



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday 11th October 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was lovely to welcome so many parents/guardians at Parents' Evening and I received a lot of positive feedback from staff and parents who enjoyed meeting with the team and sharing their children's achievements so far this term. Also this week, staff enjoyed a delicious cake and a well-deserved cuppa yesterday to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised well over £110 and still counting! This money will help support people living with cancer. Thank you to all staff for raising a fantastic amount for a great cause.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class enjoyed splashing in puddles on our walk at Headley Heath and went cycling. There were geese on the track which caused a slight distraction, but they all seemed to enjoy it. The children have attended to attention circles about body parts (arms, hands, legs, feet etc) and enjoyed watching the cornflour drip sensory activity.

Meadow Class went to Ashted Park Garden Centre to look at Halloween (and Christmas!) decorations and sat at the café for a piece of cake. Meadow Class really enjoyed looking at different materials and their properties during a science session, and baked some savoury muffins for cooking. Some children in Meadow have been playing chasing games in the playground with their peers and it has been so much fun! The children also enjoyed turning all the lights off in soft play, using our new torches to look around and play hide and seek! We have been talking about consequences this week for our Jigsaw session, and learnt about the 'ee' sound during English as we played a 'feed the cheese to the mouse' game!

Peacock Class went to Ashted Garden Centre on Monday for our community visit and enjoyed seeing the beginning of the Christmas decorations. In our maths lesson we learnt how to partition numbers to 100 and writing numbers in words. Peacock Class are very pleased that our cress has grown taller this week and we wrote in our 'cress diary' in our English lessons. We are hoping to make some cress salad next week! Peacock Class made delicious pizza muffins with different healthy foods for our snack time and took some home too. The children learnt how the digestive system works in the human body and discovered that a can of soft drink can contain more than 10 teaspoons of sugar! It is much better for us to get the sugar from natural foods.

Reminders & Requests

Next Friday 18th October is **Halloween mufti day**. All children and young people are welcome to wear Halloween-inspired clothes if they would like.

A gentle reminder that all **Cauliflower card orders** and original artwork needs to be returned to school by next Friday, 18th October. Please ensure this is done to avoid any delays in printing your child's/young person's Christmas cards. Thank you!

Please can we ask that all children and young people have a **named PE kit** in school to include a white t-shirt, black/grey/navy PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms, and plimsoles (Primary) and trainers (Secondary).

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class have thoroughly enjoyed 'World Space Week' themed activities this week and some have done some solar system work, including Bailey who loved making a 3D model of the solar system. They have also enjoyed thinking about what they would like to do when they get older for their topic of "All About Me". Additionally, the whole class loved a trip to Redhill Memorial Park on Friday and had a great time playing in the sunshine with their friends, we went swimming on Tuesday, and shopping at LIDL in Epsom. It's been a busy week!

Monarch Class have had a busy week! Freddie did very well selling his pots for his ongoing gardening project, thank you to all that bought a plant at our Parents' Evening on Monday. Monarch Class enjoyed a trip to Garsons Farm on Wednesday to enjoy the 'pumpkin parade'. All the children were amazing! The children made puff-pastry pizzas in cooking this week and they told us they were "yummy!" In class we all enjoyed an attention circle for our PSHE session.

Admiral Class have been continuing with their 'all about me' writing for the class display board. This week we have had a few community visits to Tesco and ASDA to buy cooking ingredients to make our puff pastry pizzas. In this week's assembly we learnt about how the planet is heating up and what effect this has on our environment and how this impacts on what it means for the animals.

Emperor Class has been diving deeper into their studies of Buddhism during World Views this week in preparation for our upcoming trip to a Buddhist temple. They crafted some beautiful Lotus flowers, which now adorn our Buddhism corner in the classroom. In science, the students have been working hard learning to categorise living organisms using Venn diagrams. We also had a great time on our shopping trip to Lidl, where we gathered ingredients for our café and party food to celebrate two birthdays this week!

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Stars of the Week



Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Logan for "following instructions during making, and for sitting and attending during our attention circles."

Meadow Cruz for "taking part in Kaleidoscope group and enjoying it all!"

Peacock Jack for "great independent maths work."

Swallowtail William for "cooking a delicious wrap on Thursday."

Birthdays

Gemma (SNA in Swallowtail Class) celebrated her birthday this week and received a gift card, chocolates and adult beverages! Swallowtail celebrated with a party for her in class.



Therapy

Well done to Gabriel for great engagement and participation in his joint Occupational Therapy and Speech and Language Therapy session this week. Gabriel participated in emotions work and had fun exploring the objects used for the regulating TACPAC inspired session. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist* and *Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Amberley for fantastic joining in with all sessions with her friends in class.



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 'Black History Month'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	18 th October	All day	Halloween Mufti Dress-up Day
Friday	18 th October	3.00pm	End of half term
Monday	4 th November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2
Tuesday	12 th November	All day	Odd Socks Day
Friday	15 th November	All day	Children in Need Mufti Day
Wednesday	4 th December	am	Caterpillar & Meadow Class visit to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday	11 th December	am	Peacock & Swallowtail Class visit to Bocketts Farm

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Excellent!"

Joshua (Admiral Class) during his Tacpac inspired session.

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