

**PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

27th January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We continue to discuss our contingency plans should we be impacted by **teacher strike action**. However, based on the information we have today, we feel that we will still be able to open as normal on Wednesday. If this changes and our staffing levels are significantly impacted nearer to the time, we may need to consider temporary measures. We will keep you updated as soon as we have any further information.

This week classes celebrated Chinese New Year with themed teaching and learning activities, including Chinese art and cooking. In Primary assembly the children danced to traditional Chinese music and gave each other a Lucky Red Envelope (Hong Bao) that they had shared their hopes and wishes inside of. These were then read out and shared with one another. In Secondary assembly the young people discussed various traditions, the lunar calendar, and how long Chinese New Year lasts. They watched a video and explored the colours and different animals, including the links to their own birthdays.

Headlice

Could you please check your child's head for headlice as we have had once case in Lower Primary this week. If your child does have headlice, please treat this before they return to school.

Community Visits

Caterpillar Class and Meadow Class went swimming and cycling this week.

Peacock Class went to horse riding and to Dorking Library.

Swallowtail Class went to Walton-on-the-Hill to play tennis and to Dorking Library.

Star of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar	Cruz	<i>"communicating his wants and needs to familiar adults"</i>
Meadow	Jack	<i>"being very confident on his bike at cycling"</i>
Peacock	Zachary	<i>"amazing tasting in cooking"</i>
Swallowtail	Ahiyan	<i>"amazing reading at Dorking Library"</i>

Head Teacher Award

This week the Head Teacher Award went to Aahil in Meadow Class. Aahil received his certificate in assembly for actively participating in all topic activities and asking lots of fantastic questions! Aahil is really enjoying Meadow's topic 'minibeasts' currently. Well done, Aahil! Aahil will be invited to my special tea party at the end of this term.

Birthdays

There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class have had a fantastic week working hard in Literacy, using adjectives and nouns to build sentences. They enjoyed a successful class trip to Priory Park, all competing in tennis, basketball and football.

Within Science Monarch Class have been discovering which objects sink and which float. Finally, in cooking they have continued discovering foods from around the world, creating their own homemade burgers.

Admiral Class have had a wonderful week, working hard within group sessions to share and respond to each other's ideas. In Science Admiral Class really enjoyed their session looking at the composition of different materials All pupils were able write a hypothesis, compare this to their results and draw a diagram to show the process. They also had a lovely time celebrating Sienna's birthday, "Happy Birthday Sienna"! Learners have also continued to work hard on their topic of positive relationships and are showing some really good progress, independently sharing positive interactions with one another and their peers around the school.

In Emperor Class, Dawid has been working incredibly hard on his reading and he is showing a fantastic enthusiasm for this, taking every opportunity to pick up, read, and share a book. Emperor Class are continuing to enjoy the gym and now have the full class attending, with Cassius trialling 3 new pieces of equipment this week; the step machine, exercise bike and weight machines. Well done, Cassius! Emperor Class have also been working hard on their Asdan portfolio's this week.

Therapy

Well done to Yara and Thomas in Emperor Class for participating in their first community-based therapy session together, developing their independent living skills and social interaction skills. *Claire Messom (Occupational Therapist) and Jess Mason (Speech and Language Therapist)*

Well done to Jenny for working hard in her OT session this week, developing her hand strength and letter formation. *Donna Venetico (Occupational Therapist)*

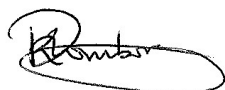
Well done to Meadow Class for excellent participation in this week's food exploration session where they made trifles and could then eat them if they wanted to. Everyone engaged well in the session and explored all the different textures. *Fran Byrne (Occupational Therapist) and Shannon Dutton-Noll (Speech and Language 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
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	End of Spring Term 1

Have a lovely weekend.



Katie Lonnborg
Head Teacher