

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

**Arts Week: 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Across The Solent Schools we are getting very excited about 'Arts Week'!

This year, Arts week will take place during the first week of the Spring term in January. Across both schools, we will be focusing on art, music and dance. In Art & Design across both schools, we will be exploring a range of modern and historical artists.

At Solent Infant School we will be exploring a range of modern and traditional artists. The children will be given the opportunity to 'step into' these paintings drawing inspiration from the vibrant colours and creative themes. Children will create pieces of artwork inspired by the paintings.

At Solent Junior School, we will be focusing on a diverse range of modern and historical artists to support our cross curricular learning. The children will draw inspiration from the artwork and the artists style to create their own inspired artwork. We are very pleased to announce local artist Pete Codling will be making a special appearance at the Junior school to inspire the children, immerse them into the world of art and explore his CROWD project.

[Crowd Drawings | Artist Residency at The Portsmouth Historic Dockyard | Pete Codling](#)

In order to make this an immersive experience for all creative arts, we are very pleased to announce Jim Bernadine 'World Music Man' will be visiting the Solent Schools to provide the children with exciting and engaging workshops. We would like to say a special thank you to the FSS for funding this visit and know this will provide the children with an excellent, high quality experience.

Across the Solent Schools, we will also be providing dance workshops with alumni Charles Clark, who will be showcasing his wonderful talent and own choreography. As well as, alumni Lucy Mengham, who will be showcasing her excellent talent with a very special singing performance. We would like to say a massive thank you to all of our special guests for providing the children with an immersive and exciting opportunity.

We would then like to invite parents and carers into our classes to showcase our wonderful artwork on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025** at the following times:

**Solent Junior School: External classroom doors open at 3.05pm until 3:30pm**

**Solent Infant School: External doors open at 3:20pm until 3:45pm.**

Yours sincerely,

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