

# PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the end of our first half of the Spring Term, this week, to mark Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, the children have been learning about how to keep themselves safe whilst online. Secondary pupils took part in a special assembly on this topic and all pupils have taken part in lessons in class. There have also been many Valentine's Day activities taking place across the school, including making cards for family members and heart themed cooking sessions.

This week I was lucky enough to be the "taste tester" for Peacock Class who made pizza pastry rolls in cooking and Emperor Class who made cupcakes. Thank you to Zachary and Cameron for these delicious treats! Admiral Class invited me to join them outside during their water bottle rocket experiment which was very exciting! Sienna's rocket went the highest and landed in a very tall tree! All the pupils had a lot of fun, as did the adults! Well done Admiral Class!

We had the final judging of this half term's class display award. There was a lot of competition, especially in the Primary Department, it made it very hard to judge! This term Suzy joined me to help make the final decisions. We had a surprise last entry from Emperor Class where Joe had himself created a fabulous display of Emperor Classes photos about "Accessing the Community". Well done, Joe! He won a box of biscuits to share with his class. In 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Admiral Class with their colourful "Solar System" display which also featured video footage of their rocket experiment. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was Caterpillar Class with their extremely exciting and interactive "Circus" display. In 1<sup>st</sup> place was Meadow Class with their colourful and creative "Hansel and Gretel" display. Well done to all classes who took place!

Lastly, well done to some of our Secondary pupils who were very brave having their Covid-19 vaccinations this week! I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and I look forward to seeing everybody back at school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

## Community Visits

This week Caterpillar Class went swimming and to Box Hill, Meadow Class went swimming and to Epsom playground, Peacock Class went cycling and to Poundstretcher and Swallowtail Class went horse riding and to Polesden Lacey, Admiral Class went to Reigate Hill and Emperor went to the David Weir Centre for the gym and cycling and Headley Heath.

## Star of the Week

Our "Stars" last week were:

Caterpillar	Jamie	<i>"for joining in with the story in Boogie Beats"</i>
Meadow	James and Aahil	<i>"for being good friends"</i>
Peacock	Gabrielius	<i>"for a good trip on Monday choosing a toy from Poundstretcher"</i>
Swallowtail	Freddie	<i>"for being Papillon's recycling hero"</i>

## Therapy

"A huge well done to both Yara and Dawid from Emperor Class for their amazing effort during their daily Occupational Therapy sensory diet/exercise sessions. Yara has been working hard participating in the beep test whilst Dawid has enjoyed creating his own exercise programme from the activities available." *Lily Prince, Occupational Therapy Assistant.*

## “Happy Birthday”

Bailey celebrated his birthday in Meadow Class and was given an ant farm. He celebrated with his friends in class and had a lovely party.

## Update on COVID-19

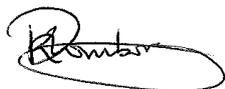
This week we have had one pupil and two members of staff away from school with Covid. We have had several staff identified as close contacts who are currently daily Lateral Flow Testing and being extra vigilant in monitoring any possible Covid symptoms. Staff are continuing to wear face coverings despite the recent changes to the rules, however, this will be reviewed over the half term break. 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 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> February		Half-Term Break
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> February		INSET Day
Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> February		INSET Day
Wednesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	9.30	Pupils return

Have a lovely weekend.



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