



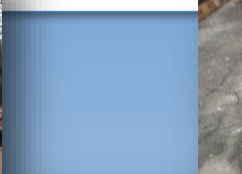
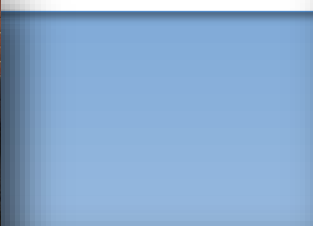
# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

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This week, the Heads of School and I took the opportunity to carry out a 'Lunchtime Learning Walk'. With the weather slowly changing, and our pupils spending an increasing amount of time outdoors, we wanted to learn a little more about Lunchtime in the Life of a Solent pupil. At the Infant School, we were very impressed with the calm dining room experience, excellent manners, and also their independence skills. We decided that the best next step would be to return to the use of 'zoning' and greater resourcing of equipment at lunchtimes. This will happily coincide with the opening of the Orchard, later on this term, as a quiet lunchtime space for our infant pupils. At the Junior School, we were most impressed with the pupils excellent manners, restorative play skills, and the way in which they are using our new playground apparatus together. Here, we decided that the best next step would be to open the brand new rainbow fenced 'quiet play' area to the Western side of the bottom playground. Here the children will be able to relax, read a book, sketch, or take part in a whole range of other calm and quiet activities.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



## When I Grow Up....

This morning, Years 5 and 6 went to watch a dress rehearsal for Springfield's production of Matilda the Musical Jr. Everyone found the show thoroughly enjoyable and Miss Smith even remarked that she would willingly pay good money to watch it. I personally thought it was amazingly well thought-out and good enough to be on the West End. When asked what she thought of the show, Lydia W in 6S said "Absolutely spectacular, and it was wonderful to see so many ex-Solent pupils in the cast!" In conclusion, Year 5 and 6 had an amazing morning out and I would thoroughly recommend the performance to anyone available!

James Watson 6S Head Pupil





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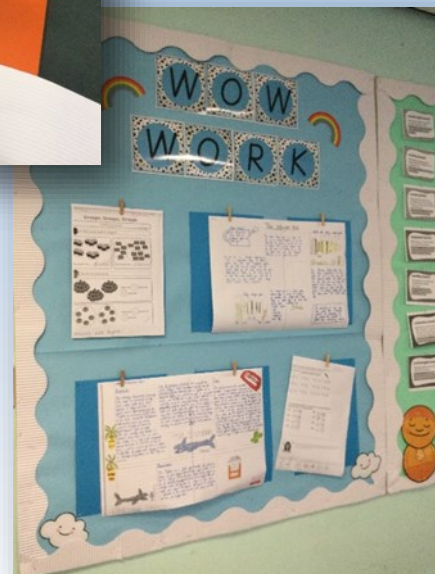
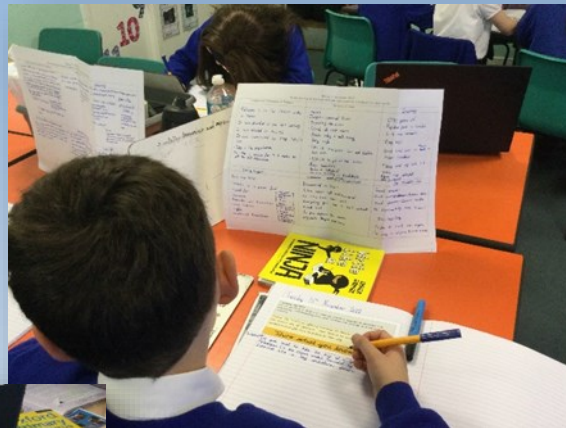


Lots of School Improvement has been taking place this half term with Development Day on 26<sup>th</sup> January and our wonderful English Governor Dee Whitelock, coming in to visit the Juniors to talk 'English' with some of the children on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Both are great ways to gain an insight into the everyday teaching and learning across the school and to get the children's perceptions of Reading and Writing. The Development Day gave school leaders the opportunity to look at the children's progress in writing and to see how they translate the skills they learn in English across into their science work. It was a really positive experience seeing just how hard our children are working and to think of ways we can make it even better.

Dee had the chance to meet some of our children and ask questions like 'What is favourite book?' to help us make sure we are giving the children reading opportunities to suit their interests as well as 'What helps you when you are writing?' to help us support the children in ways that they find helpful.

Next half term sees World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, so we're busy making preparations for a fun week linked to Reading.

Miss Hill SJS English Lead





# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

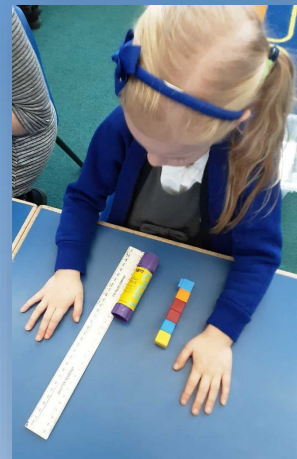
Each half term, the learning from different curriculum subjects is pulled together using a creative hook. This hook might be a quality text, a visit, a mysterious object or an outdoor learning activity. This themed approach supports the children in making links between subject areas, in being excited about their learning and in making the learning memorable. Dolphin Class are very proud of their hand-sewn dragons which they have designed and created, in Design Technology, linked to their Castles and Dragons theme.



Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

## Early Years!

It has been a week filled with measuring in Year R this week! We have had lots of fun exploring time and measuring objects by their length and height. When looking at time, we completed a series of challenges in one minute, to see what we could do. With measuring, we used standard and non-standard units of measurement to investigate the length of classroom objects. We are learning to use the correct mathematical vocabulary to compare measures too.



## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been learning all about mice! In English we have been reading the story 'A Lion Inside' by Rachel Bright. One of the main characters in the story is a mouse. We have researched the appearance, diet and habitat of a mouse, and will be using the information we found to write a 'Mouse fact file'. Last week in art, we made clay mice and this week we painted them. We were really pleased with how they look!



## Year 2

The Year 2 children have been thrilled with their new Writing Journey. They were inspired by the book, Tell Me a Dragon by Jackie Morris to design their own dragons and create their own dragon fact files. Why not ask them about their dragons? Do they have any magical powers? Are their dragons dangerous or are they kind? Watch this space for the finished articles, next week!







# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

It was the return of the Year 6 JRSOs this week! They headed over in the infant school direction and noticed the following; cars parked over drive ways, cars parked on double yellow lines outside of both schools and cars parked very close to junctions of Galt Road and Eveleigh Road. The JRSOs commented that all of these actions make it incredibly hard and unsafe for our school community to cross the roads to get to and from school. They send out a plea to all parents and careers to walk to school wherever possible. If you can't walk the whole way, please park a distance away and walk the remainder. They did notice lots of amazing children across both sites who were seen walking home and they have received a shout out in this week's newsletter and next week's assembly.

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

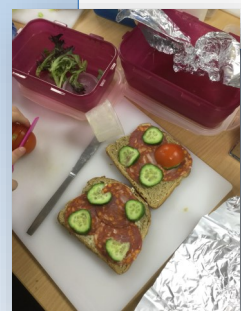


The Golden Book is open every Friday at SJS! Today, we have celebrated this wonderful group of children.



## Year 3

This week in Year 3 we have been exercising their creative juices through our Design and Technology unit- Healthy Sandwich Design. After learning all about the different food groups and how to achieve a balanced diet, the children applied this knowledge to design their own healthy sandwich. From product design to knife skills, every part of this outcome has been created by the children. You can look forward to seeing (and perhaps tasting) the final product on Friday 3rd February!





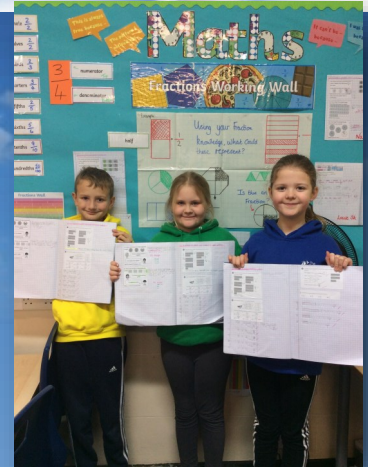


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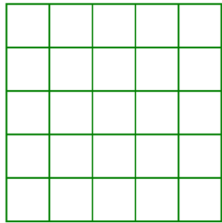
## Year 4

This week, Year 4 have worked incredibly hard on their new Maths topic, Fractions. Reflecting upon previous learning and combining that with new reasoning problems has really given our pupils an opportunity to get their minds ticking! Needless to say, our incredible cohort have risen to the challenge and have focused incredibly well in all three classes! These pieces were able to be seen in their Maths books, during book look.

In PE, Year 4 have continued to work closely as a Year group in Rounders! They have thoroughly enjoyed competing against each other and are beyond supportive of their team mates! We couldn't be more proud!



The ratio of green to red is 5:4.  
The ratio of green to blue is 10:1.  
The ratio of red to yellow is 4:3.  
The pattern has two lines of symmetry.  
The column on the left does not have any red squares.  
The ratio of yellow to green is 3:5.  
There is only one blue square.  
The column on the right does not have any yellow squares.  
The centre row does not contain any red squares.  
The bottom row contains two red squares.



## Year 6

As part of our Maths learning, we have been exploring ratio. A ratio says how much of one thing there is compared to another thing. We have learnt that a colon is used to separate the different parts of the ratio but that ratios can be scaled up or down to make them equivalent. In year six, we love a Mathematical challenge and whilst we thought we could share our year six pupils' fabulous answers, we didn't want to spoil the fun for you! Can you follow the clues and work out what the pattern should look like?

## Sporting Stars!

On Thursday 19th January 2023, Solent Junior school took part in the National League Trust Under 11's Cup for this season, run by our local Havant and Waterlooville football club. The school were represented by a boys and girls team, made up from a mixture of year 5 and 6 children. They did a fantastic job and whilst they didn't quite make it to the next round, we saw some superb football skills on the pitch. Despite the cold conditions and challenges they faced, their team moral and enthusiasm was 100%. We were very proud of all the children that took part and how they represented Solent Junior school, demonstrating all our values, to an exceptional standard. We could not have asked for more and for that we thank them.





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## Spring 2023

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

We have quite a lot of lost property collecting at SJS. In order to try to reunite pupils with all equipment and uniform, we will be laying out all lost items on a table outside school (car park entrance) for a week. If items are not claimed by the end of the week, we will be donating them to the swap and swap or charity.

## Summer Term

### 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)

## 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

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