



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1
Friday 2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

There has been lots to celebrate across the school this week, including some fabulous achievements. Well done to Freddie for initiating his own sponsored 5000 steps per day for "Save the Manatees". We look forward to hearing about your progress over the coming weeks. Also, well done to Zachary for carrying out regular recycling collections across the school. Zachary has been monitoring how many "naughties" he finds in everyone's recycling bins!

Education and therapy staff completed their TacPac training this week, which allows us to run official Tac Pac sessions at Papillon. We are excited to roll out sessions to pupils across the school. Tac Pac is a half-hour sensory communication session using music, touch and movement, promoting sensory alignment.

Primary Department News

Woodland Class made cupcakes during their cooking session this week and the children decorated them with icing sugar and a robot decoration. Woodland class had an amazing topic session making catapults to explore the use of 'levers'. Everyone loved projecting pom-poms with their catapults – such a fun activity! The children also had the opportunity to explore the way cogs work, as well as practice their fine motor skills using an electric drill and a screwdriver toy. All children loved this session and took turns with the resources. On Thursday, Woodland Class had a beautiful cycling session in the sun – all children wore their helmets and went round the cycling track for half hour non-stop!

Meadow Class have had a wonderful week. They enjoyed a lovely trip to Leigh Park earlier in the week with Swallowtail Class, worked really hard in science exploring magnets and completed some amazing writing. We also enjoyed a great horse riding session too!

Peacock Class have been continuing their work on Greta Thunberg this week and her impact on the Earth. They have also been carrying out questionnaires for the school based on favourite Easter eggs. We enjoyed swimming at Dorking Leisure Centre and also visited Knights Garden centre in Betchworth.

Reminders and Requests

A reminder to all parents that we finish for the February half term break next Friday 9th February at 3pm and return on Wednesday 21st February. School is **closed to all pupils** on 19th and 20th February for staff INSET training.

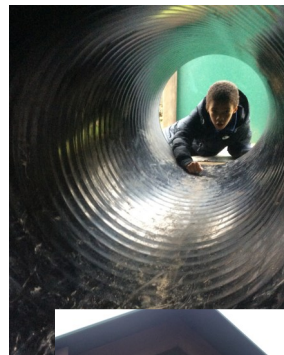
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Exploring phonics, cogs and levers in Woodland.



Primary birthday party for Sabrina this week



Primary have been very active outside this week!



Easter Egg Questionnaires



Peacock visit the Garden Centre

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class enjoyed a trip to Leigh Park on Tuesday and had great fun making yoga poses in PE. The children enjoyed making omelettes with onion, cheese and tomato in the life skills room for our cooking this week. In PSHE, some of us looked online for inclusive playground equipment whilst others took part in activities to raise awareness for different global issues. Some of the children enjoyed our first trip to King George's track for cycling on Thursday before making model dragon boats using clay in our making session to celebrate the 'Chinese Dragon Boat' festival.

Monarch Class have had a lovely penultimate week of the half term. Our Kaleidoscope pupils have engaged fantastically with their sessions, most notably Tac Pac, where learners can independently get themselves prepared, and in some cases carry out the Tac-Pac on themselves! Monarch Class have engaged in some fantastic independent research projects with Louis and Archie choosing to research buses, and Tegan exploring the wonderful buildings in Croydon. We are all looking forward to our final week of term.

Admiral Class have continued with our money snack, working out the correct change. We went shopping for our flapjack cooking ingredients and looked at time (both digital and analogue formats) in maths. In our English lessons we have been recalling and writing our weekend news and working on letter formation. For our outdoor learning lesson we created a "spider web" where we used a ball of wool to ask and answer questions to find out what we have in common. When we liked the same thing, the wool would then be passed to a peer making a spider web!

Emperor Class have really shown their increasing independence in the life skills room. Most are now able to make 'Supernoodles' independently. Some are working on scrambled eggs on toast and Yara made a very impressive non-alcoholic Tiramisu! This sold really well in the class run café and adults said it was the best dessert she has made yet. Yara works really hard at researching desserts from around the world, writing out the ingredients and listing step by step instructions. The pupils are also reading their books they chose from the library.

Please see information at the end of this newsletter for any of our students aged 16 plus who would like to attend a local disco organised by Orchard Hill College. Please note that we have not attended this previously and therefore cannot endorse this as a school. The leaflet is for information sharing purposes only.

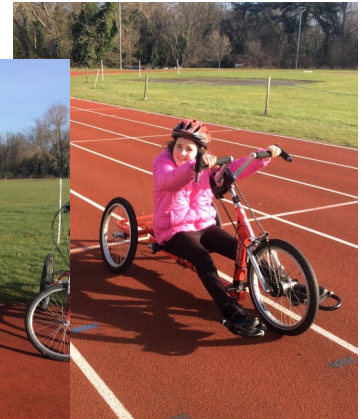
Stars of the Week

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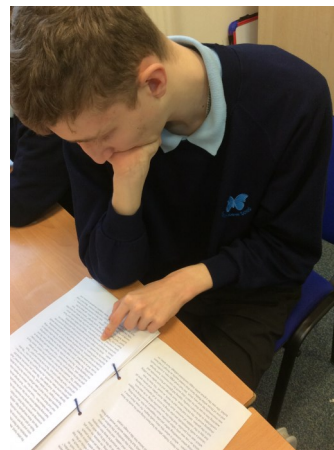
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| Woodland | Neveah for "amazing cycling and to Jamie for wearing his cycling helmet." |
| Meadow | Joseph for "happily joining in with more class activities." |
| Peacock | Bailey for "having a great week and enjoying our trip to the garden centre on Thursday." |



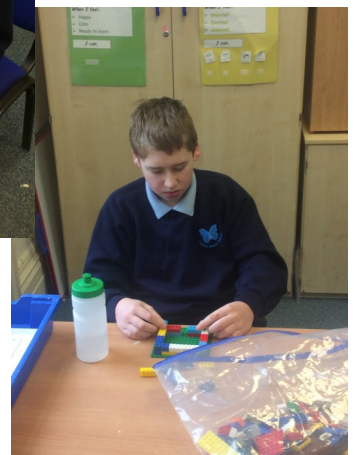
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Swallowtail cycling in the sunshine!



Enjoying James and the Giant Peach



Practising using our fine motor skills



Story massage in Kaleidoscope

Birthdays

Sabrina celebrated her birthday this week and celebrated with a 'Primary Party' on Monday. She received a gift card, chocolates, Squishmallow, Dairy Lea Dunkers, raspberries and an adult beverage!



Student Council

This term in student council we were finding out who would like pancakes for pudding on the last day of this half-term to celebrate Pancake Day. The student reps did really well, bringing the results of their surveys to the meeting and sharing the results with us.

In the Primary department we found out that 10 students are keen to have pancakes and the most popular topping was chocolate spread. In the secondary department 20 students were keen to have pancakes and the most popular topping was also chocolate spread! We will be passing on the information to Nina and Rachel so they are ready with their pancakes next Friday!

Next half-term it will be time to choose new students reps. Thank you to Tiana (Woodland), Joseph (Meadow), Logan (Peacock), Gabrieli (Swallowtail), Gabriel (Monarch), Sienna (Admiral) and James (Emperor) for doing such a fantastic job this year.

Heather Dilks-Hopper — Head of Therapy



Therapy

Joshua did really well in his Sensory Story group this week. He enjoyed exploring the hot and cold items and was able to say which felt hot and which felt cold. Great work Joshua! *Clare Brown, Speech and Language Therapist*

Well done to Mila, Alfie and Gabrielius for engaging really well in their 'Food is Fun' session this week. *Fran Bryne, Occupational Therapist*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher Award is awarded to LJ for amazing horse riding and following instructions. LJ will be invited to my party next week!



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 Chinese New Year.

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
Monday	18th March	AM	Primary Cinema Trip
Monday	25th March	AM	Secondary Cinema Trip

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"I am not short, I am fun size!"

***Alfie (Swallowtail class)
during his therapy session.***

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Club House

Tickets £6

one carer per ticket for free

Thursday 8th February
and

Thursday 21st March

7pm-10pm

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