

PAPILLON HOUSE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

15th September 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been a busy first full week back for our Papillon children and young people. Community visits have mostly resumed, as well as off-site physical activities. Monarch and Admiral had a particularly good first week at cycling this week, and Woodland and Meadow enjoyed a trip to Priory Park together. Emperor Class resumed service in their Enterprise work, running the school café and car washing services for staff. Their new menu of various paninis is particularly inspiring and appreciated by staff, and they are looking into how they can maximise their profits this school year!

Unfortunately, some activities were unable to go ahead this week due to the Covid outbreak in school and reduced staffing levels because of this. We were fortunate not to have to close classes, despite the significant staff absences. A big thank you to our therapy team who have all been supporting across the school in classes this week and well done to all our children who have coped remarkably well with the staffing changes and alterations to some timetabled activities.

Thank you to all of you who kept your children home due to them being unwell whilst we managed this difficult situation in school. I am pleased to say that some staff have returned to school today and we expect more to return on Monday. Can I please remind you that should your child become unwell with symptoms, and/or if they are not well enough to attend school, it is important that they remain home to avoid the spread of contagious illnesses to other children and staff. If they test positive for Covid, children should remain home for 3 full days after the testing day. Thank you.

Immunisations Team

Two visitors from the Immunisation Team will be visiting Papillon on Monday morning to deliver Influenza (flu) vaccinations via nasal spray for those who have consented. Please contact the office if you require any further information.

Jigsaw

The theme for this terms Jigsaw PSHE lessons is 'Being Me in my World'. We launched this in assemblies this week, discussing how important it is to be kind to others in our world. Pupils will be learning about themselves, families, school and the world around them. Some pupils will learn about democracy, rights and responsibilities. If you have any questions or comments about the PSHE education please email our Curriculum Lead, Naomi: naomi.hills@papillonhouseschool.co.uk

Parent Webinar after Year 11 (in preparation for Open Events)

NEW this year! A team of Schools Partnership Executives will be hosting a short webinar on Wednesday 27th September (19:00-19:30) to help parents who may be considering Activate Learning for their child after Year 11 prepare for attending an Open Event. (There is a flyer attached with this newsletter outlining all the key dates and times.)

The webinar will explain the differences between the types of qualifications available for students after Year 11, the courses and subjects available at our Surrey colleges, and end with the opportunity to ask questions.

Those who have signed up for an Open Event will have already received the details and parents are more than welcome to join the webinar without signing up for an Open Event.

[Please click here to register.](#)

Physical Off-site Visits – Autumn Term

Woodland Class – Swimming (Tuesdays)

Meadow Class – Swimming (Tuesdays)

Peacock Class – Horse riding (Thursdays)

Swallowtail Class – Horse riding (Thursdays)

Monarch Class - Cycling (Thursdays)

Admiral Class – Cycling (Thursdays)

Emperor Class – Cycling (Mondays)

Community Visits

Woodland Class went to Priory Park playground.

Meadow Class went to Priory Park playground.

Peacock Class went to Box Hill viewpoint and horse riding.

Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Woodland Nicholas for "independent writing on Thursday."

Meadow James for "being very grown up, accepting change and being in class and the playground more."

Peacock Bailey for "an amazing horse-riding session yesterday."

Birthdays

There were no birthdays in Primary this week.

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have had a great week experiencing lots of new activities. They had a trip to Morrisons on Tuesday to buy ingredients for savoury muffins which were cooked on Wednesday, and they enjoyed eating them on Thursday! This was their first experience of cooking in the life skills room as they are now in Secondary, which was very exciting! They also enjoyed their first horse-riding trip this week. In ICT they made flip animation booklets, and they shared their good work with their peers in their class.

Monarch Class have had a fantastic week continuing to settle into some new routines. This week marked the start of our physical activity, cycling, where all learners engaged and enjoyed trying out different bicycles, seeing who could get the most laps in the allotted time. Monarch Class also showed excellent understanding of electricity, being able to name places where we may get electricity, as well as sorting objects into whether they use electricity or not. We also continued to develop our independence and knowledge of foods around the world, creating our own stir-fried noodles, complete with another page for our individual recipe books.

Admiral Class have had a fabulous second week. We have been for a lovely walk up on Box Hill, and started our cycling at the track in Epsom. The weather was especially kind to us! Creatively the class have started learning about how to use their bodies as percussive instruments, with a little bit of influence from watching some Stomp! Videos. We have been exploring what sort of things we do to keep our minds and bodies healthy, and there have been some varied activities put forward such as playing tennis, talking to friends, going for walks to get fresh air and eating a balanced diet - which we discovered doesn't mean eating whilst standing on one leg! The class have also been working on their tracking skills by trying to follow subtle clues around the school grounds in order to reach a particular end point. This will turn a little more competitive next week when we have to work together in teams!

Emperor Class were joined by Michael from Admiral Class this week to go cycling at the David Weir Centre in Carshalton where they all enjoyed the sunny weather. They all practised their money skills when ordering a drink and snack in the café. The class are learning to increase their independence in the kitchen this term when making a simple snack or meal. They are being encouraged to reflect on their efforts and think of ways that they can improve what they are cooking. In science this week the class took part in a couple of experiments looking at changes in volume of ice and water and trying to predict quickest and slowest ways of changing ice to water. The class went shopping for resources for the class run café and then took part in their first class run café of the year. All the students did extremely well and managed to prepare a large number of paninis for adults.

Therapy

Well done to all in Kaleidoscope Group for their amazing engagement within their first Playdoh Therapy session as a whole group. *Lilian Prince, Therapy Team Assistant, and Natasha Renton, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant.*

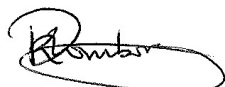
Well done to James in Emperor class for completing his first community-based work experience placement at the Childrens' Trust charity shop in Banstead. *Tabitha Garnett, Occupational Therapy Assistant Practitioner and Adrian Pavia, Teacher.*

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events for the Autumn term. I will send you further information nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	18 th September	AM	Flu Immunisations
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

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



Katie Lonnborg
Head Teacher