



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

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Earlier on this week, I was awarded the privilege of accompanying a group of Year 1 budding gymnasts to a festival. The event, organised by Mrs Dallinger, saw our pupils taking part in a range of activities, including; floorwork, rings, forward rolls, trampoline and even a springboard run! They were so well behaved that they were even treated to a special display performed by some of the squad. This was a wonderful way to finish an exciting Spring term packed full of events!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

Spring Sporting Stars!



Happy Easter Super Solent!



On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of taking 7 year four girls to Cowplain School to participate in a football festival. The girls had great fun taking part in lots of different activities to learn and improve upon their football skills. Some of the skills that were focused on included shooting, dribbling and keeping control of the ball. During the session, the girls also had the opportunity to play a mini match against each other, using all the skills they had perfected in the activities. I was so proud of the girls who attended. They demonstrated all of our school values whilst they were visiting Cowplain, especially team work and perseverance. Well done girls!

Miss Fear Year 4 Teacher





SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



It is the final day of the Spring Term even though the weather feels more like Autumn! However, even the high winds and sporadic rain showers could not stop the FSS Easter Egg Hunt today. It may not have been what was originally planned but we all had lots of fun taking part in an indoors egg hunt and Easter-themed activities. We would like to send a special thank you to Mrs Pursey for all of her organizing and to our special visitor, the Easter Bunny! Thank you also to our group of volunteers who had offered their help for today. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term!

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS



Early Years!

Wow, what a fantastic term for Year R it has been! We have loved learning all about Down on the Farm, and had our special visitors from Mucky Bucket Farm come last Friday! We had a fun-filled day at the Solent Farm Festival learning lots about the different animals, petting them and even feeding them! We enjoyed a whole year group lunch and took part in lots of farm related activities. Rest well this weekend, Year R!

Year 1

Year 1 have had another very busy week. The children have recorded their performance of 'The Litter Muncher' and they are looking forward to when they can watch the show back. The children have also been very busy exploring and making Easter puppets in Design & Technology. In other subjects, the children have written acrostic poems about Easter in English and they have learnt about mass in mathematics. The children are looking forward to the upcoming break. Happy Easter from Year 1!



Year 2

This week, we enjoyed playing a new maths game about place value and worked well in our teams of four. Ask us about it! We have also focused on the Easter story, made Easter cards and baskets. We enjoyed our day of Easter celebrations on Friday and worked well as part of a team.

We have had a fabulous half term of learning and have enjoyed our theme of, 'Dens and Dwellings'. Have a Happy Easter!





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Well here we are at the end of another busy but exciting term! Two thirds of the way through the school year. Over the last two weeks we have had some very exciting events at the Junior School, which have been supported by FSS. First we had the Lower and Upper School disco. The hall was filled with dancing, laughing and singing on Friday night. A particular highlight was nearly the entire upper school, FSS volunteers, Staff and a Governor (!) all doing the macarena. All in time and managed to keep going for the whole song (if you know the song, you will know how long it is so how much of an achievement this was!). Then today we have had the FSS Easter Egg Hunt. There was lots of excitement the Easter Bunny delivered their eggs. After such a busy, fun term, now is the time to relax, rest and re-coup for the Summer term. I hope that you all have a lovely break whatever you may be doing and look forward to seeing you in two weeks, when hopefully the weather will have continued to improve!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

Year 3

This week Year 3 have worked incredibly hard at composing, editing and publishing their recount writing about meeting an extra-terrestrial friend. We have been so impressed with the quality of vocabulary, appropriate use of time connectives, descriptive language and adverbials used. In class, we learnt about chronological order, correct use of tense and paragraphing before the children applied these skills into their own writing. We think that their final published pieces are out of this world!!



Year 5

This term our year 5 children have been learning French vocabulary linked to a French Breakfast. They have been surveying each other, playing games, role plays and watching videos about breakfast in France. Finally, this week the children have used their vocabulary in a real-life situation, ordering some breakfast items in Mrs Milne's Breakfast café (albeit in the afternoon). Well done to all of the year group for their manners and use of French vocabulary. All Solent Junior children can access the Language Angel's website to play French games connected to all of our topics over the Easter holidays:

www.languageangels.com User name: solent Password: junior

Year 5

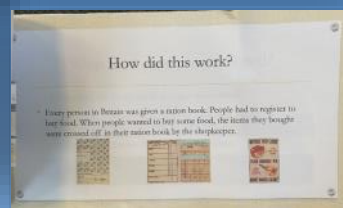
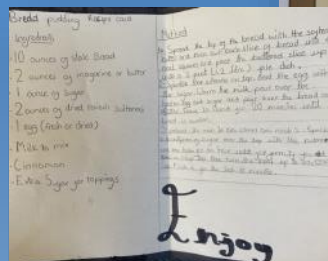
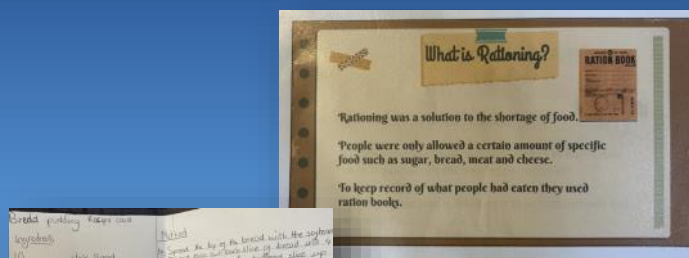
In year 5 this week we immersed ourselves into our R.E. curriculum during our R.E. day! We looked into understanding the meaning of symbolism and what this means to us in our day-to-day life. We then looked at the symbols during 'Eucharist' and what this represents during 'The Last Supper'. After this, we created a symbol which was meaningful to us or someone important in our lives and thought about the importance symbols can have. We all had such a lovely day!



PUTTING ON THE BLITZ!

Year 6

To finish off this term and link our History topic of World War 2 with our homework, we set the children a challenge to research and present what they could discover about rationing in World War 2. The homework we have started to receive has been brilliant! We have had presentations, posters and discussions on what wartime recipes are being made - ready for us to all try! We are loved seeing all of the World War 2 costumes today to conclude our History topic for this term.



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ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES!

Environment Club

Miss Morris and Mrs Wademan would like to say a huge thank you to the Year R, 1 and 2 children who took part in the after school Environment Club during Spring II. You were fabulous!



Pebble Club

This term Mrs Herron and Mrs Peddell have run a very successful 'Pebble Club' at Solent Junior School. Participants designed, created, painted and varnished a range of pebbles, even creating their own design portfolios to take home! (picture left)

On the right you can see a ladybird and bumble noughts and crosses game that they have made for our courtyard playground. Below right, you can enjoy the beautiful rainbow of pebbles that they created to be placed within our school grounds encased in concrete so that it will shine brightly for a while to come. We think that you will agree that they are talented pebblers!





DISCO FEVER!



Thank you Fantastic FSS!

Last Friday, the FSS gave the junior school children a disco to remember. With a playlist chosen by the children, popcorn and games, fun and laughter was had by all. Thank you very much to the FSS committee and also the staff who stayed late to supervise the event.



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