

PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

4th February 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

This week classes have celebrated Chinese New Year, including a Secondary Assembly looking at an animation on this topic and exploring the animals of our year of birth. In Monarch Class Gabriel achieved his first module towards his Asdan Accreditation, well done Gabriel!

Community Visits

This week Meadow Class went to Walton on the Hill Playground, Poundland and Costa, Peacock Class went cycling and a walk at Headley Heath and Swallowtail Class went horse riding and Chessington Safari Hotel, Admiral Class went to Redhill Aerodrome and Emperor went to the David Weir Centre for the gym and cycling and Priory Park.

Star of the Week

Our "Stars" last week were:

Caterpillar	Mia	<i>"For fantastic writing"</i>
Meadow	All of the class	<i>"For coping with change well this week"</i>
Peacock	Jenny	<i>"For fantastic handwriting in morning work"</i>
Swallowtail	Joshua	<i>"For completing lots of morning work and numeracy"</i>

Therapy

"Michael did really well this week trying out his new fitness programme." Donna Venetico, Occupational therapist and Lily Prince, Occupational Therapy Assistant.

"Joseph has done really well in his emotional literacy session. He's enjoyed finding pictures with a fishing rod and identifying how the person on the picture is feeling." Clare Brown, Speech and Language Therapist.

"Shea has made a fantastic start to his emotional literacy sessions. He is able to identify simple emotions from motivating pictures." Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist and Clare Brown, Speech and Language Therapist.

"Happy Birthday"

Aahil celebrated his birthday in Meadow Class and was given a kinetic sand kit and also received monster truck cars from a friend. Aahil celebrated his birthday with his friends in class and had a lovely party.

We also celebrated a staff birthday for Sabrina in Meadow Class. Sabrina received adult beverages, handwarmer, earrings, chocolates and a rainbow cake.

Highlights of the Week

Caterpillar have been focussing on circus animals and they made elephants with party blowers as trunks.

Meadow have had a lovely birthday party for Sabrina and Aahil.

Peacock learnt about Chinese New Year, read the story this week, decorated lanterns and had a Chinese New Year feast.

Swallowtail had a Chinese New Year banquet on Tuesday and the class wrote their names in Chinese on lanterns on Thursday.

Update on COVID-19

This week we have had three pupils and four members of staff away from school with Covid, as well as a number of staff self-isolating or awaiting PCR results. We have had several staff and pupils identified as close contacts who are currently either daily Lateral Flow Testing (pupils only if they can) and being extra vigilant in monitoring any possible Covid symptoms. Staff are continuing to wear face coverings despite the recent changes to the rules, however this will be reviewed over the coming week. We continue to monitor updates to Government Guidance for schools and all staff are carrying out twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing until further notice.

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
Monday – Friday	14 th – 18 th February		Half-Term Break
Monday	21 st February		INSET Day
Tuesday	22 nd February		INSET Day
Wednesday	23 rd February	9.30	Pupils return

Have a lovely weekend.



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