



## Summer Newsletter 2021 – Issue 11

### We're Still Standing!

What an upbeat, energetic and fun way to end the academic year. Who would have thought that an 80s revival day would have brought such joy to younger generations, whilst rewarding those of us who are a little older with a chance to reminisce! Whilst it may have been another challenging year, our schools have risen stronger as a community of learners, rising above the challenges that we have faced and using these to build resilience and determination. We may be saying a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 cohort and their families, but they leave us with the knowledge necessary to thrive within their senior settings and the foundation of life skills required to become incredibly valuable members of our society. Good Luck to you all on your exciting new adventures. For those of you that return in September, it is now time to recharge those batteries, making lots more precious family memories together over the summer break.

We will see you all back safely in September!

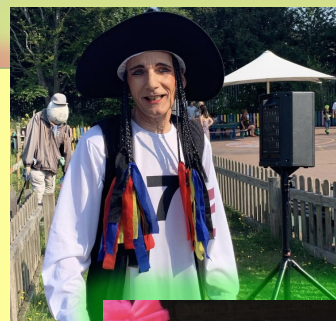
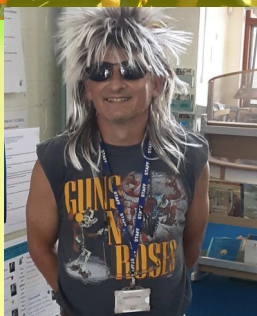
Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher



### Grand Summer Raffle Draw

Thank you to everybody who kindly bought raffle tickets in the 'Grand Summer Draw'. The FSS raised a wonderful £515 which will go straight towards purchasing resources for our outdoor learning areas at the schools. The lucky winners will have their prizes delivered straight to their doorsteps over the next week.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Lisa Felstead (Chair of FSS) for the organisation of this years danceathon and raffle. To Mr Burnett (aka Boy George) for the technical wizardry. Lastly, to Mrs Brook & Mrs Slade for the choreography and dance training!





# SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



This has been an incredibly busy half term with lots of exciting learning linked to each year group's theme as well as our Fantastic Fossils Arts Week, Sports and Healthy Living Week and the Danceathon. The children have participated with unlimited amounts of enthusiasm and have demonstrated our schools' values of Respect, Responsibility, Friendship, Aspiration, Teamwork and Perseverance. Miss Morris would like to thank the School Councillors for their thoughtful discussions this year and Mr Mason would like to thank the Eco-Warriors for their support with the milk carton lid recycling scheme. Good luck to the Year 2 children as they move to their Junior Schools and a very happy summer holiday to all of our children and their families.

Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS

## Early Years!

The children in Year R have had such a super final week of learning. They have enjoyed their learning theme of 'Under the Sea' and made some of the Year 1 sea creatures. It was fantastic to see so many bright colours towards the end of the week, as the children embraced our fun filled 80's theme for our annual Danceathon. Well done on a super first year in school, Year R. We are so very proud of our Solent Superstars!



## Year 1

The Year 1 children have had a fantastic last week. We have enjoyed learning and performing the Danceathon and our outfits on Thursday were FABULOUS! Feel proud children.

The Year 1 team would like to wish Stingray, Seal and Jellyfish classes a happy summer holiday and we are looking forward to teaching you again in September.



## Year 2

Year 2 have had such a super final week of learning. Both Angelfish Class and Dolphin Class have missed their friends from 2PS, this week. They can't wait to see most of them again at Solent Junior School. They have loved dressing up in their fantastic 80's costumes for our annual Danceathon. Well done for an amazing final year at Solent Infant School, Year 2! The adults are all very proud of you. Good luck on your new adventures!







# SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

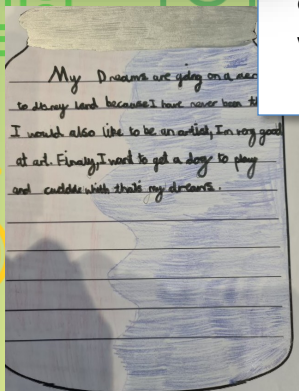
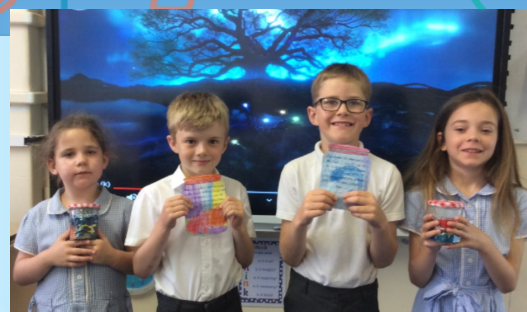


I cannot believe that today is the final day of the academic year! What a year we have had! Despite the disruptions, we have all achieved so much. From Arts Week o Sports Week focusing on the Hampshire Games and finally ending with the amazing danceathon. Throughout this year what has already made me incredibly proud is how focused everyone in the community is with our school values and making sure they underpin everything that we do. Before we break for the summer I would like to wish all of the Year 6 pupils, all the best, as they move on to new adventures in their secondary schools. I know you will all be amazing and do us proud! Finally I would like to wish everyone in the

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

## Year 3

This week, Year 3 have had a lovely week, full of exciting transition activities, to get them ready for Year 4. The children at both home and school, have reflected back over their year, and thought of their future dreams and aspirations, as well as targets for their new school year! The children have worked so hard this year, and we think they are all ready for a well-deserved, relaxing Summer Break now! We look forward to seeing you all back in school, in September!



## Year 4

Literally STILL STANDING!

Year 4 have always prided themselves on being resilient and positive pupils! This week, they did not let us down! Despite 4C having to work remotely, they did NOT let that stop them from enjoying our Super Solent Danceathon this year! All pupils, at home and in school, got into the swing of it and dressed up 80's style! The whole year group then enjoyed a Teams meeting, where we all came together to rehearse their Danceathon Moves! Needless to say, there wasn't a sad face in sight! Nothing but laughter and excitement! Thank you to all of those pupils who joined in, got dressed up and danced like no one was watching; from both the comfort of their own homes and their classrooms! It just goes to show that Year 4 are STILL STANDING, even after all this time! Happy Summer all!







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## Year 5

Seeing off the end of the year in true 80's retro – style: the whole school participated in this year's annual Danceathon. Year 5 loved participating in the event, rocking out to 'I'm Still Standing' and sporting a great selection of bright clothes, leg-warmers, tutus's and plenty of hairspray!

Even in the heatwave, there was plenty of energy all round and a lovely way to finish the year for children and teachers.



## So Long, Farewell....

We are also saying a fond farewell to some of our super Solent staff this summer!

Mrs Pinhorne, Year 2 teacher, is leaving the Solent community to take up a full time teaching post at another local primary school. We will miss her greatly, but know that many more pupils will benefit from her kind and caring approach to teaching, albeit at a different school.

Miss Turner, Year 2 LSA, will be moving up to Year 3 along with the cohort she currently works alongside. We cannot wait to welcome you to Junior School life Miss Turner! Mrs Felstead, Year 3 LSA, will be leaving Solent Junior School to embark upon her teacher training. We are all so incredibly proud and know that Lady Felstead will make a wonderful teacher one day.

Miss Broadbent, Year 4 LSA, is leaving the Solent Community to take up an LSA post closer to home. Miss Broadbent joined us as an apprentice and has grown so much in her time at Solent. We know you are now ready for new challenges Miss Broadbent. Your new school are very lucky to have you in their fold.

Mr Pepper, SJS caretaker, will be retiring this summer to focus more upon the golf course and family breaks away. Mr Pepper, thank you for all that you have done and don't forget to come back and visit when you take a break from the demands of retired life!

Lastly, Miss Turner, Year 4 LSA, begins her maternity leave. We look forward to hearing your exciting news when we return in the Autumn and wish you all the very best as a new parent Miss Turner.







# SOLENT LEAVERS 2021

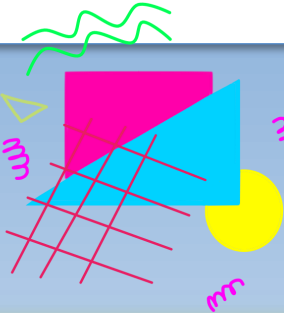


## Year 6—One last message for Year 6!

We've finally made it to the end of an epic year and as much as that may bring us all some relief with the summer break now at our doorstep, it is also the point in the year where we have to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children, and it came with mixed emotions as we waved them off on their final day today. Year 6, we have had the privilege to watch you grow and develop into amazing young people this year - young people who have dug deep in the most uncertain of times and come out shining on the other side. Like us all, you too have missed out on a number of things: important milestones like Little Canada and SATs but you have taken it all in your stride and still managed to be the best versions of yourself you could be. We've seen you support each other and keep each other going. We've seen you persevere and make progress when the newspapers kept telling us of a 'lost generation'. We've seen your determination to stick together when we've had to stay apart. For that and many more reasons, you are a credit to yourselves, your families and us. We're all sad to see you go Year 6, but we know that you are ready for your next step into secondary school. Thank you for making our amazing final trip to Paulton's Park and your absolutely outstanding performance of 'Goodbye My Friend', memories we can cherish. And so that leaves us with just one last thing to say to you all; stand tall, be proud and continue to show the world who you are and what you stand for.

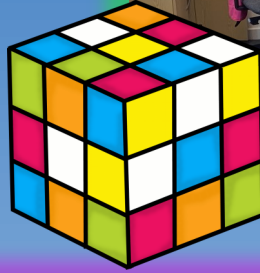
Goodbye and good luck Year 6 - don't forget to stay in touch!

Miss Hill, Mrs Witt, Miss Whettingsteel, Mrs Pye, Mrs Comben and Mrs Young





# THE SOLENT SCHOOLS



## Diary Dates & Reminders



### **Inset Days**

Thursday 2nd September 2021  
Friday 3rd September 2021  
Monday 28th February 2022  
Friday 17th June 2022  
Monday 20th June 2022

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September—INSET Days  
First Day of the Autumn Term—Monday 6th September 2021

## 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!](#)



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.

