



# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

## Summer Newsletter July 2023



And so we reach the end of another academic year at Solent!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole school community for your support and involvement over the past year. You can never underestimate what a difference your positive contribution makes to us within school, and for that we are very grateful.

The end of the academic year always signifies the time to say some fond farewells. I am very pleased to report that we aren't saying goodbye to any of our fabulous staff team this year, but we do always have to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 cohort and their families. On behalf of all the Solent staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all the very best of luck in all you choose to do. You have been such an important part of our school community over the past 7 years and we will miss your spark and enthusiastic nature greatly. I have absolutely no doubt that you will continue to shine wherever you go, and so now we safely hand you over to your lucky secondary schools, in the knowledge that you will enjoy many future successes!

And for those of you who are lucky enough to return in September, please give yourselves permission to have a lovely, relaxing summer. I look forward to welcoming you all back safely to school on Tuesday 5th September. Until then, stay safe and make the most of the down time!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



## Year 6 Entrepreneurs Make £5 Grow & Grow!



WOW! Our Make £5 grow day was a huge success! Across the day, we welcomed each year group to visit the stalls and Year 6 were able to promote their business to them. The overall total Year 6 made was £974.29. The top three teams were Crafty Salon making £101.67, Spongy Baskets making £100.55 and Timmy Tigers making £100.54. We are so proud of everyone who took part in this challenge. Everyone showed so many school values, learnt lots of valuable skills and we couldn't be any prouder.





# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



In this academic year, we have had a return to all of our workshops, performances and sports day races and we have loved being able to invite you in as our audience again. We have also celebrated the coronation of a King, been represented at the Primary Council of Portsmouth Students, taken part in Arts, Science and Sports Weeks and also enjoyed extra Outdoor Learning opportunities. We re-introduced Year 2 Play Leaders and bought additional resources to make playtimes more fun and active. We have become more resilient as learners and more responsible as members of the Solent Schools' community. Bring on next year—after the holidays!

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS



## Early Years!

Well, this is it—what a fantastic first year you have had at The Solent Schools! We have been on bear hunts, performed the nativity, watched our butterflies take flight and visited Queen Elizabeth Country Park. We have seen you grow in confidence, resilience and knowledge. All things that we strive for at Solent, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you. You have worked hard all year and have earned yourselves a fun and restful summer. Enjoy it!

## Year 1!

We can't believe we have come to the end of the year already, and what a fantastic year it has been! In our final week we took part in an outdoor learning day and made butterflies with the 'Hapa-Zome' technique. It was so much fun, even if it was a little bit tricky.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support this year from reading at home to helping on our school trip. Have a wonderful relaxing summer and we will see you next year!







# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



Portsmouth Mental Health Support Team



## YEAR 2-3 TRANSITION Assembly

Last week, our Year 2 children took part in a Year 2 – 3 Transition Assembly with Olivia and Caroline from the Mental Health Support Team. The children were able to share their thoughts about moving on to the Junior School and how this can feel different for each of them. They then shared some ideas and strategies about what to do if you have any worries or concerns. It was fantastic to see that lots of our children are excited about their new adventure and, for those who have felt a little unsure, they now have some ideas about what to do to support themselves on their new journey.

### Year 2

How is it the end of your time at Solent Infant School? You have all changed so much and we have loved seeing what wonderful children you are becoming. We wanted to give you a super special final week so have spent lots of time focusing on your mental health and wellbeing and enjoying each others' company. You have loved all of the team games, reminiscing and Outdoor Learning Day. We are so proud of you all! Good luck on your new adventures, new Year 3 children!







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## Year 2 Leavers Disco 2023!

Thank you to the parent/carer and staff volunteers who came along to the Year 2 leavers disco 2023. Thank you also to the FSS for funding this event. I think you will agree that fun was had by all!







# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Year 3

Our final week has been our busiest yet with some amazing things taking place to finish off our first year at the Juniors. Monday and Tuesday saw us putting the final touches to our Summer Term Topic—The Ancient Egyptians by having a dress up day on Monday; recording our singing and dancing skills as well as having lots of fun too and Tuesday opening up our classrooms at the end of the day so parents could drop in and share all the wonderful work we have done—collage, clay carouches, stories and instructions for mummifying a Pharaoh and not to mention all the wonderful Creative home learning!



In addition to all of the Egyptian shenanigans this week, we have also had an amazing day of DT making some wonderful Sundials. An ancient form of telling the time using the sun, suitably fitting in with topics past and present from across the curriculum this year. The children cut, attached and joined all the parts of the sundial themselves and made some wonderful pieces they should be proud of. What an amazing way to end a super year of learning!



Finally, it goes without saying that this year has flown by! We cannot believe that we are at the end of the year already and that the children have completed one whole year in Year 3. It has been an amazing year and has been full of lots of fun, learning, friendships and smiles. Thank you so much for being an amazing year group—all of your adults are extremely proud of you and we know that you are more than ready for your new challenges in Year 4. Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you all again next year!

### Year 3 Team

Miss Hill, Mrs Scobie, Mrs Herron, Miss Nicholas, Mrs Luff, Mrs Peddell, Miss Gall, Mrs Atkins, Mrs Hague, Mrs Powell





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It is hard to believe we are on the final day of the academic year! What a year it has been. Full of fun learning activities and experiences. The children have all celebrated their time in the current classes and are looking forward to their new classes. In assemblies we have been talking about first and last impression, and every one of the children should be super proud of themselves for all of their achievements. We wish all of the Year 6 children every success in their new schools. We know you will continue to shine bright like the Solent Super Stars you are! I would also like to thank the incredible team at Solent for all of their hard work in making Solent a calm, fun and enjoyable place to be! All that leaves me to say is that I hope you all have an incredible summer and enjoy the rest. Take care of yourselves and see you next year!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

## Year 4

What a Year, Year 4 have had! We couldn't be prouder of ALL of our pupils! From Calshot residential, to our Nativity, Swimming, Year 4 Multiplication Tests and Sports Day... We have had a fun full packed year! We completed our Year by celebrating Show Racism the Red Card, with our special guests Duke and Sam from Pompey in the Community!! Year 4 had the special privilege to spend some extra time with Duke and Sam, after the whole school assembly, where they were able to ask more questions and develop their knowledge even further! We were so blown away with their level of maturity! We are so proud of you all! Year 4, you are all super Stars! We would like to wish you all a FABULOUS summer and we will look forward to seeing you all in September. Congratulations Year 4! You have GRADUATED FROM LOWER SCHOOL!!!







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## Year 5

This has certainly been a whirlwind of a year! We are so proud of all the progress that the Year 5's have made ready for their transition into year 6. We will fondly remember 'Alien Day' and all the incredible costumes and outfits the children came in wearing! Children donned costumes once again but this time for a re-enactment of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' which they filmed using green screen and loved every moment!

This year the children fully immersed themselves into Anglo-Saxon and Viking history—many children showed a flair for History as budding historians.

More recently they have learned about the cultural and economic differences between Portsmouth and Lima in Peru; they enjoyed a highly informative visit from Mr Young. Lets not forget our space topic, which culminated with a visit to Winchester Science centre and Planetarium. The children had a thrilling day testing the laws of Physics and journey deep into Space.

Keep up the hard work and determination Year 5—we know you are going to thrive in Year 6!



## Year 6

This week has been the final week EVER at Solent Junior for Year 6. On Monday, the children took part in their Make £5 grow day and made a brilliant amount of money. SATs results went home on Tuesday - the children should all be very proud of themselves; we are certainly proud of each and every one of them all! The children were amazingly well behaved during their trip to Paultons Park on Wednesday and many children showed off their bravery (and strong stomachs!) on some of the very challenging rides! Thursday involved an amazing fun packed water fight during the afternoon and the festival leavers party during the evening. Year 6 then ended their week with an emotional end of school leavers assembly and the last Year 6 Golden Child assembly on Friday. The whole cohort have been a brilliant bunch of pupils and we wish them all the best of luck as they go off into the sunset, taking their next steps to Secondary school. Good luck Year 6 - it's been a fantastic year!





# We Love Where We Live!



It may have been a wet and windy summers day, but that didn't dampen spirits for our 2023 Summer Fair! The FSS led the event with games and fun for all. Here, you can see just a snippet of some of the activities on offer. We would like to extend our thanks to all that volunteered on the day including the FSS, school staff and wider volunteers. The money raised will make a great difference to the resources we are able to provide within our schools.





# FSS Reminder



## FRIENDS OF THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

### FSS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 5PM, SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

The FSS will hold their AGM on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 5pm in the Infant School Music Room and you are all welcome to attend.

As you are probably aware, the FSS Committee are all volunteers and we are always on the look out for new ideas and enthusiastic people to join the Team. As such, the AGM will look to achieve two aims;

1. The introduction of 4 new posts as Event Co-Ordinators. These people will be responsible for the organisation of FSS events once they are agreed with the School Heads, with assistance from the rest of the Committee.
2. Accept and discuss Expressions of Interest for the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Once these have been discussed in the AGM, the FSS Committee construct can then be finalised for the next school year.

Expressions of interest for any of the roles above should be sent to us at [fss@thesolentschools.org](mailto:fss@thesolentschools.org) by 1200 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September for consideration in the evening meeting. If you are looking to put yourself forward for one of these roles, please do try to attend the AGM or send a statement as to why you would be good for the Committee.

Successful applicants for the roles will receive a thorough handover from the existing Committee member and be available for further support thereafter should questions arise.

For any information regarding what the FSS has been up to in the last 12 months, you can find us both on Facebook and Instagram, just search 'The.FSS.Charity' and you'll see content created by our amazing Social Media and Marketing Rep, Beth Badman.

We are looking forward to seeing as many parents and carers at the AGM as can make it and to receiving your Expressions of Interest for Committee roles. See you on the 25<sup>th</sup> September and thank you all in advance for your continued support.

Best Wishes

*Friends of the Solent Schools*



# Stomp for Stamps this Summer!

If your children love to find adventure, have fun and be active, then Stomp for Stamps could be the perfect summer holiday activity for you. Walk, cycle, wheel or scoot through this treasure hunt and you can win prizes too!

To take part children can visit any Portsmouth library, with an adult, to collect a Stomp for Stamps booklet (available from Saturday 22 July). Each booklet contains five route maps to help you track down the Pompey Monsters and their animal friends. Kids will put their creative skills to the test when they follow the Pompey Monsters and take colourful rubbings of animals and insects to exchange for a sticker at any Portsmouth library.

Once children have collected at least three stickers they can claim their prize, a fantastic wildflower pot, and look out for the Green Space Challenge in the back of the booklet too! Want to know more? Visit [www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/stompforstamps](http://www.travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/stompforstamps)

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BETTER HEALTH!

HUNT DOWN  
THE POMPEY  
MONSTERS  
TO WIN A  
FANTASTIC  
PRIZE!

PICK UP A BOOKLET FROM ANY LIBRARY  
IN PORTSMOUTH FROM 22 JULY

Visit [travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/stompforstamps](http://travel.portsmouth.gov.uk/stompforstamps)



# Summer Reading Challenge 2023!

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Ready,  
Set,  
Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



The Summer Reading Challenge 2023 starts on Saturday 8 July and runs until Saturday 23 September. The challenge encourages children aged 4 to 11 to read up to six library books during the long summer holiday.



### How it works:

Children register for the challenge in their local library. Whichever library they sign up in is the one they need to continue using during the challenge

Children decide how many books they would like to read for the challenge. We recommend six but children can read more or less than this

Children can read whatever they like – fiction, fact books, poetry, joke books, picture books, audio books, eBooks – just as long as they are borrowed from the library

Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there's a certificate and medal for everyone who completes the challenge

This year the Winner's Event is on Sunday 24 September at Southsea Castle. If you can't make this event, don't worry – children can still collect their medal and certificate from the library they registered to do the challenge in

The Summer Reading Challenge is open to all primary school aged children and is designed for all reading abilities. Children can sign up for free at all Portsmouth libraries during the summer holidays

Throughout the challenge, library staff and volunteers support children, helping them to explore a wide range of different types of books and enjoy a range of creative activities and events.

### Summer Reading Challenge online

It's also possible to register to do the challenge online. This challenge runs separately to the one run in libraries so the rewards and incentives are all digital. However children who complete the challenge online are still welcome to attend the Winners Event. We will email all online completers in September to send them an invite, only if you click the option to allow data to be shared with us when enrolling your child in the online challenge.

For further information visit the library service by [clicking here](#).

