



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1
Friday 22nd September 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This school year some of our Secondary pupils from three classes now come together throughout the week to carry out specific activities together. This is called our Kaleidoscope Group (the official name for a group of butterflies). Some of the sessions they enjoy include TacPac inspired sessions, Sensory Stories, Story Massage, Sensory Assemblies, Attention Autism sessions and Play Doh Therapy. Sessions are led by our therapy team and senior staff from education. All pupils are engaging extremely well and there has been a lot of positive feedback from staff. We are delighted with the success of this group, well done everybody!

Flu Immunisations Following a very successful flu immunisation session on Monday the Immunisations Team have offered another opportunity for you to consent for your child to receive their nasal flu spray if they missed out this time round. They are planning to return to Papillon before the Christmas holidays. Some reasons to get your child vaccinated:

- Papillon staff will support your child within school without having to take them to the GP
- To protect you, your child, your family and friends
- No injection needed
- Avoid costs taking time off work or arranging childcare
- It's better than having flu!

The team of nurses are available to speak with you at anytime if you have any questions. Alternatively please visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu. If you would like your child to receive the nasal flu spray please follow the link: www.surreyimmunisations.co.uk entering Papillon's unique code SR135407

Primary Department News

Woodland Class have been learning about healthy foods and made some delicious cauliflower nuggets during cooking, and decorated a healthy rainbow together during our topic circle. Woodland and Meadow Class children were very excited to return to the Leisure Centre in Dorking for their swimming and they all had an amazing time splashing and practicing their swimming skills. We also had a lovely time on Thursday during sensory relaxing where we all engaged in a relaxing activity and were very quiet and calm when interacting with sensory equipment.

Meadow Class have had a great week! We enjoyed our first session at Dorking swimming pool and Jack was a superstar joining us in the pool. Well Done, Jack! We have been very busy with our topic activities and enjoyed making rainbow biscuits, sensory colour bags and colourful pompoms for our display board. We have been sequencing during our maths sessions and there has been some lovely reading during phonics sessions.

Peacock Class have had a very busy week. We have been learning more about our environment by finding different objects around school that begin with a different letter of the alphabet. We also cooked lettuce wraps and tasted some "tastes of the garden" including lettuce, peppers, edamame beans and mushrooms in cooking. Additionally, some of the class have continued to read our class story "All Are Welcome" as well as experiment using candles to melt different objects and predict which ones would melt.

Reminders and Requests

Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 9th October. A letter will be coming home with your child today and also attached with this newsletter.

Donations Wanted!

Ahiyan has been busy in our library preparing space for some new books. If you have any Nick-odeon books (such as Paw Patrol, Dora the Explorer, SpongeBob SquarePants, Go Diego, Go!) that you no longer need we would love to make use of them! Thank you.

Photo Gallery

Swimming at Dorking Sports Centre



Squires Garden Centre



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have had a lovely week and been busy! In Science we started learning about 'our habitat's' topic matching different footprints to a range of animals. As part of our topic 'all about me' the children made skeleton pictures using different 3D materials and on Wednesday we enjoyed making cheese scones using our recipes to follow the steps. We also continued working on our individual ASDAN projects and some of the children enjoyed our weekly horse riding visit.

Monarch Class have had another brilliant week. We began the week exploring weight, making predictions of how many blocks an item would weigh the same as, and then testing our hypothesis. Everyone should be super proud of how independently they were able to complete this task. Monarch class also enjoyed a trip to Sainsburys in Epsom where we were able to explore the store and pick out some items that we would like to buy. Everyone in Monarch is still engaging fantastically in cycling and we are all hoping for some more warm and dry Thursday mornings!

Admiral Class the weather was really kind to us for our cycling session, and we also enjoyed a refreshing walk at Headley Heath. We have been learning about the importance of getting a good night's sleep in order to help maintain a healthy mind and body. We discussed the benefits of having a routine before bedtime, such as having a bath or shower followed by a warm drink and some reading. We also learned about the effects on the brain if too much time is spent in front of a screen, particularly right before bed. In Music, we played various and increasingly complex rhythms on the djembe drums. It even got to the point where a spontaneous 'drum off' was started, which was 'won' by Thomas Horton!

Emperor Class went to the David Weir centre for cycling. We also had a visit from the British Red Cross to learn about first aid. Cooking was really successful this week with everyone really beginning to develop their independence in the kitchen, choosing and making their own snack or lunch. We went on a visit to Priory Park and some of the class are really fit and can run a long way!



Circus Tickets

We have four spare tickets for the circus performance next Tuesday 26th September. Please let the office know if you would like them.

Star of the Week

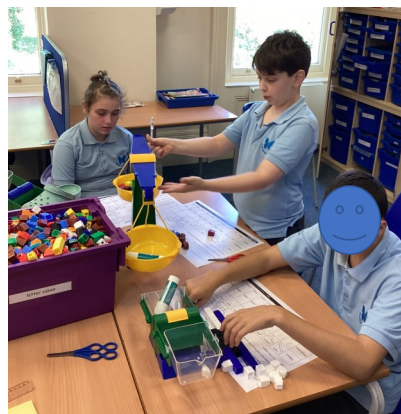
Our "Stars" this week are:



Woodland	Cruz for "coping really well with changes and following new class rules."
Meadow	Jack for "amazing participation in swimming."
Peacock	Logan for "amazing cooking and tasting on Wednesday."

Photo Gallery

Monarch class thinking about predictions



Artwork in Admiral



Emperor class enjoying cycling



Birthdays



Zachary celebrated his birthday this week and received 2 Minecraft toys and a Terry's Chocolate orange. Happy birthday Zachary!

Therapy

Well done to Thomas in Admiral Class for showing amazing creativity in his 1:1 OT session, developing his comic strip and working hard on his handwriting and pencil control. *Tabitha Garnett, Occupational Therapy Assistant Practitioner.*

Well done to all the children in Meadow Class for great engagement and participation in their weekly handwriting group, trialling a range of handwriting supports. *Fran Byrne, Occupational Therapist, and Tabitha Garnett, Occupational Therapy Assistant Practitioner.*

Well done to Sienna for good engagement and attention in her PSHE lesson with support from the Speech and Language Therapy Assistant. *Natasha Renton, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant.*

Gabriel showed great focus in his joint Speech and Language and Art Therapy session learning about emotions, recognising these in pictures of himself. *Clare Brown, Speech and Language Therapist and Keith Waterman, Art Therapist.*

Well done to Dawid in Emperor class for excellent engagement and participation in his joint Art Therapy and OT session, exploring his feelings and emotions. *Keith Waterman, Art Therapist and Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to James Voss for his positive attitude to school. James will be invited to my tea party at the end of term. Well done James!



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	9 th October	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Monday	16 th October	AM	Individual school photographs
Friday	20 th October	3pm	End of half term
Monday	6 th November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2

Papillon Quote of the Week

"Every day's a good day at Papillon."

Michael—Admiral Class

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Halloween SEN Disco!
Saturday 28th October 2023
6pm to 8pm



Ticket price: £5 per child/young person attending. Carers go free.

📍 Location: Frames Coulsdon, 202 Brighton Rd, Coulsdon CR5 2NF

📝 This is a SEN friendly disco for children and young adults with SEN and their families.
It is Alcohol free.

🚗 Parking: There is parking on Lion Green Road Car Park. Lion Green Road car park
100 spaces, 2 disabled spaces - Open 24 hours - Motorcycles: free
Charges apply Monday to Saturday, 7am to 6pm

🎵 Music: Please let us know what music you would like to hear and we will do our best to play at least one of each attendee's favourite tunes.

📝 **We would also like to make you aware that strobe and other lights are used and music is played at a volume that provides a club experience.**
We also have a quieter area for those who need it.

📝 All young people must be accompanied by a parent/carers. Please note the SEN disco will close at 8pm.

🎫 You can get your tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/focus-surrey-saturday-club/t-pqyypqz>