

PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

13th January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I would like to congratulate Teresa who has taken on the role of Teacher Support Assistant (TSA) in Caterpillar Class this week. Teresa was a Special Needs Assistant (SNA) in Swallowtail Class, but she has now stepped up to cover the temporary TSA role in Caterpillar Class whilst Sabrina is teaching. The children have adapted very well this week to Teresa joining Caterpillar Class and the whole class (staff and children) have made her feel very welcome.

Pupil Premium

Hopefully you all saw the form regarding Pupil Premium Funding that was sent out on Arbor last week which asked you to please read, complete and return the attached form. Thank you to those of you that have. For those of you who requested a hard copy, this will be in your child's bag today. For anyone who hasn't completed this or requested a hard copy, we would be very grateful if you could please do so, in order that we can update our records regarding Pupil Premium Funding. The form is attached along with this newsletter. If you would like a hard copy sent home, please email admin@papillonhouseschool.co.uk

Community Visits

Caterpillar Class went cycling and swimming

Meadow Class went cycling and swimming

Peacock Class went to Asda and horse riding; Benjamin went cycling

Swallowtail Class went to Asda and basketball at Walton-on-the Hill; Freddie went recycling

Star of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar	Tiana	<i>"amazing cycling, going around the track 6 times!"</i>
Meadow	All pupils	<i>"fantastic cycling! Well done!"</i>
Peacock	Ariana	<i>"amazing horse riding and saying "good horse""</i>
Swallowtail	Alfie	<i>"taking part in our assembly this week and completing lots of work"</i>

Primary Assemblies

This term we have changed our Primary assemblies to include all Primary pupils in one session. Previously these were run as two sessions, Lower Primary and Upper Primary. This is taking place to enable the children to develop their ability to participate in a larger group, preparing for times when the whole school come together, such as the Christmas show. We also made the decision to move this assembly to the large hall to help prepare the children for performances and times when they will need to access this larger space. This week was our first Primary assembly, which went extremely well. All 4 Primary classes were amazing, and it was lovely to see so many of the children joining in and engaging in the activities together. This week there was a Jigsaw focus to introduce this term's PSHE topic, 'dreams and goals'. The children listened well to the presentation, took part in a balloon activity and a discussion about our New Year resolutions.

Head Teacher Award

This term we have introduced a weekly Head Teacher Award which will be presented in Primary assemblies. Each week one Primary pupil will receive a certificate from myself for achieving something extra special that week. At the end of each half-term, these children will be invited to a "special party" in the form of an afternoon tea, hosted by me. This week Jenny (Swallowtail Class) received the Head Teacher Award in assembly for using fabulous language in class. Jenny has been asking lots of appropriate questions of the adults and her peers during circle times and contributing the class discussions. Well done, Jenny! We are all very proud of you!

Birthdays

Joseph in Meadow Class celebrated his birthday this week. He loved his party in class, especially his friend James joining in, and he received kinetic sand, Lego and a writing tablet from his friends.

Jenny in Swallowtail Class also celebrated her birthday this week. She invited some of her friends from Peacock Class to join her party in Swallowtail Class and she received a unicorn bath bomb and a toy horse from her friends.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class have all shown a keen interest in our new topic 'winter sports', with each pupil focussing on an individual sport to research. The whole class were really engaged in our music session this week which involved watching videos of Stomp, and then trying our different rhythms by using body percussion.

Admiral Class enjoyed a fantastic session of outdoor learning this week, helping Premises Manager, Martin clear a path in the grounds. Each learner was able to pick a tool and use this appropriately and safely to work as a team to complete the task. Admiral class also enjoyed a fantastic science experiment, looking at the magic capillarity. As a class we were able to come up with a hypothesis, test this and then compare this to our results; our attention during this was excellent. Pupils also thoroughly impressed during a fire drill, remaining calm and walking appropriately through the school to the fire assembly point.

Emperor Class had a fantastic first trip back to the gym in the David Weir Centre. Cassius managing 20 minutes on the treadmill! Well done, Cassius! Thomas is having his induction today so he will be able to start using the equipment next week. The young people in Emperor Class are doing well getting to know new member of staff John and have enjoyed having a new teacher in the room. The whole class enjoyed making some olive bread and did well to try a new food this week. Dawid especially enjoyed the bread, even though he thought he did not like olives! Well done, Dawid!

Therapy

Well done Cruz for his SaLT session this week, he used spontaneous language to invite the adults to continue playing Hide & Seek with him in Soft Play! Well done, Cruz. *Tasha Renton, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant and Lily Prince, Therapy team assistant*

Well done to Joshua and Ryan for joining in their first paired SaLT session this week. They both engaged extremely well, taking turns and making comments. *Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist and Lily Prince, Therapy Team assistant.*

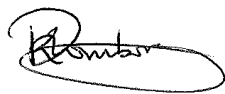
Well done to Caterpillar class for a fantastic first whole class, OT session. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

Diary Dates

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	18 th January	All day	Winnie the Pooh Day (Primary)
Monday	23 rd January	All day	National Handwriting Day
Monday – Friday	30 th Jan – 3 rd Feb	All week	National Storytelling Week
Wednesday	8 th February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Friday	10 th February	3pm	Spring Term 1 ends

Have a lovely weekend.



Katie Lonnborg
Head Teacher