

20th October 2023

Make a noise...

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Solent Schools will be supporting National Anti-Bullying 2023 Week from 13th – 17th November 2023. The theme is 'Make a noise'.

The Infant School will be basing our discussions on Julia Donaldson's book called *The Smeds and The Smoos*. We will be making the link between the theme 'make a noise' and the story, as we learn how the aliens make a stand for what they believe in by speaking out. Over the week, all classes will use the same interactive flipchart to discuss parts of the book using pictures and the 'I see, I think, I wonder' technique. At the end of the week, all classes will contribute to a whole school display to celebrate our learning and to remind us all that change starts with us.

The Junior School will be introducing the topic using the 'Make a noise' video. This is all about empowering children to have a voice and speak out for themselves and others. In lower school (years 3 & 4) the focus will be around the book 'Juice box bully'; in upper school (years 5 & 6) the focus will be around the book 'Small things'. These books will be used during the school's Guided Reading lessons and further explored in the PSHE lesson for the week. Discussions around the role of others in bullying will be explored and this will be backed up in more detail by looking at what you should do if others behave unkindly.

On Monday 13th November 2023, everyone in both the Infant and Junior School is invited to come to school wearing odd socks for the day. This will highlight the importance of tolerance and acceptance, and to celebrate the wonderful differences which make us all so unique and special.

Yours sincerely

Miss Cawthorne and Mrs Tobin

PSHE leads

