

**PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been an extremely festive end to the term this week with all classes enjoying a more relaxed timetable including lots of Christmas themed activities, Christmas lunch, our Papillon Christmas Celebration with parents, together with our school Christmas Fair on Thursday. Thank you for all the donations of books, toys and cakes that were sent in for this event. It was a fantastic fair and the children enjoyed it very much, all taking part in the lucky dip, sweetie tombola and festive games. Santa came to Papillon for this event, and he was joined by some festive friends too! The children particularly enjoyed throwing snowballs at the Snowman and the Penguin, and meeting Santa of course!



Our Papillon Christmas Celebration on Wednesday went very well, and it was lovely to welcome so many parents back to Papillon to celebrate Christmas together. The children all coped extremely well on the day and we had some lovely performances including our “5 Little Elves” from Caterpillar Class. Well done to Jamie who was our very own Father Christmas, and to Aiden who came to help his little sister, Tiana, in her first Papillon Christmas show. Meadow Class children and parents did some fantastic singing and dancing. Well done parents for coming and joining in with “Rocking around the Christmas tree”, you did an amazing job!

Swallowtail Class all did fantastic reading and performing in their version of ‘Jack and the beanstalk’. Well done to Freddie who took the lead role of Narrator and performed exceptionally well delivering all his lines. Monarch Class performed a fabulous version of ‘Jingle Bells’ on the Boomwhackers, well done Monarch Class! A very special mention to Emperor Class and Admiral Class for their delicious refreshments and great hosting skills, welcoming our visitors as they arrived. Lastly, a huge thank you and well done to Yara and Thomas who presented with me and did amazing introductions to all the acts. You were both fantastic. I was very proud of all the children and young people for their contributions. You are all stars!

We had some great news this week, Lauren (Caterpillar Class Teacher) had her baby on Tuesday morning. She had a little boy and both Lauren and baby are doing well. She says he’s a very “happy chappy”. Congratulations to Lauren and her family.

Lastly, thank you all so much for the gifts that you have been sending in this week for staff and children at Papillon. I personally would like to say a huge thank you for all the beautiful presents, cards and messages I have received, and the staff would like me to pass on their thanks for your kindness and generosity too. We have all enjoyed this week with the children very much, which has been packed full of festive fun. We would all like to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We look forward to welcoming the children back to school in the new year.

## Online Safety

Attached is our Papillon Community Online Safety update with some useful information about keeping your children and young people safe online during the festive period. Please do read this and follow the link to Ofcom for further information.

We have also received some information regarding an inappropriate YouTube channel called "Baby Bus" which appears child friendly due to it being a series of animated videos. However there has been a warning issued on these videos due to the content not being appropriate for children to view. Please be extra vigilant when your child is accessing YouTube and be aware that some of the videos that at first glance appear innocent and child friendly, are not always appropriate in their content and/or the messages they portray.

We have also received some further concerns regarding children accessing TicToc, which has a minimum age of 13 years old to access the app. There have been reports of inappropriate language and content, including pornographic videos which have also included links to their websites. We strongly recommend that you do not allow any children to use TicToc, however, if you do choose to allow your child access, there are controls that can be set up to prevent them accessing the chat function and to add layers of protection. There is some useful information on how to do this at <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>

## Community Visits

Caterpillar Class went to Ashstead Garden Centre

Meadow Class went Chessington Garden Centre and some to Ashstead Garden Centre

Peacock Class went swimming

Swallowtail Class went swimming and to Poundland. Freddie took the school's recycling to the recycling bins at Asda. Thank you, Freddie!

## Star of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar	Everybody	<i>"For taking part in the Christmas show"</i>
Meadow	Mia	<i>"For sharing her stickers with her friends at the Christmas fair"</i>
Peacock	Benjamin	<i>"For fantastic engagement in Christmas activities this week"</i>
Swallowtail	Gabrielius	<i>"For attending the Christmas fair with his friends"</i>

## Secondary Department News

In the secondary department it has been a festive Christmas themed week. In Monarch Class, the children have coped extremely well to some unavoidable changes to staffing this week. They enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Monday and looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and Mufti clothes. Ryan has been doing some great tracing and copying shapes this week. Well done, Ryan!

In Admiral Class, Michael and Thomas really need a special mention for welcoming the parents to Christmas performance. Also well done to Michael for his performance of 'The Night Before Christmas' with Yara and Joe. The class enjoyed being the audience for the rehearsal on Tuesday. They also enjoyed a trip to Chessington Garden Centre this week where it was very Christmassy!

Emperor Class worked hard in the Lifeskills room this week preparing the refreshments for the Christmas Celebration for parents on Wednesday. The atmosphere has been really positive with lots of Christmas songs being sung and danced along to whilst working. This week they have been shopping for food and then making the food for the Christmas event. Yara and Thomas need a special mention in over-coming their anxiety around their presenting roles as they did a fabulous job introducing the Primary classes at the Christmas event. All the children have enjoyed playing in the snow this week, despite the cold!

## Therapy

Well done to Cruz in Caterpillar class for doing really well in his Speech and Language Therapy session this week. Cruz is learning to engage in social play with adults and was able to take turns in both roles in the game of 'Hide

and Seek'. Well done, Cruz. *Tasha Renton, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant and Lily Prince, Therapy Team Assistant.*

Well done to Ismail for great use of his PECS book to request the swing and his favourite sensory toys during this week's joint Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy session. *Jessica Mason, Speech and Language Therapist and Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

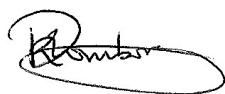
Well done to James V in Meadow class for a great Art Therapy session, exploring different musical instruments and participating in a reciprocal game with the Art Therapist. Well done, James. *Keith Waterman, Art Therapist.*

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place next term. I will send you further information nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30	Start of Spring Term

Have a lovely weekend.



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