



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 4th October 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all of our families and staff who sent in donations for our Harvest Assemblies this week. The children enjoyed learning about Harvest Festival and the donations made a wonderful representation of giving thanks for all that we have. Next week some children will be going out on the minibus to take the donations to the food bank at the church. I very much look forward to seeing you at our Parents' Evening next Monday. We will have some second hand uniform that has kindly been donated to us by parents and we will be putting this out for parents to take, should you need any.

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** had a lovely trip to ASDA at the beginning of the week. Unfortunately, on Thursday, cycling was cancelled so the children enjoyed a trip to the local park with Peacock Class instead. It was lovely to see some of the older children helping the little ones. Caterpillar Class are all attending well to the different attention circles and, with support, have been taking turns when we play games like 'It's Raining on You' and 'Marble Run'. The children have also made their family tree for our display board.

**Meadow Class** had their turn at showing their fantastic colour making activities in assembly and were very proud! The children have been working on turn-taking with their peers and loved our turn-taking phonics game where they had to read the words on a piece of 'cheese' before feeding it into the mouse's mouth! They also took turns during our science activity where they needed to find and pair the connected objects. During our Jigsaw session Meadow Class have been learning about pride, and they each got an individual 'proud ticket' for something they do well.

**Peacock Class** went to Asda this week to buy ingredients for our cookery lesson on Monday. We learnt place values of objects in 10's and 1's and made them into numbers. We started to plant our cress in class and are recording the different growing stages in our plant diaries. We can't wait to see how they grow! Peacock Class made delicious fruit kebabs with different kinds of fresh fruits for our snack time and also learnt how important sleeping is for both humans and animals. Did you know that humans must sleep for about 6-8 hours a day while giraffes only need around thirty minutes each day?!



## Reminders & Requests

Our **school photographer** will be in next Monday to take individual photographs of all our children and young people. Please can you ensure your child is in full uniform. Thank you.

Freddie (Monarch Class) is running a **garden enterprise** and has perennial pots available for sale at £3 per pot which will be on sale at Parents' Evening next Monday. (Cash only please.) Proceeds from the enterprise project will be re-invested into future gardening projects.

## Photo Gallery

Attention circles



Fun in the park

Laminating our 'proud tickets'

Being proud of our work



Yummy fruit kebabs!



Counting in 10's and 1's

Dancing with Anusha



Matching objects

## Secondary Department News

**Swallowtail Class** have been working on some self portraits in their making sessions, using mirrors to draw themselves within a border. Additionally, the class have been learning about poetry in their English lessons as well as numbers to 100 in words or building structures using blocks in maths. They loved their swimming session on Tuesday where William got changed into his swimming kit for the first time and enjoyed getting wet with his friends! Well done William! Primary Kaleidoscope Group went to Norbury Park in Leatherhead this week and enjoyed the sensory trail, seeing the cows and squelching in the mud!

**Monarch Class** enjoyed listening to music from the past this week, learning how music has changed over the years. They did some lovely making on Tuesday and created microphones for our class display board. On Wednesday the children worked really hard in their cooking sessions and made delicious quiches, and yesterday Monarch Class went to Dorking Library to look for books on our class topic. We finished off our busy week with some fantastic phonics work and enjoyed looking at our pictures from the week during reflection time.

**Admiral Class** have enjoyed tennis this week where we learnt how to serve the ball. In this week's assembly we celebrated Harvest Festival and why it is important to be thankful. Admiral Class completed some fantastic creative writing where the learners had to make up a story about a picture they were given. We also enjoyed a trip to Squires Garden Centre in Reigate to look for bird food for the winter. The children made backgrounds for our stop motion films and we also had a thoughtful discussion in PSHE about what sort of personal information can be shared online.

**Emperor Class** crafted Autumn and Halloween decorations this week, made bird feeders for the garden as well as whipping up our delicious Thai curry and chocolate brownies for café! We also enjoyed a trip to the garden centre where we bought compost and admired the festive light displays. On top of that, the Emperor students have been hard at work preparing for the opening of their Tuck Shop, creating posters and surveying staff to find out which products they'd like to see on sale. From Yara, "I enjoyed my time with Caterpillar Class children in their playtime. I hope they enjoyed it too!"

## Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Tristan for "attending beautifully to different attention circles throughout the week."
- Meadow** Kuba for "good listening and participating in his first Lego session."
- Peacock** Mia for "being a very good friend supporting Caterpillar Class at the park."
- Swallowtail** Logan for "a fantastic trip to Norbury Park with the Kaleidoscope Group."



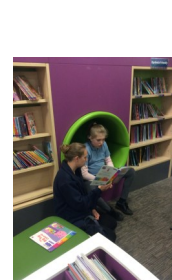
## Photo Gallery



Swallowtail enjoying cooking



Primary Kaleidoscope trip to Norbury Park



Fun times in Monarch!

Visit to Dorking Library

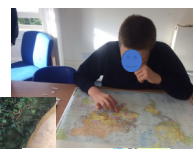
### Safety online



Matching shapes



Feeling thankful in our Harvest Festival



Our world



Visiting the garden centre



## Birthdays

Kuba celebrated his birthday this week and received a Lego Minecraft set and a card from the class.

## Therapy

Well done to Amberley for great participation in OT and PE this week. Amberley particularly likes using the platform swing and coloured hoops, she also enjoys rolling upside down on the peanut ball.

*Claire Messom, Senior Occupational Therapist.*

Well done to Joshua for fantastic work in this mornings sensory circuit. Joshua engaged well, completing his individualised circuit with help from the therapy assistants. Joshua appeared to really enjoy himself.

*Clara Boxall, Occupational Therapy Assistant and Lilian Prince, Therapy Team Assistant*

## Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Kuba for playing nicely with all his friends in the playground. Well done Kuba!



## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over this Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. Next week's assembly theme is 'World Space Week'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> October	am	Individual school photographs
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> October	3.00pm	End of half term
Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2
Wednesday	4th December	am	Caterpillar & Meadow Class visit to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday	11th December	am	Peacock & Swallowtail Class visit to Bocketts Farm

### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

**"This is amazing!"**

**Aidan P (Meadow Class) describing his lunch to our catering staff.**

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Focus, Surrey are a local charity who provide a safe and enjoyable experiences for children and young people and their families. For more information on their upcoming Halloween SEN disco please visit <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/focus-surrey-saturday-club/t-dvqxkre>

