



# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter 19 May 2023



Our new pupil open event this week was another great success. Welcome to all those of you who are just joining our school community ready for a September 2023 start. We hope that you enjoyed bringing your extended family to visit school and look forward to welcoming your children back very soon. My thanks also goes to all of the staff who stayed behind after school to meet our lovely new families, helping them to feel very welcome!

## Your Feedback Matters to Us!

Last week, we asked you to share your feedback with regards our school curriculum. Please don't forget to [click here](#) or scan the QR code below to respond to a short questionnaire. This questionnaire will close on Thursday 25th May at noon, when we will be collating all responses and sharing with our stakeholders.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



## We are Always Here to Support & Listen!

We are so proud that many of our families benefit each week from extended support from staff across the Solent Schools. We welcome the opportunity to support our families in a range of different ways and will always help out where we can. Please don't forget that we have a dedicated area on the school website, where you are able to contact a member of the staff team, should you or your child require support. This link takes you directly to our pastoral team, who will be able to contact you back, or signpost you to the support that you need.



## Year 5 Star Performers!

Following on from the Shakespeare workshop last week, Year 5 got the chance to enact their version of Twelfth Night! All children were extremely excited to be given the opportunity to perform in front of a 'green screen' that enables a background to be generated during the editing stage. This has been the culmination of several weeks of hard work, meticulously learning lines and mannerisms, and creating props and costumes. Each class created their own Twelfth Night performance version and we hope to be able to give parents and carers the chance to view the final performance in the near future.





# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

It has been great to see that, with the improved weather, more of our children are walking, scootering or cycling to school. Playtimes have become more active too, with the help of our Year 2 Play Leaders. They have been doing an incredible job of encouraging the other children to join in with games, share resources and generally be more active.

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

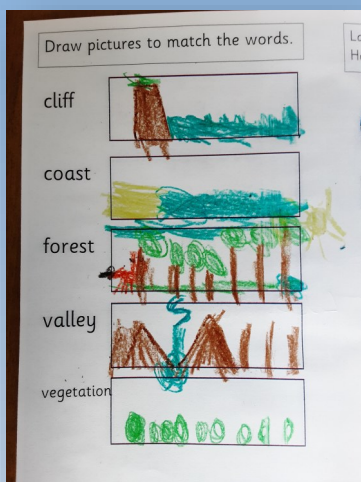
## Early Years!

This week, we have been enjoying the glorious weather and spending lots of time outside in the sunshine. We have worked really hard over the last few weeks to write our information leaflets all about the life-cycle of a butterfly... these are now complete and we are so proud of what we have achieved. In art this week, we have painted some beautiful symmetrical butterflies by painting one wing and folding it to print the pattern onto the other side.



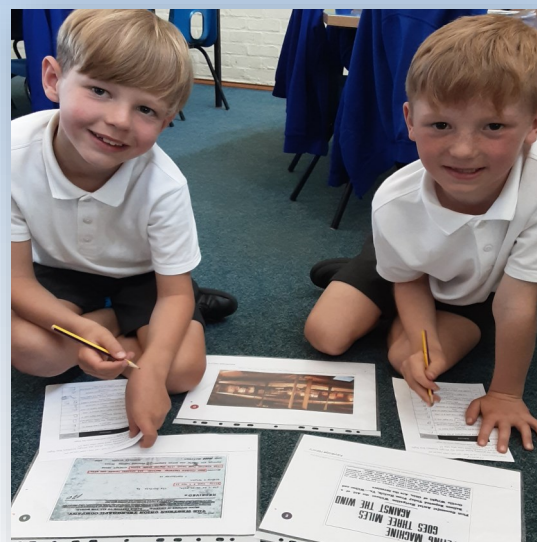
## Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been reading the story of 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff'. We made a story map and have been using the pictures and actions to help us retell the story. We will be using this for our story writing next week! In Maths we have been learning about doubles and sharing to make equal groups. In Geography, we enjoyed learning about natural and manmade geographical features. There were some new features that we were unsure of, these included, valley, harbour and port.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had another super busy week full of hard work and a positive attitude to learning. We are very proud of them all! In History, we have continued our learning about the famous Wright Brothers and their plane the Kitty Hawk. Ask us why it is called that! We are discovering how different sources of information help us learn the truth about the past even if we weren't there to see it over 100 years ago! In our art work, we are learning to paint in the style of another famous person from the past, the impressionist painter Claude Monet.







# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

I cannot believe that we are in the penultimate week of Summer 1. Where has the half term gone to? I really believe that time flies when you are having fun and that is definitely what I have seen classes have this week. Mrs. Wilby and myself had the pleasure of visiting a few classes this week, as part of our monitoring programme. We were so impressed by the maturity of the learners. In the classes that we visited, the children were actively engaged in their learning and confident answering questions related to some challenging content. It has also been wonderful seeing Year 5 getting excited about their Shakespeare green screening. I know they are all eager to share it with you. From what I have heard, you are in for a treat!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

## Year 3

This week Year 3 have dived into their new maths topic of time, this is an essential life skill that we use every day, and we are excited to help Year 3 master it. To help Year 3 become mini experts in this topic, we will be using a range of activities such as games, worksheets, and interactive lessons. We will also be encouraging children to practice telling the time at home using both analog and digital clocks. We look forward to seeing their progress as the weeks go on.

## Year 4

This week, we have started our new focus in Math... ANGLES and SHAPE! We have been challenging ourselves to identify different angles and ensure that we are using our Mathematical language perfectly. In an attempt to understand these even more, we used our drama skills to act out the angles! This has certainly helped us and really made us giggle as a year group. We are also linking this heavily with our previous focus... Time. We wonder if you can also identify what angles a clock displays? Go on... Give it a go!



## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been building and refining their writing skills by writing a persuasive letter as part of their English work. The theme is based upon the book 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman, and draws upon the controversial aspects of cross-species transplants. Year 6 have been using their skills of writing, using persuasive techniques, and including aspects of all their SPaG learned so far. We are extremely proud of the year group for making a huge effort in this task!



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## Keeping Solent Safe!

Across the Solent Schools, we take online safety very seriously. We believe that it is the responsibility of everybody in our school community to help our pupils remain safe whilst online. Have you visited our online safety page on the school website? If not, then simply click on 'About Us' and then 'Safeguarding'. Here you will find a link to online safety. On this dedicated page there are links containing advice, guidance, resources and games about keeping children, and yourself safe online. You will be surprised at what you might learn!



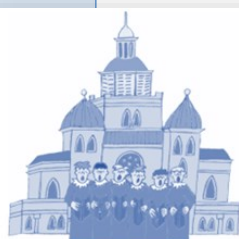
## What Parents & Carers Need to Know About

At the bottom of this page, there is also a link to a series of posters produced by 'National Online Safety'. Each relates to a different App or online service. There are 5 in total; TikTok, Netflix, Roblox, YouTube, YouTube Kids and also Social Media and Mental Health. They are easy to digest and can allay many myths surrounding online content.



## Choir Opportunity

Portsmouth Cathedral Choir would like to invite boys aged 7-14 and girls aged 8-15 to join the choir. If you think your child might be interested, please use the 'contact us' tab on the school website to email the office with your child's name. Please make use 'Cathedral Choir' in the title of your email and mark it for the attention of the Head of School. We will then put your child's name forward.





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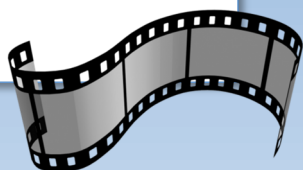
## Dates for the Diary!

### Summer 2023

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**

The FSS are delighted to announce that they will be holding a 'Movies Under the Stars' evening on Friday 23rd June 2023 from 6.30pm. The film being screened will be 'Lightyear' with families being invited to bring their own food, drink and seating along. Watch out for further information being shared by the FSS very soon!



## FSS Dates

23rd June	Movies Under the Stars.
14th July	Summer Fair!
20th July	Year 2 & Year 6 leavers events

25th September  
FSS AGM (all welcome)

The committee are already busy planning their events for 2023–2024!

### 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**





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## Dates for the Diary!

We are delighted to have a guest speaker at our next Parent Hub on 26/6 - Katherine Mahoney from the Multi-Agency Behaviour Support Service (MABS). Katherine will be explaining the PACE approach to behaviour which is embedded at both Solent Schools. PACE is suitable for all children as it is based on trusting relationships and we would love to share this with as many of our parents as possible. All the details are on the flyer below. Please contact the school office if you would like to attend either via phone asking for Mrs McQuilken (SIS), or Mrs Young (SJS), or alternatively email FAO Mrs McQuilken or Mrs Young.



## **SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL AND SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL**

### **NEURODIVERSITY PARENT HUB**

**Monday 26th of June 2023**

**9.00am - 11.00am**

**Solent Junior School,  
Solent Rd, Drayton, Portsmouth PO6  
1HJ**

**COME ALONG AND FIND OUT HOW  
THE PACE APPROACH CAN BE USED  
TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG  
PEOPLE AT SCHOOL AND AT HOME.**



**Enquiries**

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## Free Local Family Events!

At Fort Nelson, they currently have a tribute to the 258 military and civilian lives lost during the Falklands conflict. Life-size silhouetted figures represent those who did not return from the Falklands. This exhibition has been touring the country, but this is the first time it has been seen in the South of England.

The art installation is called *Standing with Giants* – it's free admission and runs until 9 July. Fort Nelson is open Tuesday to Sunday 10am – 5pm - daily during half term. Book your free tickets in advance at [www.royalarmouries.org](http://www.royalarmouries.org) to guarantee your visit, as the site has capacity limits.

It would be great if Portsmouth families were able to visit and learn about a part of their local history, with so many going to the war from our city.

Fort Nelson is free to enter and will be open every day during half term. They also have a free 'Letters Home' trail for families to enjoy, running alongside the art installation.

Two 'Meet the Veterans' events are also taking place on Sunday 28 May and Sunday 25 June - 10.30 – 12.30pm.

### STANDING WITH GIANTS

On display until Sunday 9 July 2023



An outdoor art installation commemorating those who lost their lives in the Falklands Conflict.

Free admission  
Please pre-book to guarantee your visit  
[www.royalarmouries.org](http://www.royalarmouries.org)



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