



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1
Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Despite the frosty temperatures this week, the children have enjoyed a fun filled week with activities both on-site and out in the community. Due to the extremely cold weather lately, can I please remind you to send in coats, as well as hats, scarfs and gloves (if your child will wear these), as the children will need their coats on in order to access the playground and off-site community visits. Thank you.

Primary Department News

Woodland Class have had a fun week with lots of topic activities, including painting a giant cardboard box and eggs box to create our very own robot for the display board. This week we learnt how to use weighing scales and weighed different objects and the children enjoyed practising their reading and writing using magnetic letters to make different words. We also enjoyed a visit to ASDA to buy birthday party food.

Meadow Class have had a lovely week. We enjoyed our first horse riding session. It was lovely to be back and see smiles on all the children's faces. We also celebrated Josephs birthday and the children went to ASDA to buy food for the party. The children have enjoyed exploring shadows and making puppets.

Peacock Class have been learning about their new topic of "Climate Change". They have been watching videos and learning from informational PowerPoints about the issues, and have been giving some lovely ideas to prevent it. The class also enjoyed their first swimming session on Tuesday at Dorking Leisure Centre, and did extremely well moving from one side of the pool to the other using a noodle float.

Reminders and Requests

If anyone has any spare hanging baskets/liners that they no longer need please could they be donated to school for Secondary to use in their Enterprise programme. Thank You.

Photo Gallery



Phonics, art and weighing activities in Woodland.



Woodland celebrating Nicholas' birthday.



A fun week in Peacock Class.



Making 'crumpet pizzas' in Meadow class.

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have had lots of fun learning about and exploring our new topic this week. We enjoyed learning all about Chinese New Year on Monday and made textured animals from the story for our Chinese Festival themed display board. The children did some fantastic P.E. on Tuesday, practising different poses to reflect Ancient Egyptian icons and enjoyed a trip to Walton-on-the-Hill that afternoon to practise their tennis and football skills. We have also continued with our Jigsaw activities and in cooking we made easy cheesy microwave dip with vegetable sticks.

Monarch Class have had a busy week and enjoyed starting learning about their new topic of 'space'. We also enjoyed our first swimming session at Dorking Sports Centre and the children enjoyed some time in the pool. Monarch class had a great discussion on world views and all had some great ideas. They also completed some fantastic independent writing in class.

Admiral Class have enjoyed taking part in money snack. Learners used money to buy the snack that they would like to eat from the class snack box. This week in making we started to create our class enterprise business cards. In English we discussed the class book that we are going to read, James and the Giant Peach. In our ICT lesson we discussed being safe online. Admiral Class went to Walton on the Hill for our physical activity. We played football and we worked on passing the ball to each other. In our cooking lesson we made breakfast muffins and everybody thought that they were very nice!

Emperor Class returned to the gym at the David Weir Centre, this week. A number of the regulars greeted them like old friends and this warm welcome set them all off on the right foot. They really enjoyed using the equipment and began to set challenges for themselves. The exercise was the perfect antidote to the freezing morning temperature. The students were able to gather photographic evidence towards their ASDAN Personal Progress Award and their portfolios are beginning to look impressive. Their Class Cafe offerings of macaroni cheese and penne all'arrabbiata have been well received and enjoyed. A beautifully iced cake was a mouth-watering addition and proved too great a temptation for those trying to 'be good'! Their class work has been excellent and they have worked diligently on their maths, English and Science. They have also been giving some thought to their personal goals. Trying to plan for a future that hasn't yet arrived is quite a problem but they have thought about what they could reasonably aim for and, if they achieve the academic goals they've considered, we will be very happy teachers and parents.

Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

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| Woodland | Ariya for "amazing phonics work." |
| Meadow | LJ for "fantastic horse riding this week." |
| Peacock | Aiden for "an amazing week, taking part in loads of sessions including swimming, volcano work and climate change topic work." |



Photo Gallery



Making textured animals for Chinese New Year

Cooking in Swallowtail



Class work in Admiral



Enterprise activities in Emperor



Birthdays

Joseph (Meadow Class) celebrated his birthday this week and received a dinosaur cook-
ie set and motorbike toys.

Nicholas (Woodland Class) celebrated his birthday with a party in class and received a bubble gun.

Therapy

Well done to Ben & Logan in Peacock class for a successful PECS-focused cooking session.

– Clare Brown, Speech & Language Therapist & Lilian Prince, Speech & Language Therapy Assistant.

Important Dates

Diary Dates

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

The theme for next weeks assembly is Worldviews - Hinduism.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	22nd January	All day	Papillon Music Day
Tuesday	6th February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Friday	9th February	3pm	End of half term
Monday	19th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday	20th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Wednesday	21st February	9.30am	Start of Spring Term 2

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

When asked who are we going to speak to on Zoom? (Referring to a staff member currently at home.)

Hint: they're very important:

"King Charles!"

Mia—Meadow Class

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