



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter 2021– Issue 5

The second half of the summer term is notorious for being a very busy time of the year at Solent. A time when we reflect back and celebrate upon all of our achievements. A time when some of our staff and pupils say goodbye to friends and colleagues. This year, despite restrictions, there are still many plans afoot. This may not involve as many trips out and visitors into school but will most definitely involve lots of time spent with friends taking part in some very engaging learning themes, both indoors and out!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

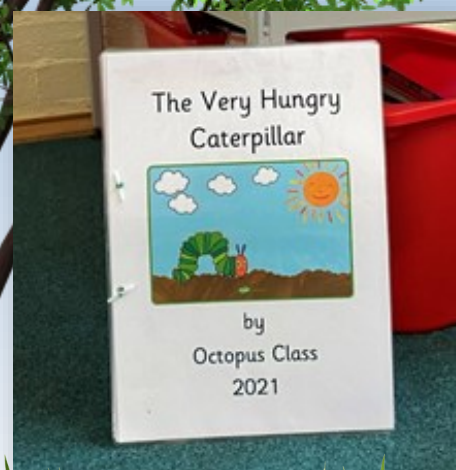
Further Easing of Restrictions Around School

The first period of easing measures has been a real success. The pupils and staff team have accommodated and adapted to these changes with admirable resilience and flexibility. From Monday 7th June there will be a few further changes that will take place. These are all subject to review, taking into consideration the national and local context. Below you will find a summary of each of these changes.

- Adults will no longer be required to wear face coverings in outdoor areas on site. This includes when dropping off and collecting pupils from school. All adults will still need to ensure social distancing is observed at all times.
- Books will no longer have to be quarantined when they are returned back to school and the library can be used by specific year groups.
- Pupils will now be able to share resources within the classrooms and will not need to have their own individual resource packs.
- Pupils can sing in class groups! (Our favourite)

Early Years!

The children in Year R have had a fantastic time learning through their 'Get up and Grow' theme this half term. To celebrate our learning each class created a class book retelling the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have been so impressed with their team work and they have loved sharing their class books. Meanwhile, the caterpillars have now made their way into their cocoons. We are hoping for butterflies after the half term!





SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

We have come to the end of another amazing half term of learning! We are so proud of how settled and happy the children are—and also how enthusiastic they have been towards their learning. This enthusiasm was shown in the number of entries that we received for our Invention Competition, which followed on from our Engineering Fairy Tales Week. The standard of entries was very high and certificates have been given to everyone who entered. Our VIP judges, John Wademan and Karen Howe, two of our School Governors, worked alongside Mrs Ray and Mrs Pinhorne to make the tricky decisions. We are proud to announce the Runners Up and the Winners for each year group:

Year R Runners Up: James A in RDE and Dovydas P in RH

Year R Winner: Cassidy R RG

Year 1 Runners Up: Harvey J in 1C and Isla H 1MA

Year 1 Winner: Sophie B 1M

Year 2 Runners Up: Oliver E 2L and Finlay G 2R

Year 2 Winner: Bethan D 2PS

Well done to everyone!

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS



Year 1

Year 1 have been very excited! We have become one big year group bubble. This means we can play in the playground as a Year 1 group. Our literacy work this week has been linked to our term theme 'Potty about Plants'. The children have written their own creative stories based on 'The Cautious Caterpillar' story. We have also looked at multiplication and how to make equal groups.

Year 2

Year 2 have been extremely busy! In Maths we have been learning about time. We thought about the days of the week and months of the year. In English we have written, edited and published 'persuasive' letters about our inventions. In Science we will be taking our cress home to eat! In Art, our famous artist this week was Gustav Klimt and we made a class collage of his beautiful sunflower picture.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

We have had a very exciting week at the Junior School with a virtual talk from Cressida Cowell! Each of the classes logged into the talk and listened to stories about where she found her inspiration from. Cressida also shared her insights into becoming an author. We are hoping that this talk will have inspired some budding authors of our own. After half term they will have the opportunity to practise their skills!

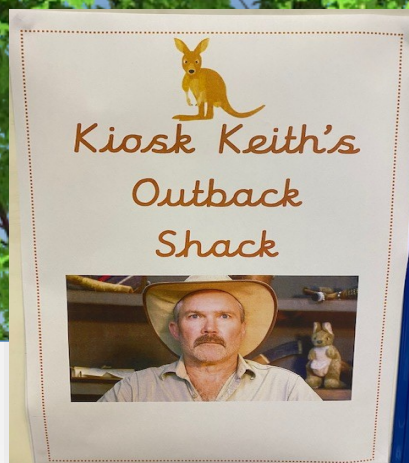
Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



Year 3

Year 3 Super Sandwiches! This week, your child will be coming home with letter all about our DT project 'Sandwich Making'. On the letter, the children have decided on healthy ingredients to bring in for our sandwich making day.

This will take place on Thursday 17th June. The letter includes all of the details, but do keep your eye on Teams, as a Parent and Carer Workshop will be coming out after half term, with even more details.



Year 4

Money Madness!

This week, the Year 4 pupils have embarked on their new Maths topic—MONEY!! In an attempt to understand money in 'real life' context, we have created a shop in the clever corner. Our shop is called the Outback Shack! Our shop currently sells objects such as footballs, rainbow cakes and squishies! We wonder if the pupils can transfer their new money skills while shopping with their adults during half term?

Year 5

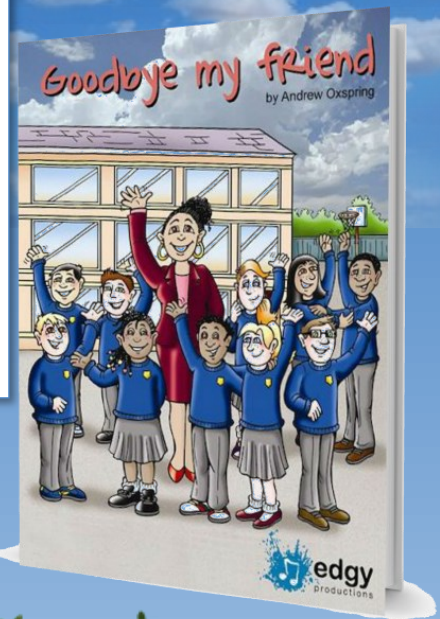
English Writing Task—Year 5 have been developing their writing skills by learning how to write 'balanced arguments'. This requires them to begin looking objectively at two sides of an issue and present a case for each. When writing a balanced argument, they learned a lot of useful 'for and against' language, and this in turn has encouraged a lot of very objective thinking that can also be applied to their PSHE work and overall life skills!



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Year 6

Year 6 auditions took place this week, with pupils having been set the challenge to learn lines off by heart so that they could dazzle us with their acting skills. An overwhelming majority of pupils decided to audition and their performances demonstrated excellent facial expressions, impressive changes in tone of voice, well-considered actions and body language, and some great comedy timing. The teachers then faced the difficult challenge of casting. Parts have now been decided, scripts have gone home and children have the half-term break to get a head start on learning their lines!



Competition Time!

All Solent Junior School pupils have been invited to take part in an exciting art competition being run by the Hilsea Lido 'Pool for the People' and 'The Final Straw'. The lucky winners will not only get to paint their mural, but their artwork will be there for the public to enjoy for years to come! Find out further details on how to enter on your class Teams page. Closing date for entries is 7th June 2021.

Calling all Junior School Experts!

Do you have a child who you think would like to join Mrs Wilby live one Friday morning socially distanced in the junior school assembly studio? She is looking for 'experts' in any area to join her for a short question round as part of the Friday morning assembly. Anything goes! They just need to be able to give a little bit of information about what they are experts in (could be a hobby or something they enjoy doing in their spare time, or even a special interest, or collection they keep). If so, then please email in via the 'contact us' email on the junior school website. Please just share their name, class and what they are an expert in. Last week, we had the pleasure of listening to Kayden, from year 5, talk about his YouTube channel and streaming.

School Uniform Orders

We have been informed that there may be a delay on school uniform this year. If you are needing to order branded uniform from our supplier ready for the new academic year, we would advise ordering early. Please [click here](#) for the infant school and [click here](#) for the junior school uniform page. There is a link on both of these pages to 'Hargreaves' who are our principle uniform supplier.

As the weather continues to warm up, please don't forget to send your child into school with a named water bottle. Please make sure that these are refreshed daily and have a sports cap on.



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Diary Dates & Reminders

Summer Term

Tuesday 25th May 4-5pm—New to Year 3 Live Online Meeting
Wednesday 26th May 4-5pm—New to Year R Live Online Meeting

May Half Term

Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June
Monday 7th June - Friday 11th June Solent Schools Arts Week
Friday 18th June—New to Year R and 3 Open Afternoon
Friday 25th June—Class Photographs
Friday 2nd July—Year 6 Exclusive Michael Morpurgo Remote Event
Week Beginning 5th July—End of Year Reports Home
Thursday 8th July—SJS Disability Awareness Workshops
Thursday 15th July—Year 3 Egyptian Exhibition
Last Day of the Summer Term—Friday 23rd July

First Day of the Autumn Term—Monday 6th September 2021

Inset Days

Friday 18th June
Monday 21st June

Thursday 2nd September
Friday 3rd September



Have you heard about the Portsmouth Baby Bank? Their aims are to help alleviate child poverty and support families during times of financial and emotional stress, whilst reducing waste and promoting reuse of items. If you have any baby clothes, nappies, toiletries, equipment, cots, prams and toys that are pre-loved, please get in contact with the Baby Bank and they will pass them on to families in need. For further information, please contact
Rachel@portsmouthbabybank.com

Don't Forget!

All new Year R and Year 3 parents and carers are invited to attend the school open afternoon on Friday 18th June, between 1-5pm.

All places must be booked in advance. If you haven't booked your place already, please click here to access the booking form. Please note, some of the time slots are now fully booked.

Year 3 parents and carers, if for any reason you are unable to attend on Friday 18th June, please email the junior school office and leave your message for the attention of Mrs Peterkin-Aldred.