



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter 2021– Issue 6

As we creep into the second half of the summer term we are confirming arrangements for September 2021. Given the roadmap extension announced yesterday evening, our transition activities will not be able to continue in the same format as previous years. Unfortunately, pupils will not be able to visit their new classroom alongside their new peers in person. To ensure our pupils still receive the best possible transition support we are planning to run a series of virtual events instead. These events will involve pupils and adults getting together virtually with their new class teams. This will enable them to meet one another and become increasingly familiar with their new class prior to finishing for the summer holiday. It will also support both pupils and adults in looking forward to their return to school in September.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

New Class Updates

All of our pupils will have an end of year report emailed home in July. Ordinarily, within this report, there is a letter confirming their new class teacher for the coming September. We realise that our pupils will face some additional challenges this year, in so much as they are not able to take part in a full series of transition days. For this reason, we have taken the decision to share new class teachers names earlier than usual with our pupils. At this stage, we are able to confirm that pupils currently in Year 1 will be 'looping' into year 2, keeping the same teacher and class group. We can also confirm that those pupils in Year 3 will also be 'looping' into Year 4, keeping the same teacher and class group. Our new Year R and 3 pupils will be finding out who their class teachers are when they attend the open afternoon event on Friday 18th June (attendance strictly by booking only). This just leaves pupils moving from Reception into Year 1, Year 4 into Year 5 and Year 5 into Year 6. All of these pupils will be receiving a letter home next week to confirm who their new class teacher will be in September. Hopefully, receiving this information a little earlier this year, will enable our pupils to process and reflect upon this information, taking part in discussions and asking any questions they might have both within school and also at home. It will also mean that we are able to build in those virtual transition activities across the remainder of this term.



In light of the announcement made on Monday evening, we will not be relaxing any further measures at the Solent Schools. Given the fact that the next review is close to the end of the summer term, it is highly likely that current measures will remain in place right up until the end of the academic year.



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

Our Arts Week 2021 of Fantastic Fossils has been a great success! The children have participated with enthusiasm and interest, creating paintings, collages, performance poetry, sculptures and their own fossils! The archaeological dig site was very popular with everyone - adults included! Super Teamwork skills were in evidence and, as Teamwork is our focused value for June, the children had lots of practical opportunities to show their understanding of what great Teamwork looks like in action.

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

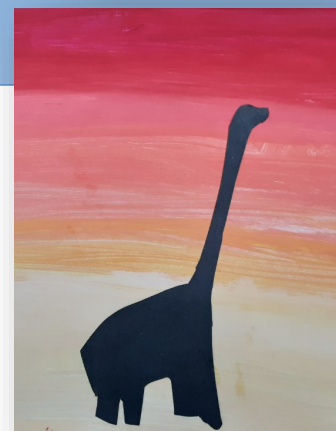
Early Years!

The children in Year R have had an amazing Arts Week. We have been working as a team whilst exploring the learning theme of Fantastic Fossils. We enjoyed a special show all about how we are unique, created a large ammonite, made clay fossils and developed lots of our Art Skills. In other news, the butterflies have now hatched and we have set them free. We are really looking forward to our new learning theme of Dangerous Dinosaurs.



Year 1

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed Arts Week 2021. We loved our dig for bones, learning about Mary Anning, dinosaur skeletons, fossils and lots more! Thank you for our 'loose parts' as we made our ammonite practising the 'Value of the Month' - Teamwork. We are looking forward to Arts Week 2022 already!



Year 2

The children in Year 2 have had a fantastic Arts Week. They have embraced new challenges and demonstrated amazing resilience when trying new skills. They have loved reading and performing poems and creating fascinating posters about Mary Anning, the palaeontologist. This photo is one example of one of the wonderful pieces of artwork that they created. You can see their carefully considered colour choices.





SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

We have been immersed in Arts week, which has been lovely to come back to after half term. Around school the children have been excitedly talking about their experiences and what they have learnt. We have seen some amazing pieces, from a 3D representation of Portsmouth to their own representations of My Dog Sighs work. The creative buzz around school has definitely had a positive impact on everyone's mental health, including mine!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

Year 3

As part of Art's Week, we have linked our Art learning, to our History topic of 'Ancient Egypt'. We began the week practising our sketching and delineation skills, to produce some beautiful sketches of Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. Then, we moved onto collage. We have been working on our collage skills, and built these up to produce an amazing, Egyptian headdress. The results were incredible!



Year 4

Tick Tock Tick Tock!

Last week Year 4 began their new maths topic—TIME! We have had lots of fun exploring analogue and digital clocks. The children quickly realised that they enjoyed the subject so much that they have asked for this subject to be included in their next home learning task. So adults, watch this space! It's TIME to make their wish come true!



SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

Year 5

As part of Arts Week, Year 5 have been studying an up-and-coming Portsmouth artist named Clarke Reynolds. Clarke's work uses the tagline 'Seeing Without Seeing' and uses colour coded visual braille in the style of pop art.

Year 5 loved the inclusivity and creativity of his work as well as taking on the challenge to create their own pieces. We learnt the formations for the letters of the alphabet before applying this knowledge to generate messages of hope. The children were then tasked with choosing appropriate media to present their ideas.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic and inspirational week learning all about the Portsmouth based urban street artist called 'My Dog Sighs'.

They have studied his style, made reflections about his artwork and tried to replicate his style using their fingers! Take a look at their mini canvases using his 'Everyman' character – the pupils think they are so good, they could be sold!

They have also designed their own 'Eye', similar to the ones seen at Hilslea lido. Later in the term, they will attempt their own can art too!



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Diary Dates & Reminders

Summer Term

Monday 7th June - Friday 11th June Solent Schools Arts Week

Friday 18th June & Monday 21st June—INSET Days

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

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September—INSET Days

First Day of the Autumn Term—Monday 6th Sep-

Inset Days

Friday 18th June

Monday 21st June

Thursday 2nd September

Friday 3rd September

Missing Anything?

Are you missing any uniform or equipment? There is a large collection of lost property at Solent Junior School. From Tuesday 22nd to Friday 25th June, it will all be on display on a table on the pavement (semi circular waiting area) outside school. If not claimed by Friday 25th June this will be donated to charity or sold on the second hand uniform stall.

As the weather continues to warm up, please don't forget to send your child into school with a hat. They will continue to be outdoors for periods throughout the day this term and this will help to keep them sun safe!

Is your child new to Year R or Year 6 this September?

Don't forget to keep an eye out for additions to the 'New Entrants' tab on the school website. We are looking forward to seeing all those of you who have booked to visit us for our open afternoon on June 18th. Attendance for this event is strictly booking only. If you have not yet booked your slot, please do so by visiting the school website.

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.