

## PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school this term at the annual reviews that have been taking place, and to celebrate the children and young people's achievements with you. These will continue into the next half-term, and I look forward to seeing many more of you then.

This last week of the term has been a busy one across the school. I was delighted to host my first Head Teacher's Tea Party this afternoon to celebrate with all the children who received a special Head Teacher Award this half-term. I was joined by Kuba, Aahil, Bailey, Aiden and Jenny who were all very excited to come. We talked about why everyone was there and what they had achieved. We had party food, played a game of 'Pop up Pirate' and then all the children were able to take a turn on the lucky dip to choose a small prize. Well done everybody!



### Display Award

This term the winners of the display award are:

**Admiral Class - 1<sup>st</sup> place** - for their topic "Developing Positive Relationships" display. They created their own Facebook style display where each of the children had created their own profile and then there were interactive elements where pupils and staff could add positive comments and 'like' each other's profiles by using the glittery hearts that they had made together. Well done Admiral Class!

**Emperor Class - 2<sup>nd</sup> place** - for their topic "Decisions about Future Enterprises" display. They had made a fantastic "Emperor Class Monopoly Board" with various shops that they like, sports centres, preferred take-away establishments, and favourite car parks and garages around the edges. Included in the display were their own vocational profiles that could be removed and read by others. Great work Emperor Class!

**Caterpillar Class – 3<sup>rd</sup> place** - for their topic “Fairy Tales” display. Caterpillar Class created a beautiful and colourful, sensory display with the various fairy tales they have been learning about this half-term represented on their board. Their bear footprints were particularly fun, and the children really enjoyed strapping the footprints onto their feet, walking in brown paint and then printing them along wallpaper to make them. Well done everyone!

### **Safer Internet Day**

This week we recognised Safer Internet Day at Papillon. In our Secondary Assembly, pupils watched a video about “Jimmy” who navigated his way around the online world and explored the real world compared to the online world, including the similarities and differences in how to keep themselves safe in each of these. In our Primary Assembly we explored how to use the internet safely through a PowerPoint presentation and then a brief discussion about what types of internet access the children have at school and home. Some children were able to identify how to keep themselves safe online, such as always having an adult with them whilst using the internet.

Classes also explored these topics further through activities presented in class during the week. There have been some great displays around the school, presenting their online safety work for all to see. Well done to Swallowtail Class for their online safety display that was very informative and clearly demonstrated what the children have been learning about in class this week.

### **Community Visits**

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

Peacock Class went 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	Ariya	for <i>“being an amazing class representative at Student Council”</i>
Meadow	LJ	for <i>“going into the water at swimming and touching and smelling lots of different foods in the sensory exploration session”</i>
Peacock	Logan	for <i>“fantastic PSHE work, looking at happy and sad faces”</i>
Swallowtail	Jenny	for <i>“doing some fabulous safer internet activities this week”</i>

### **Head Teacher Award**

This week the Head Teacher Award went to Bailey in Peacock Class. Bailey was extremely brave last Friday in the playground. Well done, Bailey! Bailey was invited to my special tea party that took place this afternoon.

### **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Andrew (TSA) in Meadow Class who celebrated his birthday this week. He received chocolates and a CD from the class and adult beverages from his colleagues.

### **Secondary Department News**

**Monarch Class** have been using wheels to learn about using ramps of different heights to alter the speed of cars and to see if the momentum can help them go further and reach into a box at the end. They also learnt about friction, and they all noticed that the cars reduced in speed when they went onto the carpet. In tennis Louis has been working hard on his rallies by returning the ball to the other player. Well done, Louis!

**Admiral Class** have enjoyed their community visits this week. Michael has shown great confidence and maturity when he has taken orders from the class and then ordered everyone’s drinks in the café. The class have really been enjoying their cookery lessons this half-term.

**Emperor Class** have been working hard on their display board in class, putting the finishing touches to their topic work on future enterprises. They finished making a class monopoly board which was personalised by choosing their own categories and making up their own fines to pay. As usual the class always have some humorous touches to add to their display board. They have also been making and decorating plant pots using plaster. They have all engaged in these activities well this week. Well done Emperor Class.

## Therapy

Well done to Aiden for achieving two of his therapy targets for this half-term. Aiden has worked really hard in his gross motor therapy sessions, growing in confidence and showing improved strength and motor planning. Amazing work Aiden. *Donna Venetico, Occupational Therapist.*

A huge thank you to Mila this week for leading the 'Food is Fun' session for her class. Mila did some great demonstrating and was really encouraging to her friends. Well done, Mila. *Donna Venetico, Occupational Therapist and Shannon Dutton-Noll, Speech and Language Therapist.*

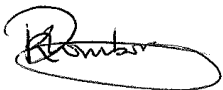
Well done to Cruz for being amazing in his 'Food is Fun' session this week. Cruz touched and smelt all the food items this week, tasting 3 new foods and appearing to really enjoy them. *Jessica Mason, Speech and Language Therapist and Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

## 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
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> February	9.30am	Start of Spring Term 2

Have a lovely half-term holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.



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