



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1
Friday 26th January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we celebrated our first ever 'Papillon Music Day'. It was very special to be part of this and see so many of our children and young people so enthusiastic about joining in playing instruments, listening to music, and taking turns in assemblies and in class sessions. All children had the opportunity to listen to the harp being played in assembly then come and have a turn. All classes also chose either a drumming workshop or recorder lesson in their class, and some opted for both! A special thank you this week to Freddie in Swallowtail Class who did a fabulous job litter picking in the grounds. You really did a fantastic job! Well done, Freddie!

Primary Department News

Woodland Class have had a super fun week! Music day on Monday was fantastic and the children absolutely loved listening to Carol (Miss Katie's mum) playing the harp during assembly, and some of the children were delighted to have a turn! Carol then came to Woodland Class to deliver a music session where everyone had the opportunity to play the drums to Carol's rhythm. We had lots of fun cooking savoury muffins and Kuba said they were very yummy and wanted to have some more! We also had the opportunity to go out for a morning trip to Chessington Garden Centre to see the wildlife and have a snack in the café, where all children sat beautifully, and even the adults managed to have a hot drink!

Meadow Class loved music day and especially loved listening to the harp in assembly. In the classroom the children enjoyed playing different instruments. They worked hard in maths and loved Akademi dance. It was lovely to have Anusha back in the classroom. The children also enjoyed a visit to the garden centre and horse riding.

Peacock Class have been learning about Greta Thunberg and her activism efforts. Some of them have been learning about measuring length and weight in maths and some have been using visuals such as PECs symbols to request sensory materials and communicate about colours. They also loved our music day on Monday and Zachary has enjoyed playing the recorder.

Reminders and Requests

Head lice — we have had a case of head lice in Primary this week. Please could you check your child's hair and treat this before they return to school on Monday if necessary. Thank you.

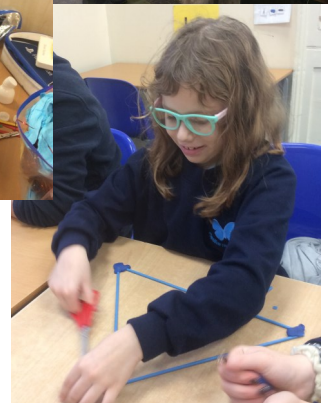
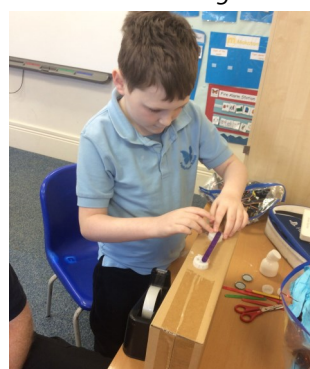
Photo Gallery



Celebrating birthdays and music day in Woodland.



Horse riding and making robots



Trying out the recorder



Weighing different objects

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class enjoyed our first ever Papillon music day and enjoyed a range of activities such as drumming with Katie's mum, guessing the instrument by its sound and listening to a range of music from different cultures and countries around the world. On Monday afternoon, we celebrated Sarah's birthday, enjoyed giving her gifts and had a party snack. We enjoyed a trip to B&Q on Tuesday and Wing Yip in Croydon yesterday where we looked at the different food items they sell (and enjoyed choosing a few to try). We have also continued working towards our ASDAN and PSHE Jigsaw units, learning about different world issues and how we can help make a difference.

Monarch Class have had a lovely week and were all very glad the weather is finally warming up! This week Monarch Class have worked extremely hard on budgeting, each learner was given a budget and asked to research some items that they would like to buy. This was a fantastic and highly engaging activity and the class worked hard to stay within the budget and showed excellent abilities to use a calculator. Swimming continues to be successful and a special shout out for Louis who is working extremely hard to swim a full width! This week we also had the pleasure of welcoming Katie's Mum to the school who gave the class a mesmerizing drumming and recorder lesson!

Admiral Class celebrated music from around the world this week and looked at how different countries create music and the instruments that are used. Admiral Class enjoyed expressing themselves using recorders and enjoyed playing on a harp in assembly. We have continued with our class reading of 'James and the Giant Peach'. In our ASDAN lesson we discussed our own interests and interests of our peers to see what we have in common. In cooking we are making quesadillas and the class went to a local supermarket to buy the items that we needed. In our weekly dance lesson we enjoyed learning about the 'Lindy Hop'. It's been a busy week!

Emperor Class played a fun game in Science where the children had to reach into a bag and find an object and describe it using the properties of the object (eg: rough, smooth) but not to mention the material which proved quite difficult! Yara made mango burfi for Café (an Indian sweet dessert) which was enjoyed by staff. Emperor also visited Banstead library to exchange their books for some new reading books.



Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

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| Woodland | Jamie for "having a really good week and accessing all activities." |
| Meadow | Aahil for "working hard in maths and taking part in Akademi Dance this week." |
| Peacock | Benjamin for "doing brilliantly on Music Day especially playing the drum and harp." |

Photo Gallery



Party time in Swallowtail



Drumming and art work in Monarch



ASDAN work and music science in Admiral



Music Day



Keeping fit at the gym

Birthdays

Jamie celebrated his birthday this week and received a toy car.

Joke of the Week from Zachary!

What do you call a fake noodle?

An impasta!



Therapy

Well done to Tegan for persevering with her headphones to listen to regulating music and for fantastic work in the sensory diet and 1:1 OT sessions this week.

Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Jamie for fantastic singing in class! Well done Jamie! Jamie will be invited to join my Head Teacher's tea party!



Important Dates

Diary Dates

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

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
Thursday	7th March	All day	World Book 'Dress-up' Day

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"That's really beautiful!"

Gabriel (Monarch) listening to the harp in assembly.

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