

# Papillon House School Newsletter

# Autumn Term 1 Friday 29th September 2023

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week I had the pleasure of handing out Asdan certificates to all of our Secondary pupils and many of our Primary pupils in assemblies this Monday. They all worked extremely hard last academic year to achieve a variety of accreditations in a number of the Asdan modules and we received extremely positive feedback from the external moderators. It was such a delight to see how proud they were of themselves and each other, with everybody clapping and cheering. I too am very proud of all our pupils and young people for what they have achieved. Well done everybody!

#### **Primary Department News**

Woodland Class had a lovely PE session on Monday where the children participated in all movement stations of the circuit, including forward rolls and balancing a bean bag on their head whilst crossing a bench. The children have been learning about number bonds and simple addition, and have had lots of fun writing their own name on wet sand during our sensory phonics session. They also made some delicious 'pizza peppers' during cooking. Woodland Class had an amazing time shopping in Asda for snacks for Kuba's birthday party – they all had a shopping list and we found all the snacks we needed. Well done, everyone!

**Meadow Class** have had a fun week. We have enjoyed making some delicious rainbow pizzas and rainbow spinners. In maths we have been looking at 'big' and 'small' and we really enjoyed our weekly story which was 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' Well done Meadow Class!

**Peacock Class** enjoyed learning about different types of technology at Papillon House School this week as part of their topic 'Our School Community.' They discussed their ideas for the most important technology and wrote and drew about this in English. Additionally, some of Peacock Class have been learning to identify the next colour/object in a pattern using visuals in their maths lessons this week. Well done Peacock Class!

### **Reminders and Requests**

Parents' Evenings will be held on Monday 9th October. Thank you to those who have returned your preference forms. Please could you return your form, (a copy is attached with this newsletter) or email your preferred time slot to the office if you haven't yet done so. Thank you.

Christmas card designs- your children and young people will soon be coming home with their Cauliflower Cards designs and letters for the Christmas period. Please make sure your child's/young person's design and money is paid by Monday 6th November.

## **Photo Gallery**

Circuits in PE



Meadow making rainbow pizzas.





# **Secondary Department News**

Swallowtail Class have worked hard this week. We enjoyed a trip out to Morrisons in Reigate to buy the ingredients for our cooking activity and had a lovely party to celebrate Susanna's birthday. On Wednesday the children did a fantastic job at making fruit scones and tidying the life skills room after they had finished. During P.E. the children enjoyed learning all about vaulting and experimenting with different jumps from the P.E. horse, practising safe landings. In Jigsaw PSHE this week some of the children identified traits that we would like to see in our 'dream school' whilst others learnt about Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs.

Monarch Class began the week by taking a community visit to Tesco Gatwick; here the class showed an excellent ability to find the ingredients needed to make sushi, as well as price match to ensure that we purchased the cheapest option. Monarch have also continued exploring our topic of Independent Living, and have been completing daily challenges in order to build up confidence and autonomy when moving around the school and the classroom. In addition to this, we were able to have some excellent discussions around the popular energy drink 'Prime' and if it should be allowed. This discussion proved to be very thought provoking and we were able to debate both sides of the discussion with some fantastic reasoning skills!

Admiral Class made a delicious coleslaw in our cooking lesson which was then sampled by the pupils during snack time. In English, the pupils developed their understanding of the use of capital letters and can explain when they should and shouldn't be used. To coincide with our topic this term, 'Keeping Myself Healthy and Happy', our Science lesson focussed on the heart and lungs. The pupils learnt about how both work together to keep oxygen and nutrients flowing around our body and about the 3 different types of blood vessels we have. The class discussed the importance of keeping our heart and lungs healthy through regular exercise, getting enough rest, eating healthily and avoiding harmful substances. We all worked on improving our stamina by having a brisk walk on Box Hill as well as continuing with our cycling sessions.

Emperor Class have enjoyed cycling and it was great to see Stuart and Cassius cycling together. There has been some very good independent learning skills when preparing a lunch or snack for themselves. Yara has done so well this week, sharing her creative cooking skills with staff in school. She made Chinese style chicken in batter with some extremely spicy noodles! They have been taking on the role of shopping for the café, taking on more ownership of the items needed and practising their money skills. The café has been very successful, working as a team and learning to allocate tasks in a fair way. The young people have been learning about capacity, looking at different containers and putting them into order of volume. Most found this task easy when the containers were all the same size but when they were different shapes they found some surprising results by filling the containers with sand. The class has also been learning about road safety as part of their

# Star of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Woodland Tiana for "engaging in all activities

and being amazing all week."

Meadow U for "amazing communication and playing

with his friends."

Peacock Aiden for "fantastic horse riding and steering the

horse using the reins."

## **Photo Gallery**

Admiral's cooking session



Practising using capital letters

Stuart and Cassius enjoying cycling





Learning about capacity

# Birthdays

Kuba celebrated his birthday this week and received a Lego car and had a lovely party with his class friends! Happy birthday Kuba!

# **Therapy**

Well done to Woodland class, you all worked so hard writing your names in this week's OT fine motor and gross motor skills session . Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist (OT) and Tabitha Garnett, Occupational Therapy Assistant Practitioner (OTAP).

#### **Head Teacher Award**

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Ariya for her fantastic efforts in topic activities this week



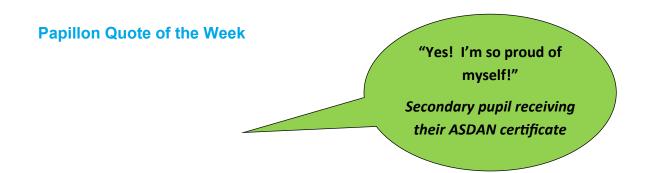
Well done Alfie for being so brave and coming to a new therapy session. You looked like you really enjoyed exploring the sensory activities". *Tabitha Garnett, Occupational Therapy Assistant Practitioner*.

# **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 <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)



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# Wheels for ALL

Children's Festival

Join us for half-term family fun!

inclusive cycling, learn new bike skills, games, art & crafts, drinks and treats & much more!



# 24th October

Woking Sportsbox, Egley Rd, Woking GU22 0AF

We offer all-ability cycling from trikes, quads and recumbents to tandems and hand-cycles.

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