



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 2
Friday 22nd March 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of term, everybody is beginning to wind down and enjoy Easter themed activities. We are all looking forward to a special visit next week from the Easter Bunny!

A special thank you this week to Yara in Emperor Class from Alex L for the delicious Orange Chicken Noodle dish that she prepared for herself, Anne and Alex this week. Yara is becoming a fabulous cook, she researches her own recipes and follows these independently to create some wonderful dishes. Alex and Anne said that this week her flavours were particularly fantastic. She shows a lot of skill and flare in the kitchen. Well done Yara!

Just a reminder that we finish for the Easter holidays on Thursday 28th March at 2pm and return for the Summer Term on Monday 15th April.

Primary Department News

Woodland Class loved going to the cinema and the supermarket this week! The children had a great time watching 'Migration'. This week's focus was matching numerals to quantities using Numicon. In cooking we made delicious sheep cupcakes topped up with icing and mini marshmallows. We have continued learning about animals and their young, and enjoyed making bees, ducks and sheep out of paper. The children explored wet and dry foods in our sensory exploration session, putting them in different containers and using the tweezers if they did not want to touch some of the foods.

Meadow Class loved the cinema on Monday, and all sat beautifully for the film. The children have all worked hard in maths and enjoyed cooking flapjacks. They were great at mixing all the ingredients together. The children also enjoyed a visit to Chessington Garden Centre and went horse riding.

Peacock Class have been creating David Attenborough-style documentaries about wildlife they can see in the school grounds. In our maths sessions the children have also been touching different temperatures of liquids, discussing differences of warm and cold

temperatures and thinking about different objects that are hot and cold. Additionally, all of the children loved our trip to Omniplex cinema on Monday.



Primary cinema trip to Omniplex Cinema

Reminders and Requests

We have been informed of a suspected case of hand, foot and mouth disease in Primary. Hand, foot and mouth is a common childhood illness that can also affect adults. It usually gets better on its own in 7 to 10 days but please keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell. For more information please visit the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

Thank you to the Secondary parents who have returned their tennis consent form. **Please can these be returned to us by next Thursday 28th March.** A copy of the form is attached.

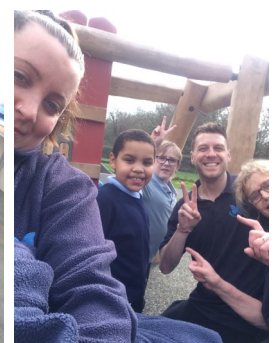


Sensory exploration session

Photo Gallery



Birthday celebrations and making in Meadow



Papillon Park Selfie!

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class enjoyed a trip to Lidl in Leatherhead this week to buy ingredients to make chocolate Easter nests. We conducted an experiment growing cress in different places both with/without water to learn about which conditions it needs to be able to grow. We also enjoyed exploring our outdoor space and chose different natural resources to make a natural weaved picture frame.

Monarch Class began the week with a wonderful trip to Southwater Country Park, exploring the fantastic facilities that the park has to offer. The class should also be very proud of themselves for some of the beautiful pieces of writing they have completed, concluding our in-depth look at the risks of being exploited by strangers.

Admiral Class have enjoyed completing the class display board and it looks great! In outdoor learning we explored how to create leaf rubbings. We finished our class reading book of 'James and the Giant Peach' this week and also spent time reflecting back at all we have achieved this half-term. It was lovely sharing and reminiscing over all our photos. This week we went to Tesco to buy our cooking ingredients to make Easter nests and completed our cress diaries for our topic work. It was good to see how much the cress had grown. Admiral Class fed the school chickens and spoke to Anne about how to care for them.

Emperor Class update from Thomas: Henry brought in his new Star Wars Light Sabre and it was amazing. I was doing poses with the light sabre. In the pictures below I am posing as a Jedi knight and as Obi-Wan-Kanobi. And I did enjoy it.
Thomas - Emperor Class.

Emperor also enjoyed a visit to the Ecology Centre in Carshalton which links well to our topic on Wildlife. We enjoyed spending time looking around the centre and listening to the beautiful birdsong.



Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Woodland whole class for "an amazing cinema trip."

Meadow Joseph for "an amazing trip to the cinema and fantastic maths this week."

Peacock Aiden for "doing well at swimming."



Photo Gallery

Music and self portraits in Monarch



Thinking about how we grow cress.



Admiral Class looking after the chickens

Birthdays



Mia celebrated her birthday this week and received a 'Squishmallow'.

Student Council

This term we have some new reps joining us for Student Council.

Our new Secondary Reps are: Freddie (Swallowtail), Louis (Monarch), Michael (Admiral), Yara (Emperor).

Our new Primary Reps are: Ariya & Kuba (Woodland), Mia & Jack (Meadow), Zachary (Peacock)

This half-term we were discussing some good questions to ask new staff who come for interview. Secondary came up with some great questions to ask including whether they are a fun person and whether they know about autism. They also felt it was helpful for staff to understand challenging behaviour. One of the reps suggested we set applicants a task and observe how well they can do it. We also discussed what new staff need to know about Papillon and one of the reps said "that we are the most welcoming autistic school in the UK!"

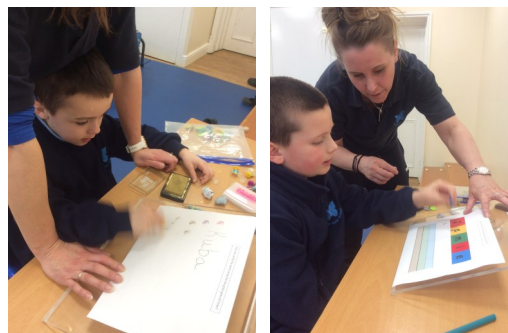
Primary student reps had to choose between important and unimportant questions to ask potential new staff. They were very good at knowing the difference, for example "Do you like working with children?" was an important question and "what size are your feet?" was an unimportant question. One of the reps had their own suggestion that we should ask whether they like playing tag, so we know they will be ready for playground duty!

The reps will meet again in the Summer term.

Heather Dilks-Hopper
Head of Therapy

Therapy

Well done to Woodland Class for participating well in their occupational therapy groups this week. They all worked hard to complete fun fine motor tasks and have explored new gross motor activities, moving their bodies in different ways to keep focussed. *Claire Messom—OT Lead*



IMPORTANT DATES

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over the last week of term. The theme for assembly next week is 'Easter'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	25th March	AM	Secondary Cinema Trip
Wednesday	27th March		Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny
Thursday	28th March	2pm	Spring Term Ends
Monday	15th April	9.30am	Start of Summer Term

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"If I had a genie I'd wish to stay at school forever!"

Zachary (Peacock class)

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