



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter 2021 – Issue 7

Dust Off Those 80s Dance Moves!

I can't believe the time has come around again for the Danceathon.

Our current year 6 were the first ever year group to take part in the Danceathon way back in reception 2014 with the song 'Shake it off' and since then, this has become a yearly event for both schools.

This year's 80's themed event will take place on Thursday 21st July.

We have narrowed this year's music choices to 8 pop songs from the 80's for the children to vote. This will be introduced in an assembly and the children will be able to vote for their favourite song via their class teams page. Louise Slade and myself will then choreograph the dance and record for the children to learn in class, in their PE sessions, and with you at home.

Children will be encouraged to wear their favourite dance clothes on the day with an 80's twist, so dust off those leg warmers everyone! We always love seeing photographs and videos of you practising at home – more details of how to send those in will be revealed later.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the parents over the years who have supported this event and have helped raise thousands of pounds for our schools – it is very much appreciated.

Looking forward to see which song is chosen this year.....keeeep daaaaaancing!

Mrs Brook

Danceathon 2019 'Friend Like me'

Danceathon COVID 2020-year 5 bubble

'Dance Monkey'



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The excitement and enthusiasm has continued this week as Year R are still enjoying their learning theme of “Dinosaurs and Fossils”, whilst KS 1 have started their new themed learning of “Here Comes the Sun” for Year 1 and “Predators” for Year 2. Singing can finally be heard drifting down the corridors and this is a sound that we have all missed over the last year. Mr Walsh, who is from the Portsmouth Music Service, teaches Music to Year 1 once a week and has been very impressed with their vocal ability. They are currently learning “The Lion Sleeps Tonight” and we are hoping to film a couple of the sessions in the next couple of weeks. Year 2 are starting to practise songs for their end of term Celebration Assembly which we are hoping to share with parents and carers via the school website. Please check that we have updated image permissions as, without this, your child will not be able to be included in the filming: Parental Permission | Solent Infant School (thesolentschools.org) Finally, we would like to send a big Thank You to Mrs Felstead and the FSS for supplying every class with 2 watering cans so that we can all help to care for our plants and flowers.

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

Early Years!

The children in Reception have had lots of fun engaging in their outdoor learning this week. They have taken part in a range of learning opportunities, including the use of our school Adventure Playground and Orchard Area. It has been fantastic to see them developing their gross motor skills.





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Year 1

This week Year One have started their new topic 'Here comes the Sun'. As part of our PSHE we have been thinking about why we like living by the sea. Our reasons included 'we can paddle in the cold water on a hot day', 'we can see fish, seagulls and jellyfish' and 'we can eat fish and chips and icecream at the beach'. We enjoyed our visit to our very own Solent Beach!



Year 2

Year 2 have loved spending lots of time outside in this glorious weather. They have enjoyed P.E lessons outdoors, read stories and explored the grounds looking for mini-beasts to support their food chain work in Science. We all feel very fortunate to have such a fantastic outside space.



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We have carried on with our creative experiences from Arts Week this week. Year 5 have been involved in an Art Project representing areas of Portsmouth in a 3D jigsaw. As you can see from the photo, they have really captured the feel of the Drayton and Farington area. Our piece will be put together with other pieces and then displayed at Portsmouth Cathedral later on this summer.

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



Year 4

Year 4 Amazing Art!

Last week, Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful week of ART! In an attempt to link our Arts week with our Geography topic, RIO and RIVERS, Year 4 children showed off their newfound knowledge and planned, designed and created the four layers of the Amazon Rainforest. The children had an amazing time, and their end results were OUTSTANDING! Here is 4G's final piece!!





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Year 3

This week, Year 3 have lots of fun learning how to make a sandwich. They designed their sandwich, and brought in tasty ingredients from home, ready for our DT Sandwich Making Day. After making, the children got to enjoy the best part... taste tasting. We then evaluated what went well, and the children took the rest of their sandwich home, to show their families



Year 5

This week, year 5 have begun the second part of their 'Tale of Two Cities' topic by beginning to look at South America and Peru. This week we have been exploring the wide and varied climate of South American countries as well as elements of their human geography. We have also been joined remotely by a guest speaker—MrYoung—who has first hand experience of visiting Lima. His talk will inspire our next written piece.

