



# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

## Autumn Newsletter 2 December 2022

School has begun to get incredibly busy as we embark on a series of events to mark this very special time of year. Our pupils have been enjoying performing within school including travelling through time and singing carols to parents and carers. They have also ventured out of school to take part in a wide range of exciting activities, from sports festivals and agility competitions, to residential and pupil voice summits. Within this edition you will find just a flavor of some of these events. We have been particularly proud of just how well our pupils have represented our schools.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



### Gymnastics Festival Champions!

On Monday 28th November, a group of talented Year 2 pupils travelled to the Portsmouth Gymnastics Centre with Mrs Dallinger and Mrs Jordan to take part in a festival. They had such a fabulous time at the gymnastics festival. We are all super proud of them, as we know you all will be too when you hear that they were the top scoring team, out of 10 teams, and were awarded gold medals!

They participated in a range of activities: a rolling station, trampolining, walking on the beams, bars, tumble track, floor skills (teddy bear rolls and forward rolls), as well as performing their immaculate bench routines. Fabulous!

On the mini-bus on the way back, their adults heard them say it was "The best day ever!"



### 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 97.5%**

**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!



### Amazing Agility!

On Wednesday 30th November, Mrs Dallinger and Mrs McQuilken took a fantastic group of Year 1 children to an Agility festival. They did not stop smiling and worked super hard on every activity! There were 8 different stations, practising skills such as throwing, catching, jumping, balancing and target shooting. The adults were so impressed with them that they were announced as the winning team. We now have a lovely shiny trophy!





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This has been another busy week which has seen many successes for our children. We are all so proud of the sporting achievements of our Year 1 Infant Agility and our Year 2 Gymnastics Teams. All of the children in Years 1 and 2 have worked hard over the last few weeks to practise routines and perfect their balancing. We are looking forward to displaying our winning trophies! Year R have been finding out about how their parents and carers celebrated their arrival into the world and they have also been looking at baby photographs—they found the ones of when the grown ups were babies very funny!

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

## Early Years!

We are starting to feel super festive in Year R, as we are learning all about the First Christmas. This week, we have been very busy rehearsing for our nativity performances and we are so excited to show our grown-ups how amazing we are! In our learning, we have been ordering and retelling the Christmas story and have learnt new skills in Design and Technology to make our own nativity scene with a slider.



## Year 1

What another busy week we have had in Year 1! This week, we have continued to learn about addition in Maths with a focus on whole-part models and number sentences. We have also been busily learning about writing instructions for English! We are writing a 'How to make a party hat' guide ready for Year R and their upcoming Christmas celebrations. Speaking of Christmas, we have made the Christmas pictures we designed last week using a split pin, slider or lift the flap mechanism.



## Year 2

The Year 2 children have enjoyed our 'Time Travellers' theme learning this week. We have compared Victorian Schools with schools today and discussed differences and similarities between them. We liked how we still ring a hand bell at the end of playtimes just like the Victorians! We enjoyed dressing as Victorians on Friday and experienced many Victorian Christmas traditions. Finally, congratulations to our Year 2 PE stars who represented our Year Group and attended a gym festival with Mrs Dalinger on Tuesday. We were the proud winners!







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## Year 2 Time Travellers

Year 2 travelled back in time today to experience what life was like in a Victorian school!



## Pupil Voice



On Thursday 24th November, the Solent Schools Councillors attended the 'Primary Council of Portsmouth Schools' Conference at the Guildhall. The children were a credit to our schools. We discussed how to work as a team, what a good councillor does and how to promote change in our schools. Councillor Suzy Horton was a guest speaker and told us how to be a good councillor and how she promotes change in the City of Portsmouth.







# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

This week the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) were out and about again! This time it was Y6's turn and we headed down to the Havant Road to see how busy it gets down there. The JRSOs recognised that the evenings are getting darker quicker so they would like to remind everyone about the importance of being seen. They would also like to share some top tips on road safety. Their first tip is to keep a safe distance away from the curbs, especially when waiting at the traffic lights leading up to Farlington Avenue. They saw how tight the turn is and how close drivers need to get so want to ensure that everyone stays far enough away. Their second top tip, is to always walk when near a road, as it you could trip and fall. The JRSOs were vigilant in spotting people who were making the extra effort in the cold to walk and their efforts were celebrated!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



## Year 3

This week Year 3 have been in the full Christmas spirit and done a whopping 5 Christmas Carol performances. The children have worked extremely hard over the past couple of weeks learning the songs and even adding in actions to some. They shined like stars when performing on the stage. We are super proud of you Year 3 Well Done!

## Year 4

This week in Year 4, the children were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to visit Calshot, on their residential. The children were able to participate in a range of activities including: skiing, rock climbing, archery, games, a trip to the New Forest and a visit to the beach to find and identify organisms. The pupils had a wonderful time completing all of the activities and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones. We are so proud of them all for representing the school so well and demonstrating how lovely our Solent pupils are.





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## Year 6

This week year 6 have really delved into the world of 'Auggie' in J.R Palacio's 'Wonder'. We have spent most of the week empathising with his character as he faces school for the first time. What's the big deal about that? Well, Auggie is a very special little boy who was born with Treacher Collins' Syndrome. Obviously, not many people know what that is, so year 6 have been working hard on their home learning investigating Treacher Collins' Syndrome; learning it's signs, symptoms and life influence and putting together their own pieces of work.



On December 1st, a keen group of our service pupils joined Mrs Witt for the re-launch of our Armed Forces lunch sessions. These sessions will repeat on the first of every month for the rest of the school year. This is just one of a number of activities that enable this fantastic group of pupils to get together as a group.

## Armed Forces Lunch



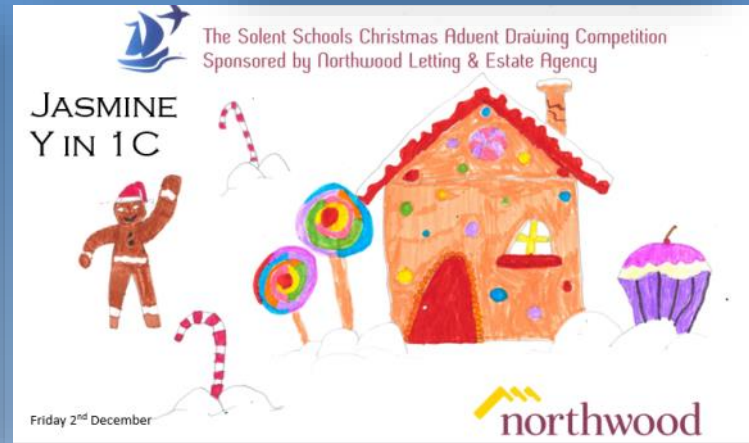




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## Advent Winners!

This week we began to announce the 2022 Northwood Advent Calendar Competition Winners. Each day in assembly, one design is revealed both on the big screen in the assembly hall and in the Northwoods window. Each winner is presented with a prize to congratulate them. Congratulations to our first two winners Edison and Jasmine. We cannot wait to find out who the final 22 are!



## Dance Live Competition Dance Live t-shirt competition for both Solent schools.



- Email sent home last week
- Your design has to have 'Dreaming through a lens' and a picture.
- You will win a free t-shirt or a Dance Live prize.
- Hand into your school office by Friday 9th December
- You can draw your design on a piece of paper rather than printing the sheet.



Dance Live T-shirt design  
Design our Dance Live team t-shirt. Your design needs to include the words 'Dreaming through a lens' and a picture.



Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your T-shirt size in age for February: \_\_\_\_\_

Please hand your entry into your school office by Friday 9th December.





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THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Our next 'You've Been Spotted' trip out with the JRSOs will be at some point next week!



The next School Nurse clinics are:

13th Dec Junior School 09:15 – 11:15  
17th Jan Infant school 09:15 – 11:15  
21st Feb Junior School 09:15 – 11:15  
23rd March Infant School 09:15 – 11:15

Please contact the school office if you would like to make an appointment.

## We love to read!

Thanks to everyone who came to the Scholastic Book Fair! With your help, we have raised nearly £300 in commission to spend on books for Solent Infant School. If you were unable to make the fair, there is still a chance to purchase books. There are hundreds of titles ranging in age from 0 – teens. Go to the school website Solent Infant School - Scholastic Shop Postage is free if delivered to school.

The cut off day for orders will be Wednesday 7th December to enable books to be delivered to school, before the end of term.

Thank you  
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## Dates for the Diary!

All dates are subject to change where unavoidable.

### Autumn 2022

Weds 7th Dec	5.30—6pm Solent Schools Carol Concert
Thurs 8th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs 8th Dec	Trip to St Anne's Carol Service
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?

Earlier on this term, we asked you 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.