sutherland came in to present us with our awards.

