

PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

21st July 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

This year has been like no other I have experienced throughout my career and it is the same for each and every one of the “Papillon Community.” There is no doubt we achieved everything we did because of the support we received from you. So, on behalf of myself and the staff we would like to say a huge “Thank you”

I would also like to take this opportunity to say “Thank you” to the staff team who have supported me throughout this term. As I always tell them, the staff are my greatest resource and I could not do the job I do without them. I would like to say a special “Thank you” to the Management Team, Alex Labbett, Business Manager and Heather Dilks-Hopper, Head of Therapy for their continued support and for taking on so many additional tasks this term. My biggest “Thank you” is reserved for my Deputy Head, Katie Lonborg who not only stepped up as Acting Head Teacher this term but did the most outstanding job which was acknowledged not only by me but also by all her colleagues and by you.

Last, but by no means least, “Thank you” to our wonderful children and young people who have shown such resilience throughout the last year and, despite all the changes, have continued to make us smile.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer.

Caterpillar Class

“It is hard to believe that this is only Caterpillar Class’ first year at Papillon! They have all settled so well into the routine at school and have enjoyed all the activities on offer at Papillon. They have made lovely friendships within the group and will seek each other out to play. Jamie has become very confident with communicating using PECs and has started spelling words. Aahil has been a lovely helper and refers to himself as the ‘little helper’. He has also done well with his writing. Nicholas confidence has grown, and he is completing more learning tasks independently. Jack’s confidence has grown in such a short space of time and he is always willing to try new activities. Kuba is becoming chattier and will complete all tasks that are put in front of him. They have had a fabulous year and I look forward to seeing them in September!”

Lauren Denton, Teacher

Meadow Class

“It has been a pleasure to be Meadow Class Teacher this year. The children have done very well during the past year, despite all the changes, adversities and uncertainty. We have seen lovely interactions and friendships between peers and children really trying to engage and communicate with adults and other children. I look forward to being Meadow Teacher again next year and to continue to support all the children. Thank you to everyone of you, parents and carers, for always being kind, understanding and supportive! Have a lovely and relaxing summer!” *Cristina Leiva Cabello, Teacher*

Peacock Class

What a year it has been! Peacock Class pupils, along with all of our wonderful children across the bubbles, have worked so hard throughout the year in what can only be described as a year full of uncertainty and with big changes to their routine and normal daily Papillon life. Along the way they have grown and adapted and have learned so much. They have enjoyed learning all about our different topics, built friendships within their bubbles and have made all the adults so very proud! Some of our favourite activities this year have been creative sessions and our Akademi dance sessions with Anusha; the children loved seeing her in

person for the first time today! They have enjoyed Boogie Beats on Fridays with Julie this term and have loved going out into the community for cycling sessions and for our trips to Box Hill and a number of outdoor spaces. Peacock Class' favourite topics this year have been learning about minibeasts and all about the Seaside. A particular highlight of the year was on Tuesday at our first ever Papillon Fun Day, where they had lots of opportunities to access the paddling pools, sand play, construction materials and also to enjoy a picnic lunch out on the lower lawn. What a lovely day it was, and the perfect way to end the year! The Peacock Class team and I are so proud of everything our children have accomplished this year and we would like to wish all our wonderful families a lovely Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing everybody in September. *Nicola Meeke, Teacher*

Swallowtail Class

Swallowtail class have had a fantastic year! We welcomed our new pupil, Alfie, in October and he has settled in so well since. The class enjoyed learning about a variety of topics, including: 'The Nutcracker', 'Healthy Eating' and 'Holidays around the World' and they have produced some brilliant work throughout the year. We have also been on many trips out including those to Mercedes-Benz World, Leigh Playpark and The Nower. Freddie and Tegan have also been attending Pony Care this half term, and they have loved taking care of the ponies and Freddie was able to ride a pony on the last session! Ryan and Joshua have been extending their use of PECs in the classroom to develop their communication skills and Ahiyan has done so well on 'Reading Eggs' this year. Additionally, Louis has continued to help our caretaker, Tony, daily by watering the school's plants and doing lots of handy jobs around the grounds. Lastly, unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Marnie at the end of the year but we wish her the best of luck with her teacher training and we will hopefully see her again soon. *Alex Merrett, Teacher*

Monarch Class

The pupils in Monarch Class have had an amazing year. In addition to learning about a number of topics including The Sea, Transport and Chinese Festivals, each child has developed their independent skills in different ways. For some, it may be that they are better at communicating with others without prompting and for others, they have improved their skills for learning on their own. We have visited Box Hill and Headley Heath on a number of occasions, and later on in the Summer Term we were lucky enough to go for a walk at Morden Hall Park as well as seeing some of the planes and helicopters at Redhill Aerodrome. *Adrian Pavia, Teacher*

Admiral Class

Admiral Class have had a fantastic year. We have enjoyed learning about several topics from Our Planet, Dinosaurs to Summer Leisure Activities. We have enjoyed exploring our world from going out on trips in the community such as Box Hill and Headley Heath. We have also been improving on our levels of fitness by taking part in weekly yoga sessions and sessions to the cycling track. Admiral class have worked very hard this year both on their academic work and building friendships. Well done, Admiral Class 2020-2021 *Gavin Meeke, Teacher*

Emperor Class

"This year has been a different year for everyone, but the thing that they have taught us is that "Children with Autism can learn in new and different ways, never give up". They have all learnt to communicate via zoom, they have worked incredibly hard when in school and have thrived on their social interactions with peers and staff. We have had the pleasure and sadness of saying goodbye to two incredible young men. Max and Thiago have been a big part of Papillon House School, we have worked together through good and difficult times, our last day with them was a happy celebration for them both. It was lovely to have the whole of Purple Bubble come together for dancing, singing and having fun with the help of Anusha at

Akademi dance on a beautiful sunny day in the spectacular grounds of the school. As always, I feel privileged to be part of the children's journey towards adulthood" *Anne Mackey, Teacher*

Therapy

The Therapy department would like to congratulate all the children on their progress this year. The team thoroughly enjoy the group and 1:1 sessions completed with the children across the year and are proud of all their hard work and effort. *Therapy Team*

Papillon Summer Fun Day

"At the beginning of the Summer Term one of our secondary pupils pointed out that due to Covid restrictions, we would not be able to carry out our typical summer term activities such as trips to the seaside, our whole school miniature railway trip and our overnight stay for secondary pupils. She then made a very good suggestion that we should plan our own fun day at Papillon instead. From there on we had many conversations together about what types of activities we could include in this event. Her suggestions were Mufti clothes, music, dancing and everyone at Papillon enjoying the day together. Following this, all teachers spoke with the pupils in their class and their suggestions came flooding in! Thanks to all of our pupils, we came up with a fabulous "Papillon Summer Fun Day". Orange Bubble and Yellow Bubble enjoyed sensory play, padding pools, picnic lunch and ice lollies, whilst Purple Bubble opted for a mix of high energy volleyball and football, followed by their own Ibiza themed chill out area with ice lollies and their picnic lunch! Most people ended up very wet after enjoying water fights and playing outdoors in the sunshine! Meadow Class pupils win the prize for getting the staff the most wet!! Nina and Rachel in the kitchen prepared the children's favourite picnic style food, hotdogs, burgers and other party foods. Everyone had a fantastic time, both children and adults!" *Katie Lonnborg, Acting Head Teacher*

Papillon House School Class Display Awards

Once again, this half-term all our classes have competed for Best Class Display. The awards were presented as follows:

- 1st Place Peacock Class for their very inventive interactive display which included a photo slide and music
- 2nd Place Meadow Class for their very sensory and tactile display
- 3rd Place Caterpillar Class for their interactive display that included flashing lights operated by the children

This half-term we also presented the "Most Improved" Award and this went to Therapy whose display include every one of pupils.

Well done, to everyone who contributed both staff and pupils.

"Goodbye"

This term we said "Goodbye" to Marnie Bain, Anna Goldman and Deborah Potter (SNAs) who are all off to explore "pastures" new. We wish them all good luck, especially to Marnie who, in September, will begin her teacher training.

We also said "Goodbye" to Howard, Jake, Liam, Max and Thiago. We wish them all the very best as they enter the next stage of their education.

Surrey Wheels for All

Our pupils go for their cycling session at Surrey Wheels for All, Epsom Harrier Centre. Nigel, who organises the session for us has asked that we let you know that during the Summer break they have sessions available on Saturdays between 2pm and 5pm. The cost is £5 per user (carers free). If you would like to consider taking your child, please contact Nigel on 07957 413611 or by email

nigel.fisher@cyclling.org.uk

Update on COVID-19

We have no staff or pupils who are self-isolating or with COVID-19.

Our updated COVID-19 Risk Assessment is on the website.

Diary Dates

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	1 st September	All Day	INSET Day (Staff Only)
Thursday	2 nd September		First Day of Term
Monday	11 th October	3-7pm	Parents' Evening
Monday-Friday	25 th October – 5 th November		Half-Term



Gillian Hutton
Director