



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

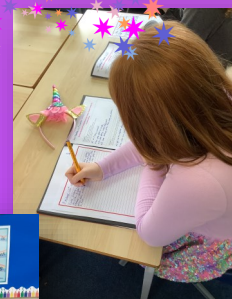
Spring Newsletter 24 February 2023



Today has given us such a wonderful opportunity to have lots of fun, whilst raising money for a charity so close to our hearts here at Solent. Whilst we won't be changing our uniform to sparkly purple any time soon, we would like to thank you all for your overwhelming support, and positive encouragement, in recognition of families who are faced with the life changing news that their child has been diagnosed with cancer. We already know that the work that Abby's Heroes do is invaluable and have absolutely no doubt that the money that you have raised will touch the lives of so many. We will share with you the total amount raised, once we have counted the pennies, but already know that your involvement really does represent the kind and caring ethos that permeates throughout our school community. If you have not yet got around to making your donation, simply scan the QR code to do so.



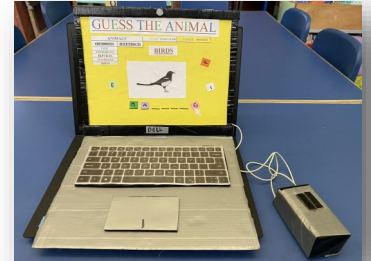
Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher





SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

You may remember that Miss Garland, our Computing Lead, launched a competition linked to Safer Internet Day. The children were asked to design a poster telling other children about an age-appropriate App that they like to use. We have been so impressed by the competition entries that we have received, including this creative design which was displayed on a laptop made of cardboard! If your child forgot to send their entry in, they can bring it to school on Monday and hand it to their class teacher. Winners will be announced soon!



Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

Early Years!

This week, we received a special message from a rabbit and found out that our new learning theme for Spring 2 is Down on the Farm. We were very excited to learn that Mucky Bucket Farm will be coming to visit us here at school very soon! So far, we have thought about what we already know and questions that we would like to find out.

We are looking forward to seeing where this learning topic takes us.



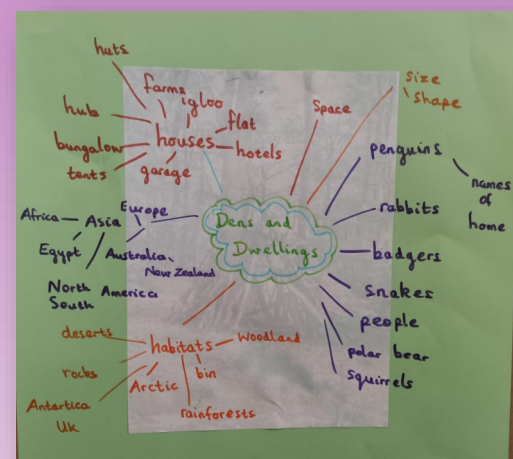
Year 1

Year 1 have had a great first week back to school. Monday greeted them with an expedition around the school grounds. They had to follow a map and avoid the oozy mud and had to take care not to wake the bears! Finally they reached the X on the map and found the treasure. This was a picnic blanket with a book called Poles Apart, binoculars, a Postcard from Mr Pilchard-Brown (from the story!) and a cuddly polar bear! Mr Pilchard-Brown asked us to reply, so we are going to do that over the next few weeks!

Year 2

What a busy first week back! The children have worked incredibly hard and loved their new Theme of Dens and Dwellings. They have been particularly enthusiastic when learning about hedgehogs. Why not ask them to tell you a little about these lovely animals?

In Maths, the focus has been on fractions. All of the children have embraced this new challenge and enjoyed relating it to everyday life. They have realised that fractions aren't quite as tricky as they appear! We will be continuing with this, next week.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

As we start a new half term, the FSS have provided each of the classes with another new book for their daily class reading sessions. The FSS have been doing this every half term for the last year and it is always warmly welcomed by every child and adult in the school. The books vary each half term, from ones that compliment their topic for the term to ones that will spark the children's interest such as a Year 6 one this half term on mental health and well being! The FSS are vital to both of the schools in supporting raising money for exciting extras that the school budget would not be able to purchase, such as the amphitheater we are hoping to purchase later on this year for the environmental area. Later on this half term there will be the return of the lower and upper school disco! I know that the children are already very excited about this and there has been much talk about it on the playground. Each class is in the process of devising their top three songs for a play list which will be sent to the DJ in advance. This way all of the children will feel they have contributed to the evening and can ensure there is at least one or two songs they know the dance moves too! It will also give me the opportunity to get to know the songs ready for the disco, my dancing shoes are already dusted off ready...

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



Year 3

This week the year 3 children were thrilled to begin a 6 week course of cricket coaching, provided by coaches from the Ageas Bowl. The first week of skills practise consisted of developing our catching technique and the children enjoyed using the cones in a variety of ways. In upcoming weeks, the children will learn and enhance their throwing, bowling, striking and teamwork skills. We look forward to discovering any budding cricketers amongst the year group!





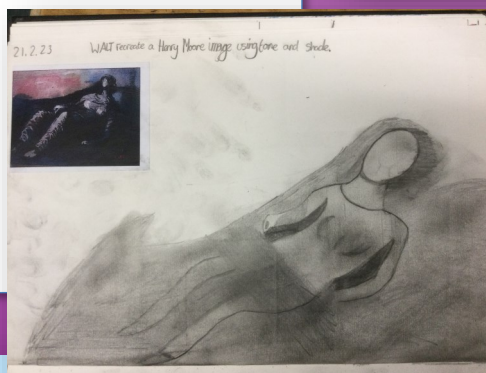
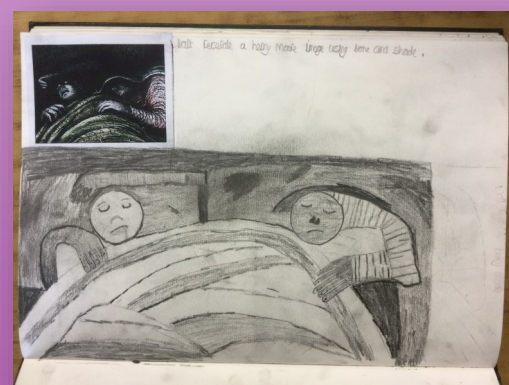
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Year 5

This week, in year 5, we have focussed our English on Norse Mythology. We have researched the different Norse Gods and Goddesses which the Vikings believed in. We have looked at Gods such as Odin, Thor and Loki and Goddesses such as Freya. During the week we focussed on how we could characterise the Gods, without telling the reader directly—using our 'show not tell' skills. We have then planned our own character profile and used our improving drafting and editing skills. Keep up the good work Year 5!

Year 6

This week year 6 have been focusing on some fabulous Art work in support of their WW2 learning. They began with an introduction to Henry Moore and his art and sculpture work and a little background to the importance of his art work during WW2. Following on, the children experimented with creating shade and tone using only an HB pencil. For the next part of our journey, the children have been applying their learning to recreate one of Henry Moore's images. They were asked to explore the lines, tone and shade they saw in their own way; building on their skills. Their outcomes are FABULOUS and we can't wait to see the end products next week.



Parents/carers views welcomed
on young people's SEND
services

Parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) can have their say on the services and support available in Portsmouth by taking part in a survey.

The responses to this survey will be used to shape future services for children and young people with SEND and their families.

The survey will be open until Sunday 26 March 2023. Parents and carers can fill in the survey online by [clicking here](https://portsmouthlocaloffer.org/share-your-experience-of-using-send-services-in-portsmouth), visiting portsmouthlocaloffer.org/share-your-experience-of-using-send-services-in-portsmouth or requesting paper copies by emailing eandsc@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.



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Spring 2 2023

Dates for the Diary!

Half Term Mon 13th—Fri 17th Feb

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 20 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 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

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