



# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

## Spring Newsletter 10 February 2023



Our Governor Shield assemblies are always such a wonderful way to finish the half term. Today, we celebrated a number of pupils who have demonstrated our values of aspiration and friendship. We have also enjoyed celebrating some fantastic sporting achievements and have been left with no doubt that we have some future sporting stars in the making! Now time for us all to have a lovely relaxing half term break, in preparation for another exciting term at the Solent Schools!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



We are very excited to announce on Friday 24th February 2023 The Solent Schools will be having their Spring charity day. Our chosen charity is Abby's Heroes, a local charity who dedicate themselves to supporting children, teenagers, young adults and their families who have been diagnosed with cancer. They have worked very closely with members of our school community and have supported them in exceptionally difficult circumstances. To celebrate this amazing charity and to raise awareness for their cause we are inviting all children and staff across both schools to wear something purple, blue, sparkly or unicorn themed on this day. Please follow the link below to their website where you can find out more information on their mission to support children and families when diagnosed with cancer.



Our Solent girls' football team made us proud yet again today with a super performance of teamwork, skill, fitness and resilience when they took part in the Portsmouth schools' tournament at GOALS. The team played against 8 teams and were awarded bronze medals after several wins, one loss and two draws. Each member of the team played her part. A couple of special mentions: Daisy for some superb saves and excellent ball distribution; Tessa for excellent defensive positioning and Elana for a superb 180 degree turn, shoot and score! The top three teams were difficult to separate, with Solent drawing against the team who were awarded second and having had more possession of the ball and more shots on the target. Our girls' team shows great potential and we have some exciting events ahead of us.



## Fantastic FSS!

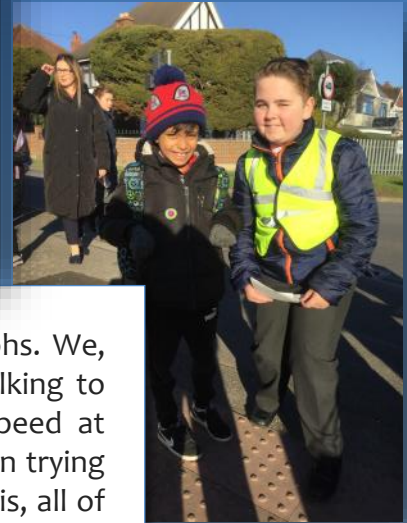
The FSS would like to thank everyone who attended the Quiz Night on Friday 3rd February, where we raised an amazing £860!! A huge thank you from us to the parents for supporting the FSS to raise money for school projects, please continue to do so and feel free to suggest any further events! Contact and follow us on Instagram and Facebook by searching 'The FSS Charity'.







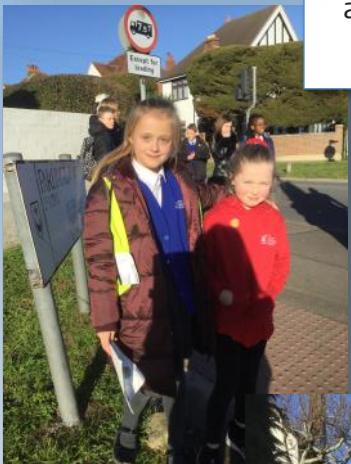
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## You've Been Spotted!

Congratulations to all those featured in these photographs. We, the Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) spotted you walking to school! Whilst out and about, we also discussed the speed at which cars travel along the Havant Road (particularly when trying to get through the second set of traffic lights). Despite this, all of our pupils, and their families, waited until the cars had stopped (even with a green man) before crossing. We felt this was a very sensible thing to do. We also noticed cars parked right up onto the pavement in Highlands Road. Sadly, anyone with a pushchair or wheelchair would just not be able to walk safely past! Please don't forget to walk to school. If you can't then park a distance away and walk the rest to keep us all safe!

Year 5 JRSOs







# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

You may remember that, back in November, representatives from our School Council and Eco Warrior Group attended a meeting for the Primary Council of Portsmouth Students (PCoPs). As part of this meeting, they had to pledge to make a positive change when they returned to school. The change project that they have chosen is the improvement of play-times so that more children are active and engaged in co-operative play. The first phase of this starts after the Half Term break with the re-introduction of Play Leaders from Year 2. We are looking forward to sharing our progress with you.



Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

## Early Years!

Wow, what a busy and exciting half term we have had! Year R have been great Explorers, learning all about our local environment- Farlington and Drayton, our own city- Portsmouth, and our Capital City- London. We have all been working super hard in Literacy to write our own facts, and had a go at reading these to make a documentary. We finished by painting our own masterpieces of Landmarks in London. Well done Year R, have a lovely half term break!



## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been learning all about comparison! The children have compared Mary Seacole to Florence Nightingale and they have looked at the difference between two numbers below 20. In other subjects, they children have completed their mouse fact files and they have tested their knowledge of carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. It has been a very exciting week and the Year 1 team cannot wait to get started in Spring II!



## Year 2

The Year 2 children have continued their fictitious writing all about dragons. The book, 'Tell Me a Dragon', by Jackie Morris has been a real favourite in the classes. We have also enjoyed using clay to make our own dragon's eye. We have used sculpture to develop and share our ideas and imagination. In maths, we have been learning about statistics. Ask us about tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams!



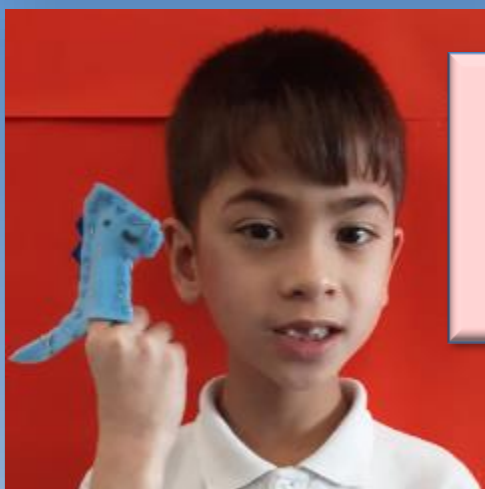


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What an impressive first attempt at sewing Year 2!



Who doesn't love a dragon finger puppet to end the half term with.





# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

In the final week of the half term, we saw the return of Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7th February. It is a National Day and each year explores different themes. This year the focus was "Together for a better internet". It focused around what children enjoy using the internet for and all of the positives it can bring. It then explored when something goes wrong such as online scams, fake news, online bullying. To raise aware of this I discussed it in my assembly on Monday. The children were all very clear that they needed to speak out to an adult when they see something like this online. Following on from this day, the carried out different activities in class over the week and we ensure that it is constantly discussed through the year, to continue to raise the profile and keep our children safe online. Just before we end another half term, I just wanted to say that I hope you all have a lovely and well deserved rest

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



The Golden Book is open every Friday at SJS! Today, we have celebrated this wonderful group of children.

## Year 3

This week has seen us recognising Safer Internet Day, which took place on Tuesday 7th February. Having kick-started the week with an Assembly, the children then looked at ways to stay safe when on-line. The focus this year was 'Life online' and the children spent some time thinking about all of the wonderful things they can do whilst on their devices. We discussed how, alongside all of the good things the internet provides us with, there are times when it might not feel so good or be safe. The children were amazing at coming up with ways to avoid on line dangers and they certainly know what to do if they ever feel unsafe, uncomfortable, or just not sure.





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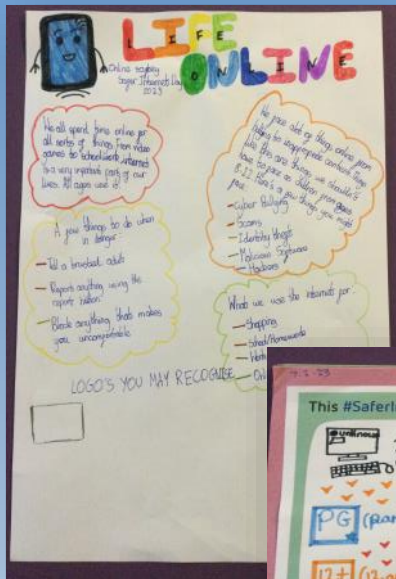
## Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been continuing their exploration into what life was like as a Roman. Last week, the children handed in their research projects all about the Celts and many of the children were brave enough to present their findings and teach their peers all about Celtic life. Now, Year 4 have been studying the chronology of the Romans in their history lessons, and exploring all about mosaics and repeating patterns in their art. After half term, they will be learning all about the Roman invasion and the legacies they have left behind for us today.



## Year 6

This week was Safer Internet Day. Year 6 have been exploring how to promote safe and responsible use of technology. There has been lots of discussions during our assemblies and in class on the different apps that are available and whether these are age appropriate. We have explored the positives of using the internet and how to use it safely, as well as acknowledging the negatives and dangers that can occur and what we should do if something like this happens. We shared our ideas and produced posters on how to create a better internet for others and how to stay safe online.



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**Spring 2 2023**

## Dates for the Diary!

### 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	Y6 Business & Enterprise event at Guildhall
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	Y5 Cricket Coaching
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
Thurs 9th March	Y4,5 & 6 Author Visit
Mon 13th March	Science Week!
Mon 13th March	Y4/5 Boys Football Tournament Goals
Tues 14th March	2-2.45pm Family Liaison Meeting
Thurs 16th March	Y3 /5 Cricket Coaching
Mon 20th March	Y4/5 Football Tournament
Thurs 23rd March	Y3 & 5 Cricket Coaching
Fri 24th March	YR Farm Festival
Wb 27th March	Spring Term Progress Reports Home
Mon 27th March	Y1 Gym Festival
Fri 31st March	Y6 WWII Day

### 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

## QA Hospital

We have been approached by a parent, Mrs Hicks, who has a child in 3AG who has kindly offered to collect toys, books, and soft toys (all in excellent condition) for QA Hospital Children's Department and waiting room. As you can imagine, we would like to support as much as possible, so will be opening a collection point at school. If you have a toy, soft toy or book that you would like to donate, please bring it to school on Tuesday 28th February or Wednesday 1st March. There will be a box at the car park entrance for you to place your item in. They will then be taken to the hospital later on in the week. We appreciate any donations and know that it will make a huge difference to families at a critical time.

## FSS Dates

### 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

On occasion, there may be an unavoidable delay opening, in which case we appreciate your kind patience.

## School Times

### SIS

Gates AM open	8.40—9.00am
Doors AM open	8.50—9.00am
Gates PM open from	3.05pm—3.30pm
Pupils out at	3.15pm

### SJS

Gates AM open	8.25—8.40am
Doors AM open	8.30—8.40am
Gates PM open from	2.50—3.10pm
Pupils out at	3.00pm



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## School Vacancy

### Solent Infant School – The De Curci Trust

Job details:	Cleaner
	12.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday 3.30pm to 6pm.
	Term time only plus 1 week
	Band 1 (£20258 FTE)
Contract :	permanent
Start date :	Monday 27 March 2023 (or could be sooner, subject to references, employment checks & clear Enhanced DBS)
Closing date:	Thursday 2 March 2023 (12 noon)
Interviews:	to be held on the morning of Wednesday 8 March 2023

We are looking for a well organised, self-motivated person to join our friendly and approachable staff team. Both experienced and new to role would be welcome to apply given relevant skills. The cleaner will report directly to the Assistant Caretaker and Site Manager.

As a Cleaner, you will be responsible for ensuring we provide a clean and safe learning environment for pupils and staff. You will be joining our site team who are all enthusiastic and friendly and follow an organised, efficient cleaning programme. You will need to be resilient and hard working with the ability to work to your own initiative while understanding the need to work as part of a cohesive team. You will be required to work term time plus one week in the school holidays to achieve the deep clean of the school and its wider areas.

There may also be the need to be flexible to meet the needs of the school and support out of school events.

Visits to our school are warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office by email to [cwinnicott@thesolentschools.org](mailto:cwinnicott@thesolentschools.org) to arrange a tour. If there are any specific questions about the role, please indicate these in your email and someone will contact you.

Application forms and job role information can be found on our school website, under 'About Us', 'Work for Us'. Please note, all applications need to be returned to [cwinnicott@thesolentschools.org](mailto:cwinnicott@thesolentschools.org) by the specified deadline date and time and must be submitted on the correct De Curci Trust application form. Please note, we do not accept cv's.

The De Curci Trust and Solent Infant School are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers and other third parties to share this commitment. Safer recruitment practice and pre-employment background checks will be undertaken before any appointment is confirmed. We will ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment. All successful candidates will be subject to Disclosure and Barring checks along with all other relevant employment checks.