



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been getting into the festive spirit at Papillon this week with a visit from Head 2 Head theatre company. They performed Rumpelstiltskin to all of Primary and Secondary. Thank you to Alex Merrett (Primary Lead) for organising this, and to Mrs Hutton for funding this special treat! The actors were fantastic, extremely engaging and encouraged everyone to join in. The audience participation from Papillon pupils (and staff!) was excellent!

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** enjoyed a lovely trip to Chessington Garden Centre this week and spent time looking at the animals and seeing the Christmas decorations and lights. We then sat at the café for our snack. The children were amazing, and we are very proud of them! In the classroom they painted a snowman and participated in sensory journey. We were lucky to go to Asda and buy our cooking ingredients to make snowman kebabs.

**Meadow Class** introduced our autumn and winter weather topic for the week. Children decorated a bare tree for autumn and winter using paint for leaves and oats for snow. We went to Knights Garden Centre on Monday to have a look at the Christmas decorations and have a snack at the café. Meadow Class have been learning about bullying in our Jigsaw PSHE and took part in a little role play activity where they had to share tea at a tea party. The children were very good at taking turns to make their individual hot chocolate during cooking. Children enjoyed going horse riding despite the cold weather this week and had a fun music session with the Boomwhacker tubes. Meadow Class had a great time at the pantomime today and loved taking turn using all the props!

**Peacock Class** marked Children in Need on Monday with an assembly and we found that there are many different children that need help around us. Peacock Class had a lot of fun in our sensory stories, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Gruffalo". We also made some magic snow using magic snow power and water and created a magnificent snowman! In our Science lesson, we carried out some experiments and found that gravity is like a kind of glue around the Earth to keep everything stuck on the Earth, just we cannot see it. We also found that heavy things always fall faster than light things when they fall at the same time and same height. Amazing!



## Reminders & Requests

Could you please check your child's hair for **head lice** as we have had cases in Primary this week. If your child does have head lice, please treat this before they return to school on Monday. Thank you.

Thursday 12th December is our **Christmas Jumper Day!** All children and young people are welcome to wear festive clothes on this day. Please could we ask for a minimum £2 donation which will go directly to Save the Children. Attached with this newsletter is a sponsor form with information on how monies raised is used to support children around the world. Please feel free to collect further sponsorship money from family and friends!

## Photo Gallery



Visit to Chessington Garden Centre



Making hot chocolate



Garden centre visit



Circle time



A very hungry caterpillar



Lots of certificates!

**Swallowtail Class** have been continuing their learning about Christmas and “Twas the Night before Christmas” by thinking about their favourite Christmas dinner foods and writing their letters to Father Christmas. Additionally, Primary Kaleidoscope went on a trip to Gatwick Tesco on Wednesday and enjoyed looking at the Christmas decorations. Zachary and Aiden had a fabulous trip to ASDA Burgh Heath to take the recycling to the recycling centre as well as the shop afterwards to buy ingredients for cooking this week. The class made “Christmas fudge” in cooking this week and enjoyed squishing the bags which had the ingredients in.

### Secondary Department News

**Monarch Class** have been very busy and completed lots of fantastic work this week. They did some lovely topic work for Road Safety Awareness week on Monday and had a lovely swimming session on Tuesday. In our cooking sessions, we have started to explore and make different 'trimmings' that go with a Christmas dinner. This week the children made Yorkshire puddings and roasted carrots (drizzled with just a bit of low fat oil). On Thursday, we enjoyed a trip to Tadworth village to take part in a Christmas letter trail. Today, we really enjoyed having the pantomime visit school and the children loved their performance of Rumpelstiltskin, many of them joining in with the songs.

**Admiral Class** have continued with their White Rose Maths and this week we have been recognising missing numbers in a number line. In ASDAN, the learners had to find a range of different items and translate them into a different language. The class enjoyed making gingerbread men in cooking and today we had a great time at the pantomime watching Head 2 Head theatre perform Rumpelstiltskin. We also enjoyed our P.E session where we went to Walton on the Hill to use the outdoor space to practice our football skills.

**Emperor Class** had a fantastic week exploring their "Launching a Show" topic. They've been singing, dancing, and creating written pieces about various performers you might see. As part of our Enterprise project, Emperor students have been making some 'Hot Chocolate Reindeer Cones' which they will be selling to staff. The week wrapped up on a high note with a fantastic pantomime performance at the school that was very entertaining!

### Photo Gallery



Making Christmas fudge



Maths Rose maths



Anyone for football?!



Making 'hot chocolate reindeer cones'

### Stars of the Week



Our “Stars” this week are:

- Caterpillar** Tristan for “building towers and knocking them down when working cooperatively with an adult during maths.”
- Meadow** Kuba for “completing some amazing maths and phonics work.”
- Peacock** Aahil for “comprehensive reading.”
- Swallowtail** William for “amazing making this week.”



### Birthdays

Amberley celebrated her birthday this week and received some sensory toys and loved celebrating with her friends in Caterpillar Class.



# Papillon House Panto!



## Therapy

Well done to Meadow and Peacock Classes on great work and progress in their gross and fine motor skills groups this week. Everyone worked hard on core and shoulder strength as well as developing their functional fine motor skills, such as fastening and unfastening buttons and letter formation in multisensory tasks. *Lilian Prince, Therapy Assistant and Clara Boxall, OT Assistant.*

Well done to Caterpillar Class for showing determination and strength when using the PE equipment to explore movement and to challenge their balance and motor planning skills. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves. *Charlene Hooper, PE Lead and Clara Boxall, OT Assistant*

## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place over this Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme next week is the Christmas performance.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	4 <sup>th</sup> December	am	Caterpillar & Meadow Class visit to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	am	Peacock & Swallowtail Class visit to Bocketts Farm
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	All day	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> December		Primary Nativity Assembly & Children's Christmas lunch
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Christmas Performance
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> December	1.30pm	Children's Christmas Fair
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	2pm	End of Autumn Term—children finish at <b>2pm</b>

## Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Aidan for working very hard in using his knife and fork at lunchtimes.



### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

**"I had a really good time and enjoyed the music!"**  
**James C (Emperor Class)**  
**visiting a potential new college.**

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