



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Summer Newsletter 2021 – Issue 9

With only two weeks left of the Summer term, we are really hoping that the sun continues to shine for us. Despite the restrictions that are in place, we still have a number of events left to enjoy, including SIS Sports and Healthy Living week and the Year 2 and 6 leavers celebrations. You should all have received your child's end of year report safely by now. We hope that you have enjoyed spending some precious time sharing this with your child and celebrating all of their achievements this year.

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

Sports & Healthy Living Week is Here!

Next week sees the arrival of 'Sports and Healthy Living Week' at Solent Infant School. This year, things are a little different, but definitely still lots of fun! Infant children have been invited to wear sporty clothes all week as they get involved in a range of different activities. Over the course of the week, children get a star sticker for each of the letters (SPORT). If they achieve all of their stickers, they will be bringing home a special sports week certificate. Each class will also be awarding one pupil as 'Sports Star of the Week'. The week will encourage our youngest pupils to really focus in on their understanding of how to keep themselves active, safe and healthy. The week will be launched with a special assembly led by Mrs Dallinger on Monday 12th July!



Solent in the Community!

We may not be able to go out into the community right now, but that does not stop us inviting visitors into school! On 7th and 8th July Solent Junior School were able to welcome Chris Jay from Bascule Disability Training into school to speak to the children about living with disability. Over the 2 days, he introduced the children to Boccia, chaired debates in Year 6 and gave each class a talk with Q&A session. The children were encouraged to ask him anything at all to help break down the barriers around disability and they certainly posed some interesting and thought-provoking questions. We hope that the children now have a greater understanding of how disability affects individuals and how they can support others.





Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS



The children in Year R have worked so incredibly hard to take part in the whole school home learning linked to Paddington. We have been super impressed with all of their creative designs. There has been some amazing art work using a range of tools. They have thought really carefully about what to include in their suitcases and why these things are important to them. Well done, Year R!



The Year 1 teachers have loved looking at all of the children's Paddington Suitcases. They have been so impressed with how much work and effort the children have put into them! There has been careful consideration given to the design of the suitcase, this has included wheels, hinges and even extra handles to pull it along. The children have also thought carefully about what they would like to put in their suitcase. Super work Year 1!



The Year 2 teachers have been amazed by the fantastic home-learning that the children have produced. Paddington and his suitcase have been a great inspiration for some brilliantly creative pieces of work. All of the suitcases were unique, just like the Year 2 children. The children also thought carefully about what contents to include and whether they would find those objects of make them, themselves. Well done Year 2!





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There has been a real buzz around the school this week and football mania has definitely taken over! The children have all loved being in their own clothes whether it has been football attire or summer clothes, they have enjoyed being together to celebrate the excitement over the pending match on Sunday! We have used this opportunity to discuss our school values of respect and teamwork with the classes. Sportsmanship has been a key feature in these discussions and we hope we see this reflected on the pitch on Sunday! I know you will all join me in wishing Gareth Southgate and the England squad all the best for Sunday. I know I will be watching from the edge of my seat!

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

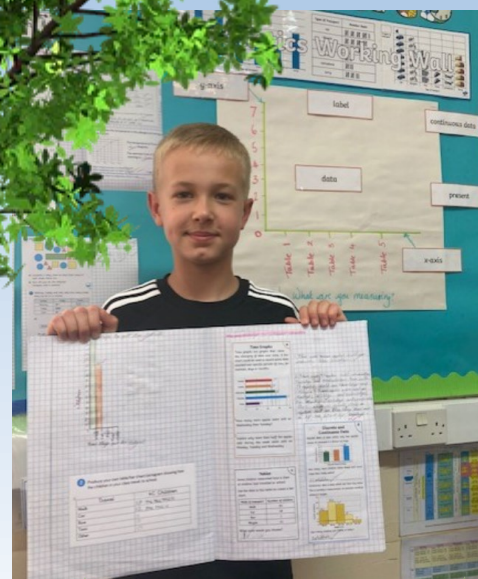
Year 3

This week, we have taken on the role of archaeologists and have explored an Ancient Egyptian Tomb in school. We only had a short amount of time inside the tomb, to see what we could discover. In small groups, we entered the dark tomb, with our torches, and uncovered lots of different artefacts. It was very exciting taking on the role of archaeologist and we discovered some amazing finds from Ancient Egyptian times.



Year 4

Super Statistics! This week, Year 4 have been exploring their latest Math topic, STATISTICS! They have absolutely blown us away with their ability to interpret data and recall a number of statistical facts from line graphs through to bar charts. Caper from 4C said "I love bar charts because I can understand how it's laid out. I also like that you can use colour to change what you are measuring!"





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Year 5

This week, Year 5 were fortunate enough to have been visited by a guest speaker: Chris Jay from Bascule Disability Training. Chris shared with the children the positive message of how, through simple adaptations, he leads an independent life living with Cerebral Palsy.

The children were equally fascinated and impressed by the adaptations to his car and were encouraged to ask questions in order to raise awareness of the challenges and triumphs that people with a disability can experience.

Following the discussion, the children enjoyed taking part in a Boccia session! This target sport is designed for athletes with high support needs, played indoors with soft leather balls. The children had great fun!



Year 6

Year 6 Leavers Challenges

The year 6 corridor is currently very loud and busy with the children in performance mode! As well as the year 6 production rehearsals in full swing, the year 6 teachers have also set the pupils two challenges for their end of term Leavers Party:

Learn the 'Fresh prince of Bel-Air' rap for a RAP OFF!

Each class to select and learn a Just Dance routine for a DANCE OFF!

6P have chosen 'Waka Waka', 6S have selected 'The Final Countdown' and 6H have picked 'YMCA'. Mrs Young will have the difficult job of judging the best class for each of the challenges. We are sure the children will all step up to the challenges brilliantly!



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Diary Dates & Reminders

Week Beginning 5th July—End of Year Reports Home
Thursday 8th July—SJS Disability Awareness Workshops

Thursday 15th July—Year 3 Egyptian Exhibition

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.

