



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Spring Newsletter 6 January 2023

Happy New Year and welcome back after what I hope has been a positive festive break from school. The Spring term has begun with an exciting week of art across the two schools. The theme this year was 'Once Upon a Picture' which has given the pupils the opportunity to explore a range of illustrations. Don't forget to watch out for the virtual gallery which will capture a range of the impressive work that they have produced.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



After School Club-Spaces

Before Christmas, you will have received an email regarding sign up for a range of after school clubs being held throughout the spring and summer term. These are all free clubs, provided by our own school staff. Many of the clubs are now full and some have even started this week! However, we do still have a small number of spaces in a few clubs. As these have already been advertised once, we are also inviting those who have secured a place in another club to register their interest in a space. We will add all those that are not successful to a waiting list. If you do not hear back, having registered your interest, please assume your child has not got a place. We will contact all those who are successful with further details. Please click on the club name below to register interest in gaining a place.

[Years R, 1 & 2 Environment Club \(Spring 2 Wednesdays 3.15—4.15pm\)](#)

[Years R, 1 & 2 Morning Mindfulness \(Spring 2 Tuesdays\)](#)

[Years R, 1 & 2 Singing \(Summer 1 Wednesdays\)](#)

[Years 1 & 2 Book Club \(Spring 1 Tuesdays 3.15—4.15pm\)](#)

[Years 5 & 6 Mindfulness \(Spring 1 Wednesday 3-4pm\)](#)

[Years 5 & 6 Arts & Crafts \(Summer 1 Wednesday 3-4pm\)](#)



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



Happy New Year! We have loved coming back to school, after the holidays, straight into Arts Week and the theme of Once Upon A Picture. The classrooms have been buzzing with creative activity and the learning environments have been transformed to show scenes from picture books: 'Flashlight' in Year R, 'The Yellow Balloon' in Year 1 and 'Quest' in Year 2. This has been a great way to launch our new learning themes and feel motivated again after the Christmas break. Remember to check out the year group pages on our website to find out more about this half term's learning and for reminders about weekly routines.

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

Early Years!

Year R have demonstrated their fantastic gymnastic skills in PE this week. We enjoyed exploring the 4 stations with different apparatus and equipment, where we really focused on the rules of using the big apparatus safely, and moving in interesting ways. The children impressed their teachers by practising safe movements, turn taking with peers, and showing good listening and attention skills throughout. Well done, Reception!



Year 1

What a fantastic first week back year 1 have had! We have thoroughly enjoyed Arts Week and have been exploring our inner artist in lots of different ways! The children have been creating a papier-mâché balloon which links to our wordless book this week, 'The Yellow Balloon' by Charlotte Dematons. These will become hot air balloons when they are finished next week. We have also been improving our drawing skills, exploring collage, creating patterns and thinking about colours.



Year 2

Happy New Year! Year 2 have had a super start to the Spring term and have thoroughly enjoyed Arts Week. We explored the book, 'Quest' by Aaron Becker. This inspired our art and creative writing. The book, 'Quest', does not have any words and so we understood the importance of the illustrations to tell the story. The story led us to explore the artist Paul Klee and his work, 'Castle and Sun'. We then created our own castles using watercolours.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring term! I hope that you all had a wonderful and relaxing festive break. I know that the children have all come back refreshed and ready to learn. This month our school value is "Aspiration". Over the next couple of weeks, we will be considering any new years resolutions that we may have made and how these fit into our aspirations for the future. If you have set any, it might be useful to share them with your children, so that as the year progresses you can support each other in persevering to achieve them. As the year progresses, we will be doing regular check ins with the children to see how they are doing. At these points they may check in with you too!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

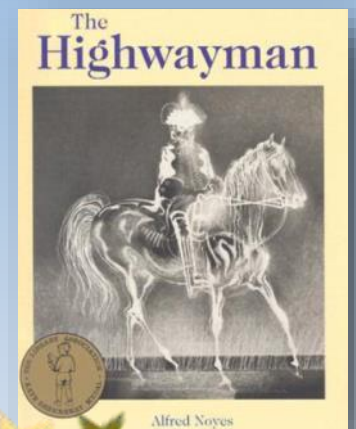
Year 3



This week, Year 3 have embarked upon their 6 week block of swimming lessons at The Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth. We have been incredibly impressed with the confidence and bravery shown by the children during their first session this week. We are looking forward to seeing the children's skills progress over the coming weeks as well as enjoying the fun-filled sessions. Please ensure that all items are labelled clearly in order to aid changing prior to and following sessions. Please also remember that we are wearing PE Kits on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** from now until February Half Term to facilitate this.

Year 5

Year 5 have started 2023 in their English lessons in dramatic fashion, by reading the famous narrative poem called 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. Many pupils got shivers down their spines experiencing the quality and beauty of the words. You name it, it has it, from startling adjectives and metaphors to alliteration and onomatopoeia. The poem is completely gripping and full of suspense and tragedy. The pupils will be studying the text in more depth over the next few weeks, writing in the style of the characters, and applying the rich language they have experienced to their independent writing.



The highlight of Mrs Wilby, Mrs Curthoys and Mrs Peterkin-Aldred's week is possibly our Star of the Week lunch! Every Monday (SIS) and Friday (SJS), those children who have been awarded 'Star of the Week' in class are invited to a VIP lunch sitting. During this lunch meet, we sit together and eat, whilst discussing a surprising range of topics. We never cease to be amused by your wonderful children!



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Dates for the Diary!

Spring 2023

Tues 10th Jan	Uniform Drop and Shop
Tues 10th Jan	PPV Parent Hub at SJS
Tues 10th Jan	Family Liaison Meeting 5-5.45pm
Tues 10th Jan	6-7pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
Weds 11th Jan	Year 5/6 Dodgeball Festival
Tues 17th Jan	School Nurse Clinic at SIS (both schools can book)
Weds 18th Jan	Year 3/4 Dodgeball Festival
Thurs 19th Jan	INSET Day
Tues 24th Jan	Uniform Drop and Shop
Fri 27th Jan	SIS Outdoor Learning Day
Mon 30th Jan	YR-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15-4pm)
Thurs 2nd Feb	YR-6 Work Share (SIS 3.30—4.15pm SJS 3.15-4pm)
Fri 3rd Feb	Y3 Sandwich Making
Mon 6th Feb	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)
Tues 7th Feb	Uniform Drop and Shop
Tues 7th Feb	SJS Forces Friends Lunch
Thurs 9th Feb	Parent & Carer Appointments (until 6pm)
Thurs 9th Feb	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament

Half Term Mon 13th—Fri 17th Feb

Tues 21st Feb	Uniform Drop and Shop
Tues 21st Feb	School Nurse Clinic at SJS (both schools can book)
Thurs 23rd Feb	Y3 & Y5 Cricket Coaching
Fri 24th Feb	SJS Dance Lie at Portsmouth Guildhall!
Mon 27th Feb	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament
Weds 1st March	Y1 Golf Event
Thurs 2nd March	World Book Day (No dressing up)
Mon 6th March	Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament at Goals
Tues 7th March	Uniform Drop and Shop
Weds 8th March	Y3 Holi Festival Celebrations
Weds 8th March	6-7 pm Parent & Carer Curriculum Evening Mtg
Thurs 9th March	Y3 and Y5 Cricket Coaching
Mon 13th March	Science Week!
Mon 13th March	Y4/5 Boys Football Tournament Goals
Thurs 16th March	Y3 /5 Cricket Coaching
Fri 24th March	YR Farm Festival
Wb 27th March	Spring Term Progress Reports Home
Fri 31st March	Y6 WWII Day

Easter Break Mon 3rd—Fri 14th April

Summer Term

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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)

FSS Dates

Friday 3rd February	Spring Term Quiz Night	7.30pm—10pm
Friday 24th March	Junior School Disco (Y3 & 4 5-6.30pm, Y5 & 6 6.30—8pm)	
Friday 31st March	Easter Egg Hunt	
Friday 19th May	Summer Family Picnic Evening	
Friday 23rd June (Back up 30th June)	Movies Under the Stars	
Friday 14th July	Summer Fayre	