



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Autumn Newsletter 25 November 2022



It somehow feels like November has only just begun and yet December is almost upon us! Our value of the month will change to perseverance on Thursday, as we all consider how we can persevere and ensure that the end of the term is as wonderfully successful as the beginning.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

The excitement is definitely building as we head towards the start of Advent, next week, and our preparations for Christmas. Year R are busy practising their songs - and their brightest smiles - for the Nativity performances and we are all enjoying learning Christmas songs in our Singing Assemblies. Our Year 2 Time Travellers are looking forward to experiencing a Victorian Christmas, next Friday, and finding out about how customs and traditions have changed over time. Also, following on from Anti-Bullying Week, last week, we are all going to continue with our Acts of Kindness, at home and at school, as we know that our actions have an impact on the people around us.

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

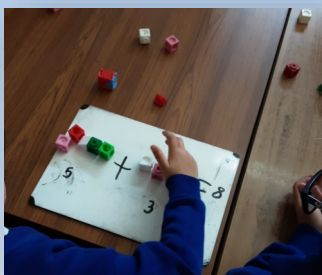
Year R had their first go using the balance bikes in school. The children listened very well to instructions and we all talked about why it is so important to wear a helmet any time we are on a scooter or bike. We used the breaks on the balance bikes to show our teachers how we stop safely. We had so much fun, and we look forward to using these a lot more in the future! Well done, Reception.

EYFS



Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed learning about adjectives this week! The children have all worked hard to ensure that they have included adjectives in their descriptive writing about an unknown and distant planet. In Maths, the children continued to learn about addition with a focus on writing number sentences. In other subjects, the children designed their very own Christmas picture using split pins, lift the flap and sliders as mechanisms.



Year 2

Year 2 continue to impress their adults with how focused on their learning they are. In maths this week we have been continuing our learning on Multiplication looking at 'arrays' and the Commutative Law! In English we are thinking about characterisation and descriptive writing using Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll. We have had fun linking our Science and History as we learned about Charles Macintosh then tested different materials to see which were waterproof. Can you guess which item of clothing he invented?





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

I can not believe that we are in the last week of November already! This week Mrs. Wilby and I have had the pleasure of having children come to visit us showing off their learning. It is clear from the high levels of presentation, that the children are taking great pride and respect towards their learning, which is great as this is our value of the month. It is always lovely when children share their learning with us, as they are always so excited. This really is the best part of our day! Talking of excitement it is definitely building around the school, especially in Year 4, as they are preparing for their residential to Calshot next week. We all have our fingers crossed for the weather for them! An exciting week for all next week and that's not even with the Christmas things we have planned (it is December after all so it's finally allowed)!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

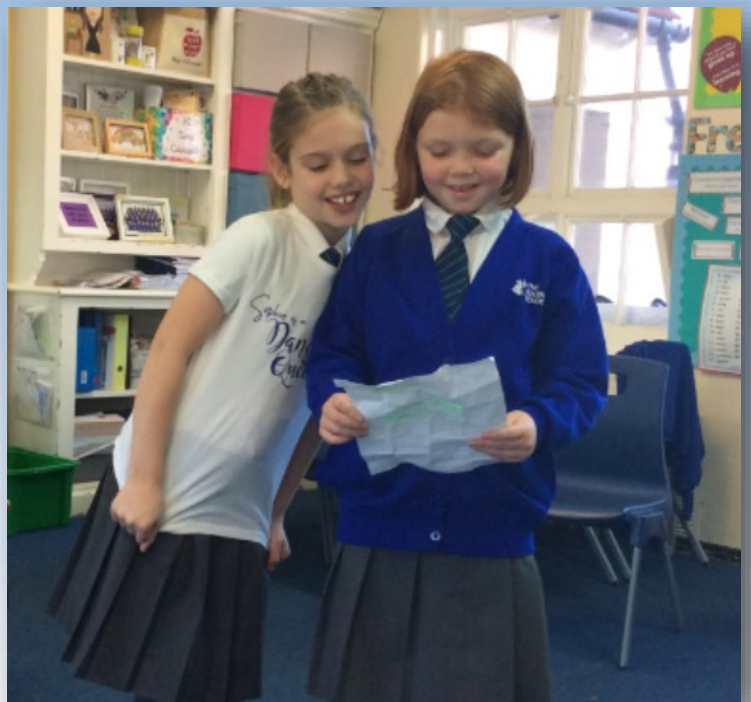


Year 3

This week, the Year 3's have created some beautiful art work linked to Grief Awareness week, using the book *The Invisible Web* by Patrice Karst as inspiration. They have made some incredibly thoughtful pieces of art using white chalk/crayon to create invisible pictures under a watercolour wash. These invisible lines/pictures show how, even though we may not be able to see something or someone anymore, our memories are still there to treasure. We understand that grief and loss varies enormously from person to person and that it means different things to us all depending on our own experiences.

Year 4

There has been such a buzz within Year 4 this week! Nativity preparations are well and truly underway. This week, the children were given the opportunity to audition for a part. We have been so impressed with the levels of singing and acting, and were so impressed that some children even learnt some of the lines from the script off by heart! Not only have we been impressed with the children's theatre skills, we have been impressed with the courage and bravery many have shown in their auditions. Well done Year 4- we are so proud!





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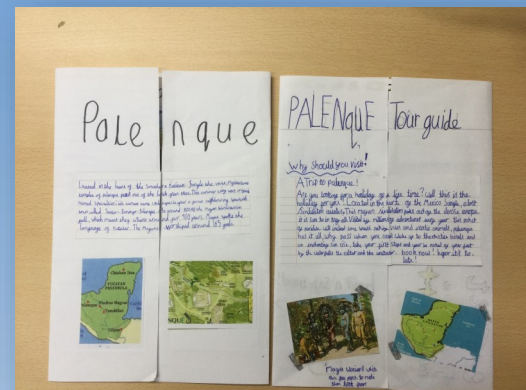


Year 5

This week, Year 5 started their new Art topic 'relief sculptures', which links to our Space learning. The children are creating a relief sculpture of a chosen planet and will be using papier mâché to support and reinforce their structure. They will then be using colour blending techniques to paint their sculptures studying the colours of their planets carefully. The children used newspaper and masking tape to make their initial sculpture and will then papier mâché over this. We are all very excited to see their amazing final pieces and cannot wait to update you all soon!

Year 6

To link with our history topic of the Mayans, pupils created a tour guide to persuade people to book a trip in the Tardis back to the ancient city of Palenque. Having conducted research, pupils gave advice to tourists about what to wear, what food to try and which activities and buildings to visit. They wrote an itinerary to give suggestions about how to spend a day in this enchanting city. They chose how to present their tour guides and used persuasive language and vocabulary. I'm sure you'll agree, their polished versions are impressive!



We are so very lucky to have a large environmental area at Solent Junior School. This area not only provides the perfect setting for environmental studies, but also a calming and peaceful area within which to work. This week, Year 4 took advantage of a dry, sunny spell and took their PSHE lesson outside. A fantastic resource which really helps to support good mental health and well-being.



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Dates for the Diary!

All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.

Autumn 2022

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)

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...

2RM with 98%

3H with 98%

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!

Fantastic Friends of the Solent Schools

We have had a very successful meeting with our friends at the FSS. They have now secured some exciting events for the coming academic year and would like to ask that you 'save the date'. More information on these events will follow!

Friday 3rd February	Quiz Night 7.30—10.00pm (Adults)
Friday 31st March	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Event (Families)
Friday 19th May	Summer Picnic Evening (Families)
Friday 23rd June	Movies Under Stars (Children)
Friday 14th July	Solent Schools Summer Fayre (Families)