

# Papillon House School Newsletter

# Autumn Term 1 Friday 6th October 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been another busy week at Papillon! Staff enjoyed a delicious cake and a cuppa last Friday to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised over £270 which will help support people living with cancer. Thank you to all staff for raising a fantastic amount for a great cause. This week saw the start of our annual reviews at Papillon which is a great opportunity to work together with parents' on how best to support your children. We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday at Parents' Evening to share the children's achievements and celebrate their accomplishments.

#### **Primary Department News**

Woodland Class continued with our topic 'healthy living', Woodland went to Walton on the Hill playpark to move their bodies — there was lots of running, climbing and spinning around. Children (and staff!) had an amazing time. Woodland class had a very special guest on Wednesday. All the children in Woodland and Primary welcomed Nevaeh, Tiana's (Woodland) and Aiden's (Peacock) sister. Ariya was most excited because 'there are now three girls in Woodland Class!' Children and staff look forward to Nevaeh starting her time at Papillon after half term. Huge thanks to Yara in Emperor class who has been joining us every Friday morning to help support the children in Woodland with their morning work and reading.

**Meadow Class** have had a great week. We have been learning about 'heavier' and 'lighter' in maths and practising writing our lower-case letters in English/ OT. We have made some yummy vegetable quiches and had a lovely visit to Squires Garden Centre to buy winter flower seeds.

**Peacock Class** have been learning about the different staff members who work at Papillon House School this week. Some of Peacock class did an English session where they had to write a staff members name in a class quiz. Also, Peacock class loved visiting Denbies Farm Shop on Monday and Aiden, Logan and Zachary did fantastic Horse Riding on Thursday. Well done Peacock class!

### **Reminders and Requests**

**Parents' Evenings** will be held on Monday 9th October. All our children and young people have brought home a slip this week confirming the meeting times with teachers. Please call the office if you require any further information.

## **Photo Gallery**



Cakes for our Macmillan coffee morning

Woodland girls interacting together



Having fun at Denbies!



Enjoying time at the garden centre.

# **Secondary Department News**

Swallowtail Class have had a lovely week. As part of our topic, the children learnt about different cultures and traditions and how we are all part of a multi-cultural community. To celebrate this, they pupils enjoyed a making session and made some lovely art pieces about different cultures, including our R.E focus, Sikhism. On Tuesday, we enjoyed a trip to Sainsbury's in Leatherhead, shopping for our cooking activity. This week, we made savoury pastry parcels which were very successful and provided a yummy snack for the class on Wednesday. Some of the children also enjoyed a trip to horse riding and loved riding around their new sensory field, which boasts a number of sensory features named after some of their horses such as Moss Hill and Marigold's Magical Corner.

Monarch Class have had another wonderful week enjoying the last of the summer weather. The class have spent some time looking at debate topics, developing our speaking and listening skills. These discussions have been extremely thought provoking for all involved and looking at 'for' and 'against' arguments has enabled us to see new perspectives on popular topics. Monarch class have also continued to develop pages for their recipe book, and we are showing some pride in the work we are able to create. Our learners in Kaleidoscope group are continuing to thrive embarked on a group trip to Nonsuch Park which allowed for some hands-off independent exploration which was wonderful to see.

Admiral Class community visit saw the class shopping in Asda for ingredients for this week's cooking lesson. Yet again, the weather was perfect for cycling! In English this week, the class learnt what an index page is for in reference books and how to use it to find specific pieces of information. They also explored the difference between fiction and non-fiction. In Science, the class discovered how they could measure their individual heartbeat by checking their pulse. The pupils also explored the effect of exercise on heartrate. In our Outdoor Learning lesson, the class were divided into two teams and had to set a track for the other team to follow using sticks or stones. For PSHE, the class learnt about different faiths and beliefs, and looked at the similarities and differences of various cultural traditions.

Emperor Class completed a survey this week asking Papillon staff what they would like to eat in the Enterprise café Using their findings they collated all the answers to plan next half terms menu based on staff preferences. In Science, Emperor learnt about the different properties of solids and liquids, how they can be reversed and the changes that occur. They had great fun melting wax candles and observing the changes. In PHSE they thought about their online identities and discussed about how their behaviour online should reflect on who they are. In English we thought about how a story is structured and the importance of a beginning, middle and an end to a story.

# Star of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Woodland Kuba for "good sharing with his

friends this week."

Meadow Joseph for "amazing communication throughout

the week."

Peacock Benjamin for "an amazing trip to Denbies Farm

Shop on Monday."

#### **Photo Gallery**



Swallowtail Class enjoying the new sensory trail at horse riding.



Creative development in Admiral class



# **Birthdays**

There were no birthday celebrations this week.



# **Therapy**

Well done to Cassius for participating really well in turn taking within this weeks Sensory Story and interacting with the session lead to explore different sensory experiences. *Tasha Renton, Senior Speech and Language Therapy Assistant*.

Well done to Thomas H in Emperor class for great work in his Speech and Language session developing his understanding of differing perspectives. *Clare Brown, Speech and Language Therapist and Lilian Prince, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant.* 

#### **Head Teacher Award**

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Bailey for helping others, especially the younger children in school.

Well done to Dawid for engaging well in his joint Art and Occupational Therapy session exploring his emotions and recognising the internal responses to these emotions. *Keith Waterman, Art Therapist and Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.* 

# **Important Dates**

#### **Diary Dates**

Below is a list of events taking place over the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. Next week's assembly theme is 'World Space Week'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> October	AM	Individual school photographs
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm	End of half term
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2
Friday	17th November	All day	Children in Need Mufti Day (fitness theme)

# Papillon Quote of the Week I liked being a cashier for the café because it's always helpful to handle money. Thomas H in Emperor

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