

**PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER**

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had an amazing week celebrating “World Book Week” at Papillon. We shared stories across the school and enjoyed exploring books written by various authors. There have been numerous sensory stories, many props and costumes, as well as role play and story writing across the school. Sharing the enjoyment of reading and books this week has been very special. The children have responded well to the variety of activities through the week and have engaged really well in class and around the school.

Senior staff went into classes to share stories with the children. Anne (Deputy Head) led a sensory story based on Roald Dahl’s ‘The BFG’ in Peacock Class, which all the children really enjoyed. Heather (Head of Therapy) read ‘The Gruffalo’ in Swallowtail Class with some of the children helping out with parts of the story. Well done to Jenny who then read the story back to Heather afterwards! I enjoyed acting out a Superhero story in Admiral Class with Max (Class Teacher) who played “Dr Jelly”. It was quite a “messy” story but was great fun and the children really enjoyed the humour. I also enjoyed playing the Witch in Julia Donaldson’s ‘Room on a broom’ in Meadow Class today. The children all helped during the story, finding the characters to add to the broom and the objects to put into the cauldron. Well done Meadow Class.

It was great to see so many children dressed up on Monday as their favourite character from a book. Many adults also joined in, and it was good fun to see all the Primary pupils and staff in their costumes during assembly on Monday morning. The fun continued throughout the week and there are some photos at the end of this newsletter that we wanted to share with you.

To finish our week, we had a visit from two baby bunnies today. The children and young people really enjoyed spending time with them in class and in the school office. Everybody was very calm around the bunnies and gentle with them which was excellent. Well done everybody!

**Class Topics and planned learning activities – Spring Term 2**

Attached to this newsletter is information from the class teachers detailing what the children will be learning about in different subject areas throughout this half-term.

**Community Visits**

Caterpillar Class went swimming and cycling.

Meadow Class went swimming and cycling.

Peacock Class went to the Reptile Barn & Aquatics Centre.

Swallowtail Class went to the Reptile Barn & Aquatics Centre and Walton-on-the-Hill Park.

**Star of the Week**

Our “Stars” this week are:

Caterpillar                      Tiana    for *“amazing independence during her OT/PE sessions.”*

Meadow                            Aahil    for *“keeping calm at stressful moments.”*

Peacock                           Ariana    for *“amazing phonics work.”*

Swallowtail                      Ahiyan    for *“a very good week and amazing football on Monday.”*

**Head Teacher Award**

This week Alfie in Swallowtail Class received the Head Teacher Award for doing some fantastic talking in circle times, greeting his friends and asking them questions. Well done, Alfie! Alfie will be invited to my tea party at the end of this term to celebrate his achievements with some of his peers.

**Birthdays**

Freddie celebrated his birthday this week and received a ‘Funko Pop’ Pokemon.

## Secondary Department News

Monarch Class had a great tennis session this week with Louis and Archie enjoying playing a game of tennis with Tony. The class particularly enjoyed their topic making session, making dinosaur fossils from salt dough.

Admiral Class are enjoying having their friend Shea back in class and Shea has enjoyed interacting with his peers and the adults. For World Book Day they have read for at least 30 minutes a day, sharing the story 'The BFG'. They joined in with a live webinar with Michael Morpurgo which helpfully has coincided with their topic of 'Famous People'.

Emperor Class celebrated World Book Week by listening to an audio book 'The Butterfly Lion' by Michael Morpurgo. The class are beginning to get more confident with the chickens and are beginning to touch them when they go in to collect the eggs. There are more eggs being laid now as we are coming into Spring. We are also seeing bulbs that we have planted beginning to grow.

## Therapy

Well done to Ahiyan for confidently mastering both of his balancing activities in his OT session this week.  
*Donna Venetico, Occupational Therapist.*

Well done to Gabriel for engaging really well with the Colour Monster book during his Speech and Language emotions session. *Jessica Mason, Speech and Language Therapist.*

## World Book Day Tokens

We hope you enjoy spending your World Book Day tokens. Here is an example of the books that can be purchased for £1 <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

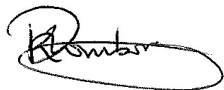
We had great fun celebrating in Primary Assembly this week. We enjoyed showing off our costumes and Swallowtail Class read the story 'The Gruffalo' beautifully before we played a 'Guess the story' game. *Naomi Hills, Senior Teacher- Curriculum and Assessment Lead.*

## Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place this term. More information to follow nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	World Maths Day
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Red Nose Day
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	AM	Primary Cinema Visit
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	AM	Secondary Cinema Visit
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	All day	Easter egg hunts with the Easter Bunny
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	2pm	Spring Term 2 ends

Have a lovely weekend.



Katie Lonborg  
Head Teacher