PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a busy and chilly week at Papillon!

Next year's **term dates** are attached to this newsletter for your information.

We are currently discussing a contingency plan should we be impacted by **teacher strike action**. We anticipate that we should not be needing to put any measures in place, however if our staffing levels are significantly impacted, we may need to consider temporary measures on strike days. You will appreciate we may not know the impact or have a lot of notice, which we will of course avoid as much as possible, however our staff do not yet know what their children's schools are doing. We will keep you updated as soon as we have any further information.

This week Primary classes celebrated 'Winnie the Pooh Day'.

In our Primary assembly we watched a video story linking the current Jigsaw PSHE topic 'dreams and goals' to a story about Winnie the Pooh and his friends who kept trying to build a house for their friend Eeyore. We also enjoyed listening to Winnie the Pooh songs and joining in dancing with our friends.

Meadow Class enjoyed an attention circle where Kris made Winnie the Pooh out of honey and then the children tasted some honey.





Swallowtail Class also enjoyed some honey tasting in class following their Winnie the Pooh activities.









Community Visits

Caterpillar Class and Meadow Class went swimming this week. Unfortunately cycling was cancelled due to the track being very icy.

Peacock Class went to Chessington Garden Centre and horse riding.

Swallowtail Class went to Asda to take the school recycling and to Chessington Garden Centre.

Star of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Nicholas "amazing exploring in Science"

Meadow Joseph "good communication and telling stories in class"

Peacock Aiden "completing his level 3 phonics, reading and spelling tricky words"

Swallowtail Freddie "having an amazing week and helping others in class"

Head Teacher Award

This week the Head Teacher Award went to Aiden in Peacock Class. Aiden received his certificate in assembly for being very brave at horse riding. Aiden has not always been very confident around animals, but he rose to the challenge and got straight up onto his pony named Spice, who is a ginger and brown pony with white spots. Well done, Aiden! I am very proud of how brave you have been at horse riding! Aiden will be invited to my special tea party at the end of this term.

Birthdays

Jamie in Caterpillar Class celebrated his birthday today. He had a party with his friends and an invited guest, Mila from Swallowtail Class. He received a Peppa Pig toy and a magazine from all his friends in Caterpillar Class.

Sarah in Swallowtail Class celebrated her birthday this week and she received a Costa gift card and socks from the class, and adult beverages from the adults.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class celebrated Sara's birthday this week with a party in class. All the children enjoyed the party music and party food, including cupcakes with candles. Sara received sweets from the children that she then shared with them all. From the adults, Sara received adult beverages. Monarch enjoyed their weekly trip to Priory Park to play tennis and basketball. Tegan really enjoying tennis this week, playing with an adult and joining in for the whole session. Tegan has been learning to return the ball over the net which she had much success with this week. Well done, Tegan! Monarch all enjoyed a practical science activity involving water, exploring objects that sink and float. Gabriel, Archie and Louis engaged extremely well and were able to predict if items might float or sink. Archie was particularly interested and able to explain why he thought his predictions would be correct. Well done, Archie! Joshua has been trialling his new communication device with SaLT this week. He has used this in sessions in class and in assembly. Well done, Joshua!

Admiral Class completed a role play activity this week, creating an imaginary shop. All pupils were able to engage with this, pick and choose items to buy, and use and count money correctly. It was lovely to see everyone fully engaged, well done Admiral Class. In addition, we have begun to work towards the whole class working collaboratively around the middle table, discussing different ideas and topics and sharing our snacks.

In Emperor Class James has had a fantastic week, he has been extending his spoken language and communicating his wants and needs in full sentences. Well done, James! This week the class created a survey for people who use the Emperor Class Café. This will allow us to gain feedback on customer preferences and to provide some quality assurance. The whole class enjoyed making their own sandwiches for their ASDAN work, with some pupils cooking fried eggs, using the hob safely with minimal support. Well done Emperor Class.

Therapy

Well done Joshua for engaging really well and trialling a new communication device in his SaLT sessions this week. He also has been really kind to his peers, trying to comfort them when they are sad. *Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist*

Well done to Gabriel for great work in his OT session this week, developing his core strength and fine motor skills. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist*

Well done to James, for volunteering to take part in a sensory exploration therapy session with his class, making yummy banana flapjacks. Shannon Dutton-Noll, Speech and Language Therapist and Fran Byrne, Occupational 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
Monday	23 rd January	All day	National Handwriting Day
Monday – Friday	30 th Jan – 3 rd Feb	All week	National Storytelling Week
Wednesday	8 th February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Friday	10 th February	3pm	End of Spring Term 1

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie Lonnborg Head Teacher