



# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

## Summer Newsletter 2021– Issue 10

It may have been a week of sunshine and showers at Solent, but nothing has dampened our spirits as we race towards the end of another academic year. From amazing teamwork, resilience and perseverance at the infant school sports week, to the super behavior and warm welcome given to the open air theatre production crew at the junior school. Solent, you simply shine and amaze us every single day!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

### Sports & Healthy Living Week is Here!

This week saw the arrival of 'Sports and Healthy Living Week' at Solent Infant School. This year, things have been a little different, but definitely still lots of fun! Watch out for a special sports week certificate coming home soon. A special well done to all of the 'Sports Stars' for the week and a big thank you to Mrs Dallinger for all of her hard work in organising this fabulous event.



### Solent in September!

On Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September we have two inset days. We have already filled these days with lots of training and activities for staff, in preparing the ultimate learning environment for your children to return to in September. All pupils return on Monday 6th September. Below you will find a little more information regarding this return. All of the points below assume that the roadmap continues as expected and that we are not asked to put in place any further measures. If this should change, we will inform you as soon as possible.

- The timings of the school day will return to normal.

	Gates Open	Gates Closed	Doors Open	Doors Closed	SIS pupils must be left with a staff member and collected by a known adult from the year group door. Entry & Exit via Year Group door.
SIS	8.40am	9.00am	8.50am	9.00am	
	3.05pm	3.30pm	3.15pm Collection for all pupils		
SJS	8.25am	8.40am	8.30am	8.40am	SJS Y3 & 4 must be dropped off & collected by an adult. Y5&6 can arrive & leave unaccompanied. .
	2.50pm	3.15pm	3.00pm Collection for all pupils		

- Mini offices will remain on the gates each day for messages, medicines etc. so there will be no need to come into office reception, unless essential. We will no longer be operating one way systems on either site. SIS, please use the tunnel as an entrance and exit, if you do not have pushchairs or wheelchairs, as the drive is for vehicular as well as pedestrian use. SJS Upper School (Years 5&6) must use the gate by the new office. Lower School (Years 3&4) must use the arched gateway into the upper quadrant please.
- For the Autumn term, we will be trialing asking pupils to continue to come into school in PE kits on PE days and full uniform for the rest of the week. We will review this in November ready for Spring. Please refer to year group Teams pages for those PE days. No pupil will need a PE kit in school. Please note, all pupils will wear a school sweatshirt or cardigan as part of their PE kit (not a hoodie), removing this for the session if hot. Refer to the school uniform guidelines on the school website for further details regarding PE kits.



# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL

We have now raised the Olympic Flag in the playground as a celebration of our amazing Sports and Healthy Living Week. The enthusiasm and focus has been unwavering and the children have enjoyed earning their certificates with a different focus for every letter of the word: SPORT

S = Skills

P = Perform, Practise and Play

O = Olympics

R = Running

T = Time Out

Let's hope we have enough energy left for next week's Danceathon!

Mrs Curthoys - Head of School SIS



## Early Years!

The children in Year R have had such a super first Sports and Healthy Living Week. They have really impressed us with their teamwork and sporting enthusiasm. From using the bikes, scooters and adventure playground, to running races and practising the Danceathon they really have been sporting superstars. They have also thought carefully about ways to keep healthy and learnt lots about the Athletes taking part in the Tokyo Olympics this year.



## Year 1

The Year 1 teachers have been amazed at how much effort the children have put into Sports Week. Year 1 have learnt about the Olympics, the country of Japan and they have also shown their fantastic sports skills. From using the adventure playground to developing their catching skills, the children have been fantastic! The children have also worked extremely hard to remember the Danceathon routine and they look forward to performing this next week.



## Year 2

The Year 2 teachers have been very impressed with how all of the children have embraced Sports and Healthy Living Week. They have worked brilliantly as teams and enjoyed all of the sporting activities on offer. They particularly enjoyed using the outdoor equipment and taking part in Cosmic Yoga. Interesting conversations were opened up regarding mindfulness and healthy eating. They even took part in some cloud watching with Mrs Ray! Many children were also keen to explore healthy recipes and get cooking with their adults, over the summer."





# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

In May, all children at school were given the opportunity to enter a competition to draw pictures of sea creatures, which would be painted directly on to a mural at the Hilsea Lido. A selection of children from each year group have been chosen and over the past three weeks they have been visiting the Lido. As you can see the mural is coming together nicely. Year 6 have the final visit on Tuesday and I know that they will add the finishing touches to an already amazing piece! If you are staying local over the summer, you may want to go and visit the Lido to see this aquatic scene in person, I know I will be! Well done everyone, some budding artists in the making.

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS



## Year 3

Year 3 had an amazing day on Monday, filming for our Ancient Egyptian Virtual Exhibition. The children looked sensational in their costumes and produced some amazing artefacts as part of their home learning.

Please keep your eyes peeled on Teams, as our Virtual Exhibition will be coming to you next Tuesday 20th July.

We cannot wait for you to see all the children's amazing work!



## Year 4

Magical Moves!

This week, we have been getting our GROOOOOVE ON!!! We have all been taking regular brain breaks to practise our Danceathon moves! We have been doing this within class ahead of our GRAND PERFORMANCE next Thursday! We are STILL STANDING even though our teachers have danced us off our feet!

Watch this space for some more updates!





# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

## Year 5

Year 5 were thrilled by a visit from the Starburst Theatre Company today. The children enjoyed watching the performance of *We MISS You in the ZOO*. Through the story played out on stage, they explored the idea of the importance of friendship and communication, particularly during the lockdown periods. The show was filled with laughter, sensitivity and some really thought-provoking moments.

It was such a treat for the children to be able to watch a live performance as well as take part in a short drama workshop afterwards. Thank you, Starburst Theatre Company!



## Year 6

Lights. Camera. Action! This week saw the culmination of weeks of rehearsals when Mr Burnett came to film the year 6 pupils on stage for their end of year extravaganza: *Goodbye My Friend* - a play full of laugh-out-loud moments, catchy tunes filled with comedy lyrics and an incredibly talented year 6 cast. The children made themselves and all the staff incredibly proud as they had memorised their lines extremely well and they pulled out all the stops to create a production fit for Broadway. Our year 6 pupils are now eagerly awaiting the live streaming of their performance on Wednesday 21st at 7pm and the rest of the school will be treated to their performance the following day in their classes.





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## Diary Dates & Reminders

Thursday 22nd July—Danceathon and Summer Raffle

**Last Day of the Summer Term**—Friday 23rd July

**Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September—INSET Days**

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

### Inset Days

Thursday 2nd September

Friday 3rd September

Friday 17th June 2022

Monday 20th June 2022

(1 further date to be announced)

## Summer Reading Challenge

Wild World Heroes, the Summer Reading Challenge 2021, launches this Saturday 10th July. All Portsmouth public libraries and mobile are open as usual for children to join in the fun. (Cosham Library will re-open later this month in time for the school holidays, after a major refurbishment). Watch the official trailer by [clicking here!](#) Children can also take part online by [clicking here!](#)



## Danceathon 2021!

Don't forget to keep on collecting sponsorship for our Danceathon 2021 'Dancing through the 80s' and then return your form to school before Friday 23rd July at the very latest. The completed forms can be brought into school by your child and given to their class teacher, we would prefer sponsorship monies to be paid via bank transfer (the account details are on the sponsorship form), but we will also accept cash/cheque monies too - as long as these are in a sealed envelope, marked with your child's name, and returned with the completed sponsorship form. Thank you!



Don't forget to like our Solent Infant School and Solent Junior School Facebook pages to keep up with all of the news as it happens! Or if you prefer Instagram, we have a brand new Solent Schools shared Instagram account too. If you have a spare moment over the weekend search 'The Solent Schools Portsmouth' and click follow! We will be regularly updating this page too from now on.

