

Summer 2 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers.

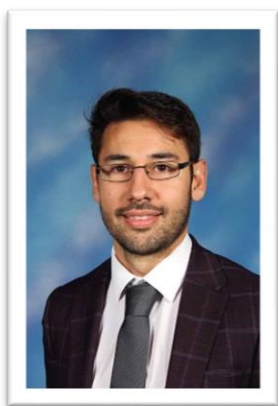
Once again, we have had a really good end to the year and I continue to be very proud of SJS and all its achievements. We had our best ever end of KS2 SAT results and our attendance was above the national average for the country. Great stuff!

I wish our brilliant year 6 children the best start to secondary school. You made us all very proud of your achievements.

Goodbyes: We said a sad goodbye to Mrs Fountain, who after 20 years of service at SJS, has earned a well-deserved retirement. She will get the chance to do lots of traveling which is something that she and her husband thoroughly enjoy. Thank you for everything Mrs Fountain.

Mr Bosnic moved onto a new position as an assistant head of local Portsmouth School and we wish him all the best. He was very popular with the children, and we will really miss his sense of humour. Mrs Doling Hernandez Sanchez has also moved on to teaching Spanish as a local Portsmouth school. This is something that she has wanted to do for many years, and we wish her continued success.

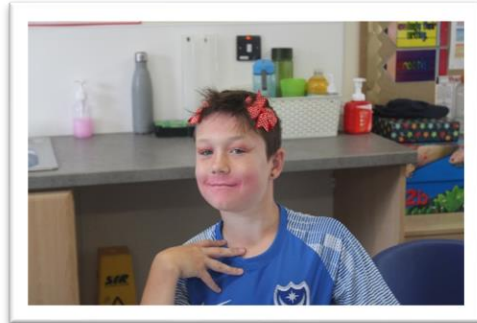
We said a sad goodbye to Miss Williams who had to leave us due to ill health. We wish her a speedy recovery and thank her for everything she has done.



Stubbington Study Centre: Some of year 4 enjoyed a weeklong residential at Stubbington learning all about nature. It was a brilliant week and they were blessed with amazing weather. I would like to thank the staff for giving up many hours of sleep to look after the children and thank the children for their brilliant learning behaviours. Well done!



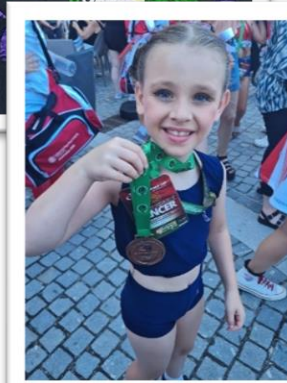
Break the Rules Day: We held a 'break the rules' day to raise money for a funky bench that will go into the pond area to remember Warren. Children were able to break a rule for £1 for each rule that they broke. We raised an amazing £634. Wow!



My Dog Sighs: We were very privileged to work with the famous artist. He created an absolute masterpiece with his trademark eye image as a remembrance piece for Warren. If you look carefully, you can see him in it. Year 5 and staff added in the hand prints as part of the background.



Well done: A big shout out to Isabelle, in year 3, and Team England for coming 3rd in the world for Tap Dancing! Wow! Isabelle went over to Portugal to take part in number of dance competitions and she and her team did ever so well.



SJS Attend Book Awards at The Kings Theatre:

What an incredible experience for eleven of our year 5 pupils! They wrote, with the help of Mr Schillemore, and performed a poem on stage at The King's Theatre in Southsea. The performance was part of The Portsmouth Book Award celebration, where over 1000 year 5 pupils from across Portsmouth gathered to see 'Escape Room' crowned this year's winner.

The children were also lucky enough to meet the author, Christopher Edge, who asked to keep a copy of the poem! Our very own James R was also nominated for 'reader of the year'!



Prefect & Librarian Tea Party: As a 'Thank You' for all their hard work this year, Miss Bushell and Mrs Palmer hosted an after school tea party for the Stamshaw Junior School Prefects and Librarians.

The children enjoyed buffet treats and had a marvellous time playing on the school field. Mr Massey and Mr Barrand popped along for a game of football too!

Rocksteady: The children who attend Rocksteady once again performed to their parents. It is always good to see children

who have a natural talent to music. Keep on practicing!

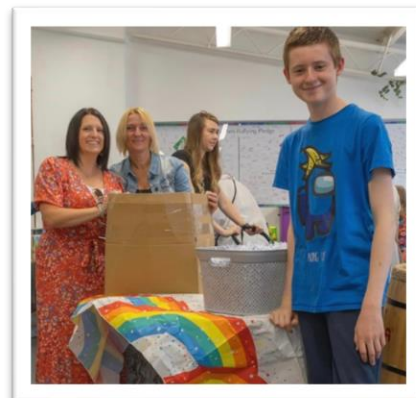


Year 5 Tower of London Trip: Year 5 visited the Tower of London as part of their history research for this half-term's topic. They visited the spectacular Crown Jewels, climbed all 204 steps to the White Tower to see historic armour and artillery, and even managed to witness some of the famous ravens on the tower grounds. They learned all about Henry's six wives and what happened to each of them during his reign.

All the children were exemplary in their behaviour and now have first-hand experience to apply to further learning this half-term!



Summer Fete: Once again, PATCH did an amazing job at organising our Summer Fete. After hundreds of hours of planning and preparation, they had to make the overnight decision to move the fete to Trafalgar School because of heavy rain and wind. This was a big undertaking however it was huge success. A HUGE thank you to PATCH for not giving up and making it happen as well as a BIG thank you to Trafalgar School to allowing us to use the inside building.



PATCH continue to support both schools in amazing ways by raising much needed funds as well as organising fun events. They are amazing, however they really do need more volunteers. Without PATCH volunteers, none of this would happen.

I would like to thank all of PATCH for their hard work and dedication and particularly Tanya Stevens, Bryony Ellis and Tom Stevens for being the main driving force!

Look out for more fun events.

Best wishes,

Rob Jones
Headteacher

