# PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

#### Introduction

World Mental Health Day at Papillon House School went well on Monday and many staff and pupils participated in the #HelloYellow Young Minds event to raise money and awareness for Children and Young people's Mental Health by wearing a yellow accessory. It is not too late to make a donation at Papillon House School is fundraising for Young Minds Trust (justgiving.com). So far we have £56 towards our aim of £100!

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week. Feedback from staff and parents was extremely positive following this event. You should have been given an Online Safety handout on Monday to take home for your information. I will attach it to this newsletter Arbor email for those of you who were unable to attend in person on Monday.

I was lucky enough to be invited to 'Girls Club' this week with Ariya, Mia, Ariana, Jenny, Mila and Sienna. This was a fantastic experience and I enjoyed joining in with all their activities including Yoga, threading and making pumpkins as well as a story sack activity. However, I think my favourite part of the session was the introduction where the girls chose a friend or adult to say hello to and then chose how to greet them. It was lovely to see all the positive interactions with each other and how excited they all were to see each other. Thank you to the therapists and to Mila who invited me this week!

Next Friday all classes will be carrying out Halloween themed activities and celebrating the end of the term together with parties and 'trick or treat' activities around the school. All children and young people are invited to come in Halloween costumes or to wear Halloween accessories next Friday 21st October.

Just a reminder that the Cauliflower Cards need to be back at school by Monday as they are being collected on Tuesday next week.

School photos are on Monday so please ensure all children and young people are in full school uniform!

# **Community Visits**

Caterpillar went to Leigh Play Park
Meadow went to Chessington Garden Centre & some children went horse riding
Peacock went swimming
Swallowtail went Swimming
Admiral and Monarch went cycling and to the garden centre
Emperor went cycling and to Headley Heath for a walk

#### **Birthdays**

No Birthdays this week

### Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Cruz "for independently completing a number activity"

Meadow Mia "for having a good time and for good listening on school trip"

Peacock Logan "for fantastic swimming on Tuesday"

Swallowtail Jenny "for completing PSHE work on Thursday"

#### **Secondary Department News**

Admiral had an amazing music lesson playing Jenga drums, call and repeat. Thomas really enjoyed controlling the whole room by leading the drumming by demonstrating a rhythm for the class to repeat.

Monarch class had a lovely calm cooking session where they all participated making ham or cheese toasties, they engaged in some thought-provoking discussions during their World Views (RE) lesson.

Emperor Class have also been learning about a range of views around the world. In Biology they have been looking at how plants and animals adapt to different habitats. They have been working hard in the class run café as well as car washing, although there was some feedback this week that they had left a large section of mud on one car. Joe has suggested a new foam to try so we will be taking his expert advice and purchasing some to see if that makes a difference to the end result of the clean.

## **Therapy**

Well done to Alfie and Ahiyan for participating and working together really well in their paired social skills therapy session. Great work boys. Natasha Renton (Speech and Language Therapy Assistant)

Tiana had a great first session within the therapy room exploring different attention toys and tolerating the presence of food within close proximity. Well done Tiana! Jessica Mason (Speech and Language Therapist) and Claire Messom (Occupational Therapist)

Cruz had a great Fine Motor Skills session on Monday and participated really well. During a writing activity, Cruz was able to independently adjust his pencil grip to a tripod grasp. Well done Cruz! — Lilian Prince, Therapy Team Assistant

Well done to Yara who was a great help on Monday taking yellow stickers and ribbon around to the different classes for World Mental Health Day! Thank you Yara for being so helpful! — Lilian Prince, Therapy Team Assistant

## **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	17 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	Individual photos
Friday	21st October	All day	Halloween celebrations – fancy dress optional!
Friday	21st October	3pm	End of Autumn Term I
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie Lonnborg Head Teacher