

# PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th September 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

This week we had a visit from Lana who works with the National Autistic Society's Assessment Team. Lana has been working with Papillon over the last two years and she returned for a "catch up." Lana was very impressed with the work we have done despite COVID and the Lockdowns we have all had to cope with. Lana was particularly impressed with the changes we have made to lunchtimes which now take place over three sessions and are supported throughout by all our staff including our Occupational and Speech and Language Therapists.

We continue to work with the National Autistic Society to ensure that all our practices are of the highest standards and meet their standards for supporting children and young people with autism. As part of this process, today you will be sent a link to an online survey for you to complete and we are very grateful for your support in completing these when they are sent to you.

## Community Visits

This week Caterpillar Class have been to Box Hill and cycling; Peacock to ASDA to buy cheese, crackers and Branston Pickle for their tasting snack. Swallowtail went to ASDA and Mercedes World and Admiral Class visited Woodcote Green Garden Centre.

## Star of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar	LJ	<i>"Settling in really well and joining in with all the activities"</i>
Meadow	Bailey	<i>"Being kind and thoughtful to his friends"</i>
Peacock	Benjamin	<i>"Having lots of fun dancing with Akademi Dance"</i>
Swallowtail	Ryan	<i>"A brilliant week and for being amazing on the trip to Mercedes World"</i>

## Therapy

The children in Caterpillar, Meadow and Peacock Classes were really brave this week. They all took part in "Food is Fun" where they tried new and different foods. They touched, played, smelt and tasted things they may not usually have tried before. Well done, everyone. *Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy Teams.*

## Emperor Class Enterprise

Last week Emperor Class re-opened the café offering a variety of lunches for staff. Cameron went to the Co-op to buy the food and all the class were involved in preparing the meals and, of course, taking the money!

This week Cameron went to ASDA to buy the ingredients for the Marrow Chutney the class will be making and selling. We will let you know when the chutney is ready to buy.

## "Happy Birthday"

Today Zachary, Peacock Class, celebrated his birthday. He had a lovely party which included cupcakes and all his favourite treats. The Class gave Zachary a Dinosaur Digging Activity Set and a Baby Dragon toy.

## Akademi Dance

Last week Anusha from Akademi Dance returned to work with our children from Caterpillar, Peacock and Swallowtail Classes. The children had the opportunity to experience South Asian dance using their favourite songs and adapted to meet the individual needs of each pupil. It was lovely to have Anusha back in School although she had continued to work with our pupils throughout the Lockdown via Zoom.

## Boogie Beat

Julie and “Giggles” the monkey also returned to Papillon this week. Children from Caterpillar and Meadow Classes were able to take part in music and movement sessions via nursery rhymes, songs and familiar stories. This week the story was “The Gingerbread Man”

## Update on COVID-19

In line with Government and DfE Guidance we have discontinued “bubbling” and mask wearing. Staff continue to wear masks on the minibus and when visiting busy indoor venues. We continue to ventilate rooms as appropriate and to encourage good hand hygiene. We have reviewed our Risk Assessment and our Education and Therapy Contingency Plans should our current procedures need to change due to a rise in COVID cases. These will be available on our website next week.

## 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	4 <sup>th</sup> October	Morning	Individual School Photographs
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	3-7pm	Parents' Evening
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> October		Half-Term
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> November		School Returns
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> November		Children in Need Day
Monday-Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> –19 <sup>th</sup> November		Anti-Bullying Week
Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	12-1pm	Christmas Jumper Day Pupils' Christmas Lunch
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	End of Term
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> January		Spring Term

Have a lovely weekend.

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