



THE SOLENT SCHOOLS

Spring Newsletter 24 March 2023



It has been a week packed full of events across the Solent Schools. With sporting competitions, end of term performances and visits from the farm, all beautifully planned to bring learning to life for our pupils. As if that wasn't enough, today we have all enjoyed coming into school in our 'mufty' clothes in an effort to raise money for the FSS to provide us with an Easter egg hunt next Friday. Many thanks for all of your kind contributions and also to the fantastic FSS for all of their efforts so far this term. We are now just hoping that the SJS discos tonight don't scare them away!

Mrs Wilby Executive Headteacher

Solent Sporting Stars!

On Tuesday 21st March Solent hockey players excitedly arrived at Admiral Lord Nelson school, keen to put to the test their teamwork and hockey skills. 9 pupils had been chosen in order to have substitutions but on arrival the team were surprised to be told they would be split into two teams of 5 in order for more matches to be played. This meant we were a player short, but we were lucky to have a last-minute addition to one of our teams in the shape of a keen younger brother who had turned up as a spectator! Despite having never played hockey before and not knowing the other members of the team, our new player was welcomed into the team and learnt quickly. Our teams performed remarkably well, with all members of the teams contributing, making use of each other's strengths and supporting one another. Miss Smith felt a bit torn in two at times, trying to work out which match to watch, with so much talent to see and a mixture of tension and excitement. At the end of the tournament, the results were shared and we were delighted to learn that both Solent's teams had earned medals. We were awarded silver and bronze medals and were only beaten to the top spot by a team comprised of extra players from a range of schools who had merged to become a super team. Players on this team regularly train at the competition venue and so did have a bit of an advantage. Thank you to all the parent supporters who cheered on our fabulous hockey players and congratulations to our wonderful sporting stars.



Last week was British Science Week. We celebrated our exciting science learning, focusing on the theme of 'Connections', and we also took part in year group outdoor learning days on the theme of 'Growth'. Teamwork is our value for March and we have seen lots of fantastic examples of this, over the last week. Head over to our Facebook page for 5 different investigations to try and look out for the Science Home-learning.



Mrs Curthoys—Head of School SIS



SOLENT INFANT SCHOOL



Year 1 have filled us with pride and happiness, this week, as they performed The Litter Muncher to their families and to children in Years R, 2 and 4. The scenery was colourful, the children were enthusiastic and the singing was amazing. I would like to thank the Year 1 Class Teams for all of their hard work in preparing the children and also for the organization on the day of the performances. It was a good opportunity to remind the audience about our recycling efforts. The QR code, that we added to our Litter Muncher programmes, takes you to our Eco Warrior page on our website. Please take a look!

Mrs Curthoys-Head of School SIS

A Big Thank you to the Year 1 Team!

Just wanted to email you to say a HUGE thank you to you for all of your hard work and dedication that must have gone in to their spring performance. The children put on the most amazing show and it was all because of you and your team, I'd like to personally thank you for giving my child the confidence to perform in the way he did today and for believing in him, always encouraging him and for always going over and above. I really am very very grateful and honestly cannot thank you all enough. Year 1 parent.

Early Years!

Reception had a fantastic day on Wednesday, celebrating Outdoor Learning Day. We were exploring the theme of 'growth', including close inspection of a range of seeds, as well as planting some carrot seeds of our own to take home and watch as they grow. We were quite interested by the different sizes and shapes of the seeds that we saw! We have also begun preparing for next week's Farm Festival on Friday, by decorating our bunting.



Year 1

The children enjoyed taking part in Science Week, last week. They have investigated questions such as 'Does the tallest person have the biggest feet?' and have also linked this to our outdoor learning. The children went on an outdoor hunt to find animals and put them into their classification groups! A small group of children also visited a local primary school to take part in some science activities run by Mini Professors and had a super time engaging in science.





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Year 1

Year 1 have had a very busy and exciting week! This week, the children took part in their very first school production of 'The Litter Muncher'. It was an amazing performance and the Year 1 teachers are so proud of how hard the children have worked to learn their lines, songs and actions! Well done, you are all superstars!! In Maths we have continued to learn about measurement and in English we have been learning about poetry. We are looking forward to writing an acrostic poem next week.



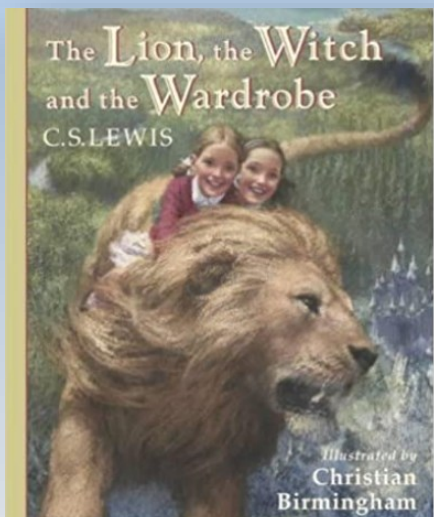
Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic science week improving and developing our super science skills! We have investigated the patterns on fingerprints and examined similarities and differences with our friends. Did you know everybody's are different? We are investigating the link between good hand hygiene and germs by growing mould on bread and also investigating habitats and food chains to see what happens when part of the habitat is removed. Plus we had an outdoor learning day focusing on Growth in our school environment. Phew what a busy week!



Year 2

Above we told you we had started a science investigation into the link between good hand hygiene and germs by trying to grow mould on bread. We have been intrigued to see that the results so far have not been what we expected. In English we are using the fabulous book 'The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe' as inspiration for diary writing in the role of Lucy, one of the main characters in the book who has tea with a magical faun. We have also linked our art work by making a scene from the land of Narnia using our collage skills.





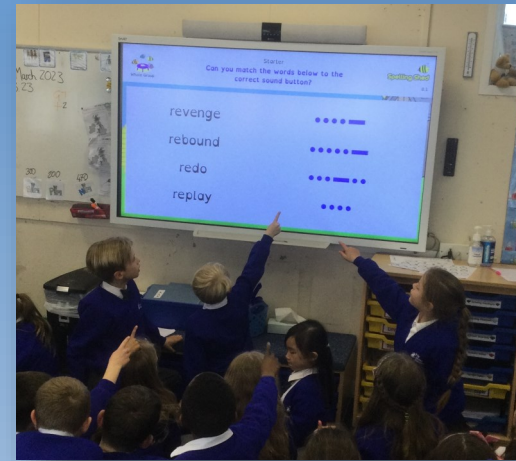
SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

It has been a very exciting couple of weeks at the Junior School. As I am sure that you are already aware, the Junior School won their heat of Dance Live. I had the privilege of being back stage on the evening and was astounded with how well the children organised themselves. They were professional, from start to finish, even when the judges were giving feedback they held their positions, smiling the whole time! The dance was of the highest caliber, and this is down to the creativity of the amazing Mrs. Brook, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. Slade and the rest of the Dance Live team. A huge thank goes out to the three ladies and their amazing team of staff and parent helpers. Without all of you it would not have been possible. The final date has now been confirmed and we know that you will all shine bright like the Solent Superstars that you are! *"Break a leg SJS!"*

Mrs Peterkin-Aldred-Head of School SJS

Year 3

Since the start of the spring term, Year 3 have been following the Spelling Shed program for spelling, both in school and as part of their home learning. The children are loving the fun activities and in depth learning around spellings and phonics! From syllables and phonics to etymology of words, the children have been engaged and we are starting to see the application of these skills in their writing. If you haven't already, check out spelling shed using the log in details that have been provided to all children.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fun week learning about mass and capacity. Remembering facts like, 'How many grams are in a kilogram?' and 'How many ml are in a l?' have been integral to the progress in this unit. The children have learnt how to convert from g to kg and ml to l as well as finding the differences in measures and comparing them. Lots of different maths skills have been involved including using our previous learning on fractions, addition and subtraction and number tracks (scales). Some children even had the chance to get hands on too!

Year 4

This week, Year 4 had their final week of swimming. The children were able to show off all of the progress they had made, and were given the opportunity to swim 25m. We have been so proud of the resilience and bravery shown by many of our less confidence swimmers over the last few weeks, and it has been great to see everyone get involved and give swimming a try. The children's behaviour at the pool has been exemplary, and we have been blown away at the speed in which they have shown they can get changed. Well done Year 4!





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Year 5

Last week in Year 5, we put our mathematical skills to the test! During the start of the week we continued with our learning of area and perimeter of shapes. Later in the week, we applied these skills to crack the 'codebreaker' and unpick some special investigations. Our teamwork skills were then developed even further, when we designed imaginary pirate islands, which utilised our skills for area and perimeter. Keep up the amazing work year 5!

Area and Perimeter Codebreaker 1

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
28	30	7	4	42	15	11	10	10	21	49	24	60
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
25	36	5	11	32	12	22	8	40	20	33	6	9

Answer the questions below, link your answers to the table above to reveal the results of Snow White's survey of the dwarves:

The perimeter of a rectangle whose length is 13cm and width is 5cm.	The area of a square whose sides are 5cm.	The perimeter of an equilateral triangle of length 8cm.	The length of a rectangle whose area is 42cm ² and width is 7cm.	The area of a square whose perimeter is 24cm.
D	N	L	V	O
The perimeter of a regular pentagon with sides of 5cm.	The perimeter of a rectangle whose length is 14cm and width is 7cm.	The perimeter of a square whose area is 25cm ² .	The area of a rectangle whose length is 4cm and height is 7cm.	The length of a rectangle whose area is 48cm ² and length is three times its width.
2.5	42	20	28	12
M	E	U	A	S
The length of a rectangle whose area is 30cm ² and whose width is 3cm.	The length of a rectangle whose width is 4cm and perimeter is 64cm.	The length of the side of an equilateral triangle whose perimeter is 15cm.	The width of a rectangle whose area is 50cm ² and whose length is double the width.	The width of a rectangle whose area is 18m ² and length is 6cm.
10	28	5	5	3
H	A	P	P	Y



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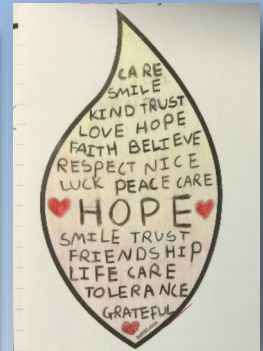
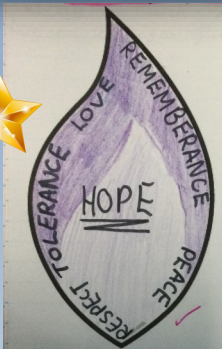
This week in Year 5 a selected group of children visited UTC to celebrate British Science Week 2023. The theme this year is connections and the children participated in a range of STEM workshops including: making pasta and marshmallow earthquake proof towers, coding, making egg parachutes and building gliders. The children worked with Year 12 pupils from UTC as well as members from BAE Systems to immerse themselves into the world of STEM.



Year 6

Last week, Year 6 reflected upon the tragedy of the Holocaust and discovered the importance of learning about this event in their History lessons.

After watching a video about a Holocaust survivor, they were able to think about events that happened during this time and answer key questions and artwork linked to this.



Year 6

This half term, year 6 have been learning how to play frisbee. Due to the wet weather this week, 6S decided to improvise with their frisbee lesson, as the location needed to be changed to the hall. Plastic frisbees were replaced with yackle balls, which are also thrown using a similar technique. Having worked in groups of 6 to see how many successful passes they could make as a team without dropping it, the class decided a game of yackleball benchball was in order! Great teamwork, skill and energy were demonstrated by all!





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Spring 2 2023 **Dates for the Diary!**

Wb 27th March Spring Term Progress Reports Home
 Mon 27th March Y1 Gym Festival
 Fri 31st March Y6 WWII Day

Easter Break Mon 3rd—Fri 14th April

Summer 2023

Weds 17th May New Family Open Afternoon (New Year R & 3 2023)
 3.30—5.30pm

Half Term Mon 29th May—Fri 2nd June

Fri 16th June Inset Day
 Mon 19th June Inset Day
 Mon 3rd July Open Work Share (SIS 3.30- 5pm SJS 3.15—5pm)
 Thurs 13th July Pop in and Meet the New Teacher
 (SIS 3.30—4pm SJS 8.20— 8.30am)

FSS Dates

Friday 24th March

Junior School Disco (Y3 & 4 5-6.30pm, Y5 & 6 6.30—8pm)

Friday 31st March

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 19th May

Summer Family Picnic Evening

Friday 23rd June (Back up 30th June)

Movies Under the Stars

Friday 14th July

Summer Fayre

On occasion, there may be an unavoidable delay opening, in which case we appreciate your kind patience.

School Times

SIS

Gates AM open 8.40—9.00am
 Doors AM open 8.50—9.00am
 Gates PM open from 3.05pm—3.30pm
 Pupils out at 3.15pm

SJS

Gates AM open 8.25—8.40am
 Doors AM open 8.30—8.40am
 Gates PM open from 2.50—3.10pm
 Pupils out at 3.00pm



At gardening club, the children have worked incredibly hard to clear and weed all of the veggie beds and have planted some vegetables such as carrots, potatoes, tomatoes and cucumbers. The children have also refreshed all of the hanging baskets and planted some flowers from seeds which we are all excited to see bloom. We are now all eagerly awaiting some good weather and sunshine to help all of our plants grow and flourish.

