



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday 15th December 2023



Dear Parents/Guardians,

What an exciting and festive week we have had at Papillon! It was so lovely to see so many parents at our Christmas show on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for coming to celebrate with us. I am so proud of how well our children and young people did in their performance! I hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

The festivities continued into the next day with our Christmas fair which was attended by Santa himself, as well as many other festive friends! All the games and stalls were a great success. Thank you for the donations of books, toys and cakes that were sent in. We really appreciate all your support with our Christmas events. There are some additional photos of both the Christmas show and the fair at the end of this newsletter.

Monday will be our pupil Christmas meal and we are inviting all pupils and staff to wear something festive for the day. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and holiday period and we look forward to welcoming everybody back to school on Wednesday 3rd January. Merry Christmas to you all!

## Primary Department News

**Woodland Class** had such a wonderful Christmas week. All children worked really hard in each of the Christmas Show rehearsals and they all did amazingly well and enjoyed the Christmas Show – well done everyone! Woodland Class had a lovely time on Wednesday making their shortbread Christmas biscuits and making more Christmas decorations! The Christmas Fair on Thursday was a great success and the children loved playing all the games, seeing Santa, and choosing a book and a toy to take home. They were very good and even had time to play with their toys at the end of the day.

**Meadow Class** have had a brilliant week! They all sang beautifully in the Christmas show and enjoyed cooking. On Thursday they enjoyed a trip to Chessington Garden Centre. They looked at the Christmas decorations and also chose a Christmas present for Luna from the pet section.

**Peacock Class** did amazingly well in the Christmas show on Wednesday. We also ventured to Poundland in Sutton on Monday to buy Christmas presents for a loved one at home, and then they wrapped them later on in the week in a Making session.



Shopping in Poundland

## Reminders and Requests

### Christmas Mufti Day

On Monday 18th December all children and staff are invited to wear their Christmas mufti clothes (or something festive) on this day. We are recommending a minimum of £2 donation which will be given to our chosen charity 'Crisis'. Our children and young people will also enjoy their festive Christmas lunch too!

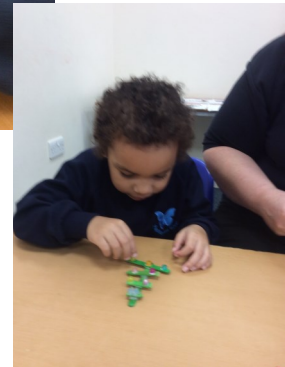
### End of Term

A reminder to all parents that we finish for the Christmas holidays on **Tuesday 19th at 2pm** and return for the Spring Term on **Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 9.30am**.

## Photo Gallery



Woodland enjoying Christmas art activities.



Fun at the fair!



## Secondary Department News

**Swallowtail Class** loved taking part in the Christmas performance for you all on Wednesday! They worked very hard to learn all the lyrics to all the songs and took part in lots of rehearsals. We also enjoyed taking part in a number of tabletop activities this week, including some Christmas themed Maths games and challenges, and some fine motor cutting and making activities. Some of the children in Swallowtail Class enjoyed their weekly trip to Epsom RDA for horse riding and received their Grade 1 riding certificates! On Thursday afternoon, the children enjoyed visiting our Papillon Christmas Fair and had the opportunity to see Santa and take part in some Christmassy fair games to win some yummy treats!

**Monarch Class** have had a lovely final full week of the Christmas term. I think we can all agree that Monarch did an amazing job at the Christmas Show, showing just how amazing they are. Monarch Class also really enjoyed our Papillon Christmas Fair, meeting Santa and playing some Christmas themed games. We all look forward to the next term and I hope everybody has a wonderful Christmas and new year.

**Admiral Class** have been continuing their English sessions with the class reading of Fantastic Mr Fox. In Maths we completed a tally chart of the number of cars that drove past the school. On our community visit we went to Lidl to buy the ingredients that we needed for our Christmas cookies and great fun was had by all taking part in the Christmas performance. The children enjoyed seeing all the goodies and games at the Christmas Fair and even met Santa! It's certainly been a busy week!

**Emperor Class** have been enjoying the build up to Christmas; a couple of them writing Christmas-themed stories. They enjoyed participating in the Christmas Show and were happy to help some of the younger children in the school. The 'Christmas Baguette' project in our class cafe was a great success. It was a much more complex process than we thought, yet they rose to the challenge. The maturity they demonstrated at the Christmas Show and the improvement in their self-help skills show just how much progress they are making through the year. They've earned a holiday!



## Stars of the Week

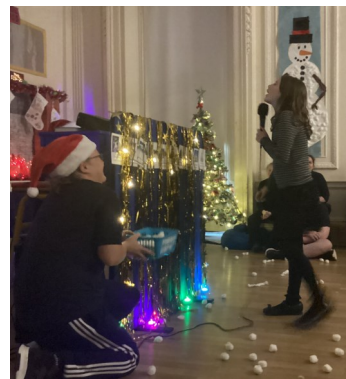
Our "Stars" this week are:

Woodland	Neveah for "good writing this week."
Meadow	Joseph for "singing and dancing beautifully in the Christmas show."
Peacock	Logan for "an amazing week, taking part in the Christmas show and brilliant horse riding this term."

## Photo Gallery



*Secondary meet and greet for the Christmas Show!*



*Christmas Celebrations!*



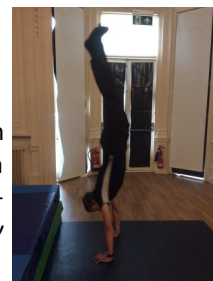
## Birthdays

There were no birthdays this week.



## Therapy

A huge congratulations to Dawid for achieving his OT target for this half term. Dawid wanted to build strength and learn how to do a handstand and hold it independently. This week Dawid achieved this target by holding a handstand for 2 seconds with no support or leaning against a wall. Well done Dawid, you showed great determination and perseverance. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist and Tabitha Garnett, Occupational Therapy Assistant Practitioner.*



Well done to Cassius for great participation in this weeks Attention Autism Session and engaging in some lovely social interactions with a chosen peer. It was lovely to watch. *Lily Prince, Therapy Team Assistant.*

## Important Dates

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> December		Children's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Mufti Day (donations to Crisis)
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	Last day of term. <b>School finishes at 2pm.</b>
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.30am	First day of Spring Term

## Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"The show was amazing!  
Thank you to all of you who  
worked extremely hard with  
all of our children."

*Meadow Class Parent*

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# THE GREATEST SNOWMAN





# CHRISTMAS FAIR

