



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2
Friday 1st December 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been getting into the festive spirit at Papillon this week. The pantomime, Robin Hood, on Wednesday went extremely well. Thank you to Alex Merrett (Primary Lead) for organising this, and to Mrs Hutton for funding it as a special treat for everybody. The actors were fantastic, extremely engaging, they encouraged everyone to join in and the audience participation from Papillon pupils (and staff!) was excellent! Well done Papillon!

Rehearsals for our Christmas show, 'The Greatest Snowman', have been in full swing this week. Please find attached a letter with further information. Please return the slip to school indicating if you are able to attend, how many seats you require and if you plan to take your child/young person home after the show. I look forward to seeing you all then to celebrate together.

Primary Department News

Woodland Class had their turn to share something in assembly this week and the class showed the amazing fluffy and sparkly cloud headbands they have made for the Christmas show! Nevaeh achieved the Headteacher's award for making lots of friends in Woodland Class and she collected her certificate during assembly. We have been practicing writing in preparation for writing letters to Father Christmas who we will be seeing next Wednesday at Bockett's Farm. Woodland have also been learning about bullying and that it can make people very sad. The class have been working hard making Christmas decorations for our display board, and we had our first Christmas show practise in the big hall.

Meadow Class have had a lovely week. They thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime and loved celebrating Una's birthday. The focus this week has been on Winter. They enjoyed making snowflakes and hot chocolate and have enjoyed attention circles linked to the topic.

Peacock Class have been busy preparing for the Christmas show. They enjoyed a rehearsal on Wednesday and did a lovely job singing and practicing. They also enjoyed a special "Christmas" themed assembly on Monday where they learnt about Nativity and the first Christmas story.



Feeling festive at Knights Garden Centre, Betchworth.



Birthday celebrations!

Reminders and Requests

Christmas Mufti Days

Thursday 7th December and Monday 18th December.

On **Thursday 7th December** all children and young people are invited to take part in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Donations are optional but any amount you can spare would be hugely appreciated. On **Monday 18th December** all children and staff are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers (or something festive) on this day. Our children and young people will also enjoy their festive Christmas lunch too!

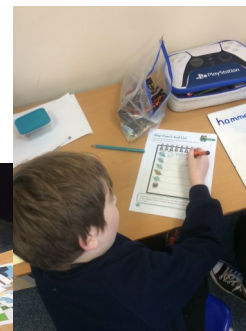
Cold weather- The weather has turned exceptionally cold this week and we have been working hard to ensure that all pupils understand that they need to wear coats outside. Please can we ask that all pupils have a coat, hat, gloves etc in school during the cold weather and that **they are named**. Thank you.

Photo Gallery

King Kuba in the pantomime!



Practising our letters to Father Christmas.



Phonics and reading work in Meadow



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have worked very hard this week. The children enjoyed reading ‘A Christmas Collar’ in our English session on Monday and then participated in a sequencing activity and retelling the story. On Tuesday, we were very lucky to have a visit from a sensory theatre group and the children loved watching (and participating) in their performance of Robin Hood, which one of our young men in Swallowtail Class described as being ‘tremendous’! On Tuesday afternoon we went to Hillier Garden Centre for a Hot Chocolate treat and on Wednesday, we enjoyed a trip to Denbies Vineyard to see the gallery on the Mezzanine and visit the farm shop. On Thursday some of our children went horse riding and in the afternoon, we did some fantastic work towards our ASDAN certificates.

Monarch Class have had a fantastic week beginning with a lovely trip to IKEA, exploring the store and ordering our own snack at the cafe. Kaleidoscope also had a trip to the cafe in Tesco, choosing their own breakfast bap, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. This week Monarch Class have also begun looking at all things Christmas, exploring how the festive time is celebrated around the world.

Admiral Class enjoyed preparing for the pantomime by creating questions that they wanted to ask the actors as part of our careers experience. We continued with our Christmas show practice and made apple pies in cooking where some learners wanted to take them home. Admiral Class went cycling this week, they enjoyed the trip completing many laps. We have continued to make our Christmas display for the upcoming show and also enjoyed a visit to Lidl to buy cooking ingredients for our cooking session.

Emperor Class have had a very busy week. In the Class Cafe, this was their final week of preparing baked potatoes with various accompaniments: melted cheese, baked beans and made-from-scratch chilli con carne. As the weeks have passed and the students became more familiar with the processes, they have become more self-directed. With minimal supervision, they can carry out the initial health and safety measures before finding their ingredients and reading the recipe to get the job done. Next term will present new challenges but for the next two weeks they are planning to make festive baguettes to tempt staff palates. We also enjoyed a lovely winter walk over Box Hill today and completed some reflection work following the pantomime. (Please see work on last page.)

Photo Gallery

Swallowtail enjoying the pantomime.



Chatting over a hot chocolate at Denbies



Shopping in Lidl



Audience participation in the panto!



Stars of the Week

Our “Stars” this week are:

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| Woodland | Cruz and Jamie for “having a great week and participating in the pantomime.” |
| Meadow | Jack for “being kind and understanding towards all of his friends.” |
| Peacock | Aiden for “having a great week and working hard in the Christmas show rehearsals.” |



Birthdays

Shelagh (Peacock Class) celebrated her birthday this week and received a gift card, chocolates and flowers. Una (Meadow Class) also celebrated her birthday and received a gift card, chocolates and socks.



Head Teacher Award-

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Neveah for making lots of friends in Woodland Class.



Therapy

Well done to Woodland class for fantastic engagement in their peer interaction session this week. Everyone participated and had lots of fun. *Tasha Renton, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant and Lily Prince, Therapy Team Assistant.*

Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The theme for assembly next week is Christmas!

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	6 th December	am	Primary visit to Bocketts Farm (Woodland, Meadow and Peacock)
Thursday	7 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day (donations to Save the Children)
Wednesday	13 th December	1.30pm	Christmas Show
Thursday	14 th December	1.30pm	Children's Christmas Fair (donations to Crisis)
Monday	18 th December		Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Mufti Day (donations to Crisis)
Tuesday	19 th December	2pm	Last day of term. School finishes at 2pm.

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Wow, this looks beautiful!"

Aiden (Peacock) as he looked at the Christmas decorations at the garden centre.

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Emperor class reflecting on their pantomime experiences.

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was great it was funny and good.

TH, 30, 11, 2023,



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for the pantomime of
ROBINHOOD.