



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Spring Newsletter 12 May 2023



Your Feedback Matters to Us!

During the Summer term last year, we ran a series of articles in the newsletter asking you for your feedback on a number of school matters. We then used this feedback to help shape our school improvement plan for the academic year 2022-2023. This worked really well, enabling all school stakeholders to have a voice and having a really positive impact upon our schools and their community. As a result of this success we will be repeating this again this year. This week, we would like to ask for your feedback with regards our school curriculum. Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code below to respond to a short questionnaire. Don't forget that you can have your say about any school matter through your class family liaison reps. A recent suggestion from a parent was to include a key question at each meeting as a focus point, whilst also including AOB at the end, as raised by school or parents/carers via their class reps. The main focus of the next meeting in June will be the school website. Please do continue to use this channel for continual feedback. We really would far rather know and be able to consider and respond to matters raised. We do of course welcome both positive feedback and comments in relation to how you feel the school could improve. Your view is very important to us and valued greatly!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



You've Been Spotted!

Last week, our Year 5 team of JRSOs were out and about with Mrs Peterkin-Aldred. Their mission being to spot children who are waking to school or parking a distance away and walking the rest. Well done to all those who were spotted this time around and thank you for continuing to help make our school streets safer places to be! They were: Bethan (4F), Jack (2M), Emmett (1E), Ivy (Rec G), Jacob (Rec T), Holly (2M), Isabelle (2M), Billy (2L), Oakley (2L).





SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

With our current Science learning about Growing Plants, Life Cycles and Changes, this half term, we inevitably start thinking about future transitions and our readiness for the next stage in our learning. Mrs Dallinger and I have visited many of our Pre-Schools over the last couple of weeks to meet our new Reception intake and, this week, these 'new' Reception children visited our school to start to get familiar with the classroom environments. We were incredibly proud of our established Reception children who welcomed in the "newbies", showed them the classrooms and were the perfect hosts. We need to remember that some changes are inevitable and that the more we practise change, the better we get at it!

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

Early Years!

This week we have continued with our topic 'Get Up and Grow.' We have learnt lots about different lifecycles of animals, insects and plants. We thought it would be very fitting to also explore the 'life' cycle of a rain drop! The children have been able to observe the dark clouds, the rain falling and collecting in puddles. We have also discussed and witnessed how the sun dries up the rain.



Year 1

Year 1 have been super scientists this week by sorting leaves belonging to evergreen and deciduous trees. We have been monitoring the trees all year. They have also been busy in art learning about artists Andy Warhol and Deborah Harris, who are both printing artists. I'm sure they can tell you the differences between their artwork! The children have practised making marks on a polystyrene printing block ready to create their final pieces next week!



Year 2

This week, the Year 2 adults have been super impressed with all of the children's positivity, hard work and enthusiasm. In DT, we are designing and making a carriage for King Charles III. This week, we have learnt about the different parts of a vehicle: body, chassis, wheel and axel. We have looked at the two different types of axel and thought about what we will need to make a working carriage. We had a go at making the axels with different materials and sketched drawings to show what we had learnt.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Well that is it , all SATS tests have been completed! Year 6 were incredible throughout the week. They focused and took them in their stride. Whatever the results, we are all hugely impressed with your learning behaviours and know that you have all done your best! Thank you to the rest of the school who have shown great maturity around the building to ensure that it remained quiet and calm.

Now that the good weather has started to creep in, I have loved to see the children out picnicking at lunchtime, when they can. Fresh air makes all the difference when we are learning, so we all need to do our sun dance so that sunnier days come to stay!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

Year 3



In our English lessons this week, Year 3 have been putting on their creative writing caps and their persuasive skills to the test as they write letters to their teachers; whether it be convincing them to double the amount of Golden Time they get at the end of the week, to explaining why schools should remain closed during the Summer Holidays! The drafted letters are well under way , so we will watch this space to see just how convincing our Year 3 pupils can be!...

Year 5

This week, we were visited by Westend Schools who provided us with a workshop on Shakespeare to support our performance of a 'Twelfth Night'! We explored a range of different characters from the play and acted as them focusing on using expression, tone and dramatic gestures to portray each character. This allowed us to explore a range of performance styles to perfect our roles ready for our final recording of the play! We are delighted to invite our parents and carers into our classrooms for an exclusive screening of our performance—date to be confirmed.



Year 6

We are extremely proud of our Year 6's for having an amazing SATs week! Our school value of perseverance has really shone this week. We have been blown away by the level of commitment and hard-work that all children have achieved in preparing for and undertaking their SATs during this important week of their Year 6 journey. After an intense few months of SATs preparation – we're hoping that all children will feel a huge sense of achievement and relief, now they have been able to shine and show off everything that they know. Once again, a huge well done to all Year 6. We are so proud of each and

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Help our Eco Warriors to Keep Our Local Community Green!

The ECO Warriors of Solent Infant School are pleased to let you know that you can now recycle your empty coffee packets/packages (all brands) as well as all the other items we recycle. All the information you need can be found on the website, click on School life, ECO Warriors and this lists all items we recycle.

Safety on our School Roads

This week, we have received a high number of calls and emails from people concerned about the number of parents and carers who are driving to school and parking irresponsibly making our school roads highly unsafe for our pupils and their families. Following these complaints, we contacted the parking enforcement team at PCC. Explained our woes and also about all the complaints, the dangerous parking on double yellows, reversing out into Farlington Avenue, parking over residents driveways and further concerns. They have informed us that they are going to put it out on a job sheet and ask for a parking enforcement officer to come out over a few days and patrol up and down, reminding parents/carers about good considerate parking and road use generally. This will be both at the beginning and end of the day.

If you are concerned about the way in which our community is using the roads around school, our advice would always be to contact the parking enforcement team at PCC yourselves. As a school, we are incredibly restricted as to what we are allowed to enforce and reporting these concerns really does support us and help to keep our children safe!

QA Update

All of your amazing donations of toys, games and books were delivered to the children's department at QA hospital. Mrs Wain (Olivia's mum in 3AG) said that the staff were overwhelmed with the generosity. Some of the patients couldn't wait to dig in and find something nice to play with, as soon as the delivery turned up. Here's a picture of some of the donations and a very emotional Abby who helped unpack the van. A huge thank you to everyone for your support!





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Dates for the Diary!

Summer 2023

Weds 17th May	Year 5 & 6 Cricket Tournament
Weds 17th May	New Family Open Afternoon (New Year R & 3 2023) 3.30—5.30pm
Tues 23rd May	Uniform Drop and Shop
Weds 24th May	PMK Fort Nelson Visit (Armed Forces)
Weds 24th May	Year 4 Calshott Parents Meeting

Half Term Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June

Summer 2 2023

Mon 5th June	2-3pm Curriculum Fayre at SIS and SJS
Tues 6th June	Uniform Drop and Shop
Thurs 8th June	Year 5 & 6 Tennis Festival
Fri 9th June	SIS & SJS Class Photographs
Fri 9th June	2-3pm Curriculum Fayre
Fri 16th June	Inset Day
Mon 19th June	Inset Day
Tues 20th June	SJS Quadkids Athletics Event
Thurs 22nd June	Author David Fuller visiting SJS
Thurs 22nd June	Family Liaison Meeting 5—5.45pm
Fri 23rd June	SIS Whole School Trip
Mon 26th June	Year 2 Scootability
Weds 28th June	Year 2 Fire and Rescue visitors
Fri 30th June	SJS Sports Day at Springfield (Whole School)
Mon 3rd July	Open Work Share (SIS 3.30- 5pm SJS 3.15—5pm)
Tues 4th July	Uniform Drop and Shop
Tues 4th July	School Nurse visit at SJS
Wb Mon 10th July	SIS Sports & Healthy Living Week
Wb Mon 10th July	Progress Reports emailed home
Tues 11th July	Year 6 Performance to Parents and Carers
Thurs 13th July	Pop in and Meet the New Teacher (SIS 3.30—4pm SJS 8.20— 8.30am)
Mon 17 July	Year 3 Egyptian Dress Up Day
Wb Mon 17 July	Year 5 Bikeability
Mon 17 July	Optional Summer Parent/Carer Appointments
Tues 18th July	Year 3 Egyptian Exhibition Drop in / Work share
Tues 18th July	Uniform Drop and Shop

Friday 21st July Break Up Summer Holidays!

Mon 4th Sept Inset Day