



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1
Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Emperor Class took part in a questionnaire this week about their time at Papillon. It was lovely to hear their fond memories and things they have enjoyed, mostly community visits, being taught how to read, school events and being looked after and listened to by our staff. One pupil even remembered being taught how to paint in Caterpillar Class! This is part of an ongoing project which involves gathering the views of pupils, parents, staff and representatives from the autistic community, to inform our developing curriculum at Papillon. Thank you to Emperor Class for their input today!

Primary Department News

Woodland Class went for a lovely sunny walk at Headley Heath on Monday and all children enjoyed going horse riding and then playing in the field on Thursday. We have been learning about different minibeasts and their habitats this week, and took part in creative activities including cheerio worms and bug hotels which they really enjoyed making! The children also got their aprons on for cooking and made some snail shape bread rolls with a filling of their choosing. We have been enjoying some sensory writing during English sessions, with some focusing on the letter and sound 'L', and others on 'Z' and we also watched the short film 'Float' for Autism Awareness Week.

Meadow Class children have been working hard on their writing and have produced some lovely work. We had a fun trip to the garden centre to look at fruit trees and vegetable plants and also spent time around the grounds to see the different flowers and we talked about the similarities and differences that we could see. We all went cycling this week and cycled for the full 45 minutes!

Peacock Class have been busy continuing their topic around 'Healthy Me' and have been brushing their teeth and completing personal care all week. They also visited Banstead library on Tuesday to find books on healthy eating and Aiden and Zachary spoke to the librarian to ask how to search for books. Peacock Class have also been learning lots about 'Autism Acceptance Week' and have taken part in some topic and attention circle activities based on this. Lastly, Peacock Class made hummus and tzatziki on Wednesday with Izzy and thoroughly enjoyed this cooking session, and some brought the dips to the school office for members of staff to try! Delicious!



Visiting Banstead Library



Tasting our delicious dips!



Reminders and Requests

Just a reminder that school will be **closed on Monday 6th** for the May bank holiday.

If you have any **unwanted children's DVDs** at home that you would be able to donate to Papillon for our "DVD Library", please send these into school. Thank you!

Photo Gallery



Topic and food activities in Woodland



Visiting Headley Heath



Meadow enjoying a 'flower hunt' and creating some art work

Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class had lots of fun at tennis on Monday, practising our back swings. We did some fantastic swimming on Tuesday and enjoyed an attention circle to celebrate Autism Acceptance Week on Wednesday. For our topic work Swallowtail made some fantastic mini fruit crumble pies and have done lots of lovely making activities celebrating our favourite things. We also enjoyed a trip to Ashted Park Garden Centre to choose some seeds to plant in our garden plots.

Monarch Class have had a very busy week thinking about our topic of 'Independent Travel'. The children had a visit from Madelaine from GWR who shared a session with the children all about safety on trains and we drew on that knowledge today on our trip from Dorking to Guildford! Monarch had a great time and improved their independence skills making sensible decisions and following instructions. Kaleidoscope have also been busy making delicious quiches in their cooking session, making all the staff feel very hungry!

Admiral Class have been learning about forces this week, discovering and experimenting with different materials to see if we can manipulate certain objects using only our hands. We have also been celebrating Autism Acceptance Week, taking part in class work and learning about why we are proud to be autistic. In our outdoor lessons we have been making stick figures to represent people from the community. Admiral enjoyed a short film in our school assembly about an autistic man and how he communicates by typing onto a computer. We also enjoyed a visit to Ashted Garden Centre and found out what role the staff hold and what their role entailed on a day to day basis.

Emperor Class began their week with an enjoyable visit to the Ebbisham Sports Centre for their tennis lesson. This new opportunity is proving to be a great success for them and for the other secondary classes who share the experience. They've also been out in the grounds, tending to the garden. As their culinary skills in Class Cafe have been developing and they are beginning to explore more exotic dishes, they may be able to grow some of their ingredients here, in school and they are starting with some rosemary. Growing their own herbs, for example, will fit in more comfortably with the school year rather than the horticultural year and will make the whole enterprise more economical. With the promise of summer ahead, we are starting to think about our whole-day excursions and overnight stays and the students are getting very excited about the prospect.

Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

Woodland— Kuba for "good listening on our walk to Headley Heath."

Meadow— Jack for "working hard with his writing and remembering to use finger spaces."

Peacock— Zachary for "independent cycling."



Photo Gallery



Topic and sensory activities in Swallowtail



Naming part of the face



Having fun in soft play



Birthdays

Alex (teacher in Peacock Class) celebrated his birthday on Tuesday and received a Disney throw, teacher pens, chocolates and a giraffe lunch bag.

Therapy

Gabriel had a great interaction session with his friends this week. He asked a friend to play the game he had chosen and then took turns with them to build a tower and knock it down. Great work Gabriel!

This week's Makaton star is Jamie, who guessed the Mystery sign 'sing'. Well done, Jamie! *Clare Brown, Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Joseph for an amazing improvement with his handwriting.



IMPORTANT DATES

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over the new Summer Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	6th May	School closed	Bank holiday
Friday	17th May	All day	Emperor Class train trip
Monday	20th May	am	Year 8 immunisation team visiting
Wednesday	22nd May	All day	Whole school trip to Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Friday	24th May	3.00pm	End of Summer Term 1
Monday	10th June	9.30am	Start of Summer Term 2
Monday	1st July	pm	Primary Sports Day
Wednesday	3rd July	pm	Secondary Sports Day
Monday	8th July	am	School Photographer—class and whole school photos
Monday	8th July	pm	Parents' Evening (apart from Woodland Class)
Thursday	11th July	am	Year 9 immunisation team visiting
Monday	15th July	pm	Woodland Class Parents' Evening
Monday	22nd July	5-8pm	Family BBQ

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"You're going to have a lot of fun and don't talk to strangers!"

Dawid (Emperor Class) when asked what he'd tell a younger pupil at Papillon.

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