



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Autumn Newsletter 18 November 2022

'Reach Out' has been the theme across the two schools this week for Anti Bullying week. The week is an annual UK event which aims to raise awareness of bullying and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it. Children across the Solent Schools took part in sessions focusing on a range of themes including 'Kindness is Powerful', 'Understanding Emotions' and 'Being Kind to Myself'. It has given us a great opportunity to remind our pupils to have the confidence to 'Reach Out' when they need to and to remind them that we are here whenever they need us.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



Development Matters

This week, across the Solent Schools, senior leaders have had the pleasure of visiting classrooms and talking to pupils in order to be able to celebrate all of the wonderful developments in teaching and learning that are taking place. This year, we have identified 'writing' as the area we would most like to focus on. We enjoyed watching our infant pupils taking part in their new 'Little Wandle' phonics sessions and then applying their new found skills in their writing. It is very clear that this new provision has captivated our pupils and is already having an impact upon the way in which they approach early reading and writing. At the junior school, it was such a treat to witness the children editing and improving their writing confidently and using the writing process to enhance their writing even further. We even welcomed our parent governor, Sarah Turner, into school to talk to some of our pupils about their writing experiences!



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...



2M with 97.94%

3H with 98.1%

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!





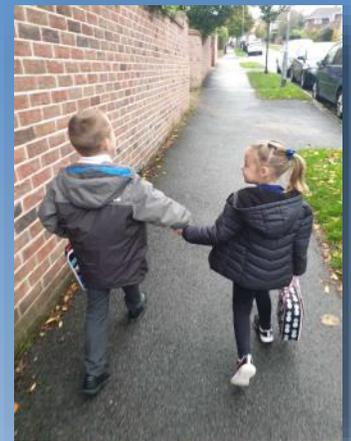
SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

This week, we marked the start of Anti-bullying Week by wearing odd socks and by reading our new class book called "Reach Out". We have been thinking about how we can reach out to others with kindness and also discussing when we might need to reach out to others for help. In our Friday Celebration Assembly, we celebrated lots of different acts of kindness that we had noticed throughout the week and we thought about how we could continue these acts of kindness into next week. We are very excited that, next week, our Year 2 School Councillors will join with the Junior School Councillors to attend a summit meeting at Portsmouth's Guildhall, as part of the Primary Council of Portsmouth Students (PCoPs). Watch out for updates in the next couple of weeks!

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

Early Years!

Reception have enjoyed celebrating anti-bullying week this week by thinking about all the different ways that we can be kind. We have made cards for our friends and family, made an extra effort to smile at others and including new friends in our play. In our Writing activities this week, we have been writing 'I can...' sentences linked to this theme, such as "I can hug." and "I can help". We look forward to seeing your kindness continue in all that you do!



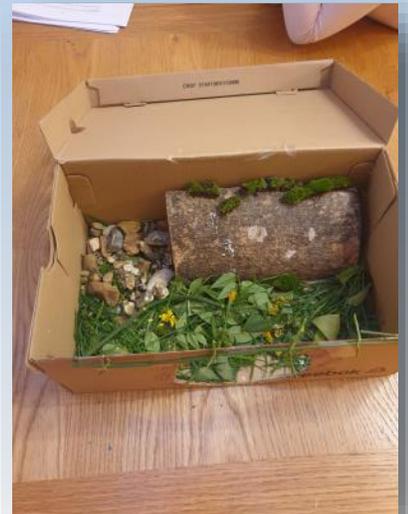
Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed starting the week with 'Odd Sock Day' for Anti-bullying week. They have had some super discussion around this and they have talked about what makes them happy at school.

They have also been continuing their learning in English from the book 'Toys in Space' and they have begun to use the word 'and' to join words and sentences. There has been some really super learning in Year 1 this week. Well done, everyone!

Year 2

Year 2 have continued to work incredibly hard this week. They have enjoyed using what they learnt about report writing from last week to create their posters on Queen Elizabeth II, this week. They have paragraphed, used subheadings, conjunctions and written for the reader. Well done, Year 2! In Maths, the children have been linking equal groups to repeated addition and multiplication. We have also loved seeing your home learning: take a look at one of the fantastic hedgehog homes we have had in.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL



Earlier this week, Mrs Wilby and I, along with Miss Hill, Mrs Pye and Mrs Young, carried out a monitoring day. We visited many of the classrooms across the school and were so impressed with the learning sessions that we saw. The children were engaged, focused and enjoying the learning activities. They were eager to tell us what they had learnt and how these skills will help them in the future. We also had one of our governors, Miss Turner, visit us for the morning and she talked to the children about what they were enjoying in school and if there were any aspects that could be improved. Overwhelmingly the children are happy, confident and feel that all of the adults support their positive mental health and well being. Sharing that they are able to talk to any one and this was particularly good to hear during Anti Bullying Week, where the theme is "Reach Out".

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



Year 3

This half term, the children have been studying the artwork and style of William Morris. Starting their learning journey by reading a short biography about Morris' life, Year 3 have then gone on to explore examples of artwork in order to identify the common themes. With strong links to nature and wildlife, the children have enjoyed the calming affect of Morris' style before having the opportunity to develop their own sketching skills using the botanical world as inspiration. Keep your eyes peeled for our 'budding' artists!

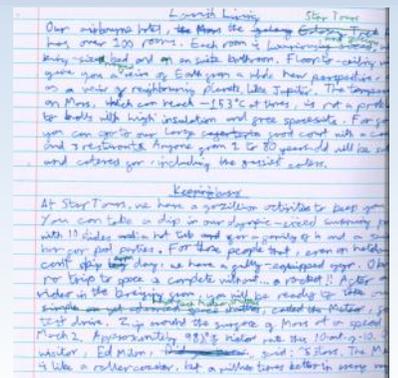
Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been celebrating Anti-Bullying week! In order to develop a further understanding of the subject matter, we read a book called SPEAK UP, written by Miranda Paul. We focused our attention on a page per class within the book and generated a poster to represent it! These will later be displayed on the working walls within the school. When asked how they felt about Anti-Bullying week, Mia C from 4C said "the book has made me think about how to help people around me when they are stuck". Here are some of our incredible Year 4 pupils with one of the posters they have created.



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started writing their Star Tours holiday brochures aimed at creating an imaginary space cruise to another planet. This is taking the style of a persuasive piece—using personal and emotive language, along with some newly taught grammar and punctuation to convince readers to go on the trip of a lifetime! Year 5 have drawn upon all of their space, planet and solar system research they have learned over the term, to showcase their knowledge in this area.

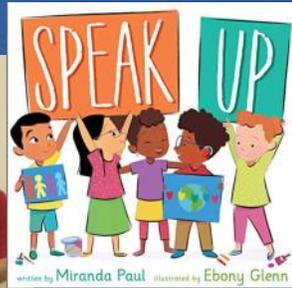




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Year 6

As part of Anti-bullying week, year 6 explored the theme of 'Reaching Out', and discussed how it is important for victims and witnesses to know that bullying should not be tolerated and that we need to speak up rather than suffering in silence or being a bystander. Pupils across the year group designed their own hand of advice which will go on display to remind people of the different ways they can seek support and prevent bullying.



Dance Live

The Dance Live performance is really coming together and we cannot wait to see our pupils perform. This week, Mrs Brook congratulated the whole cast, both front of stage and behind the scenes crew, for their fantastic attitude and exemplary behavior this year. Even coming in at weekends to rehearse! They are now reaching out to see if you might be able to help with props. See below for the rather unusual items they are desperately seeking!

Solent, can you help?

We need the following items as soon as possible. Can you bring them into the school hall with your name and class Monday!



1X Junior Indiana leather jacket/hat



1X Pop corn seller apron



1X Push along goose toy on wheels



Large t-rex, ideally with moving legs.



Large pterodactyl, ideally with moving wings.

Or a large toy goose/duck we can stick on wheels.





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Ava Rose
Mason

Fort Nelson



Macy
Elliott H

Fort Southwick



Introducing Our 2022–2023 House Captains!



During our celebration assembly, earlier on today, the 2022-2023 Solent Junior School House Captains were announced. I think you will all agree that these are incredibly well deserved elections. We have no doubt that they will all do their houses proud. Congratulations to all those elected, but also to all those who weren't elected, but had the confidence to stand and present in front of a group of pupils. We are very proud of you all!



Callum
Raif

Fort Purbrook



Emily
Josh

Fort Widley





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Dates for the Diary!

All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.

Autumn 2022

WB Mon 21 Nov	Grief Awareness Week
Weds 23rd Nov	Y3&4 Girls Football Tournament
Thurs 24th Nov	PCOPs Summit (School Council Reps)
Mon 28th Nov	Year 4 Residential (Calshot)
Weds 7th Dec	5.30—6pm Solent Schools Carol Concert
Thurs 8th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
WB 12th Dec	End of Term Progress Reports Home
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)

Do you know a Solent Young Carer?

In last weeks newsletter we asked you all to consider whether or not your child might be a young carer. We would love to be able to reach out and support our team of young carers even more. If you believe that this might be the case for your child, then please [click here](#) to register their name.

SJS Armed Forces Lunch

From 1st December, and repeating on each 1st day of the month, Mrs Witt will be re-launching the Solent Junior School 'Armed Forces Lunch'. All Junior School Service Pupils are invited to come and eat together from 12-12.20pm, before going out to play. This is entirely optional, but gives these pupils the opportunity to get together with other service pupils across our Junior School year groups.