



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 29th November 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Rehearsals have begun at Papillon in preparation for our Christmas performance. Classes started to practice songs, prep costumes and design their artwork for this occasion. I will be sending out a letter next week with a reply slip so that we know how many mince pies Emperor Class pupils need to prepare for the day! If your child is in secondary, you will be informed if they are taking part and invited along also.

Reminders & Requests

A reminder please to 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 plimsols (Primary) and trainers (Secondary).

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class enjoyed singing different number rhymes in maths and have been looking at different objects that start with the letter 'K' in phonics. They children played different turn-taking games which included 'Oh! Look it's Snowing on You!' and 'Choose a Hat and Put It On!' Caterpillar Class liked exploring the sensory toys and listening to the music in sensory journey. We had a lovely trip to Squires Garden Centre where the children liked looking at all the Christmas decorations, especially the gingerbread man that flew over our heads!

Meadow Class have been practising their Christmas show song this week, and have taken part in topic activities to learn about Advent and The Nativity. They made Christingles and coloured Christmas pictures using chubby markers, coloured pens and paint. Meadow Class enjoyed listening to a Nativity book and playing with the knitted characters. They also decorated some mini paper bags for our class advent calendar using Christmas stamps. The children bought some flowers in ASDA and made a card for Mrs Hutton to say thank you for a lovely pantomime show. This week we have introduced the mathematical concepts of 'greater than' and 'less than' and despite the challenge, the children really enjoyed playing an interactive white-board game. During cooking we made chocolate rice crispies Christmas puddings. The children are very good at being patient with melting the chocolate!

Peacock Class went to Asda on Monday to buy cocoa powders for making our hot chocolate drinks in our cooking lesson on Wednesday. On Thursday, we made our plan for how to decorate our classroom and we went to Poundland in Redhill to choose the materials needed. In our Science lesson, we have learnt what 'solid', 'liquid' and 'gas' are, and experimented making 'tricky slime' to see what happens if we mix a solid and liquid together. Finally, we found that 'matter' is everything that surrounds us and that both solid and liquid have their size and weight while only solid has its shape. Science is so funny!

Photo Gallery



Leaf printing



It's snowing on you!



Choose a hat and put it on!

Making Christmas decorations



Decorating baubles



Cooking session



Morning work



Making twinkling breadsticks

Photo Gallery

Swallowtail Class have been continuing to practise their part in the Christmas show with Anusha and Peacock Class this week. They also loved visiting Poundland in Leatherhead on Wednesday afternoon, and were very mature walking around the shop looking at the Christmas presents. Additionally, the class enjoyed cooking and decorating some tree decoration biscuits in cooking and making on Thursday. We start our new class advent calendar this Friday, I wonder who will be opening our first door?

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class are getting in to the festive spirit and enjoyed practicing our songs for the Christmas show in assembly. On Tuesday, they did some lovely making, and started making birds for our 'Twelve Days of Christmas' display board. Continuing with the Christmas theme, we made pigs in blankets and swede and carrot mash on Wednesday and on Thursday we went to Dorking High Street to find some golden paper to make our golden tickets! Today, the children did some lovely football in P.E. and enjoyed reflection this afternoon.

Admiral Class have spent some time outdoor learning and preparing the garden for winter. The pupils continued with their topic work designing costumes that actors would wear. In assembly we have been practicing for the Christmas show ready for the upcoming performance. Admiral Class went to Tesco to buy cookie ingredients that were needed for today's cooking. We also went to Leatherhead to look at the theatre and the foyer.

Emperor Class has had an exciting week preparing for our Christmas show, creating decorations, and exploring the solar system—this week we were learning about the sun and its crucial role in supporting life on Earth. We've also been having fun enhancing our tennis skills at Ebbisham Tennis Club. Additionally, we had a wonderful trip to Chessington Garden Centre, where we had a great time admiring their impressive festive displays and enjoying delicious snacks at their café.

Visit to Poundland



Decorating biscuits



Attention circle



Shopping in Dorking



Topic work in Monarch

Checking out in Tesco



Admiral visit
Leatherhead Theatre

Chessington Garden visit



Anyone for tennis?!



Stars of the Week



Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Jaxson for "happily participating in different activities in class and around the school."

Meadow Tiana for "trying different snacks."

Peacock Joseph for "good performance in class."

Swallowtail Logan for "fantastic PE and football skills this term."

Birthdays

Una (Peacock Class SNA) celebrated her birthday this week and received a pretty scarf and some lovely flowers. The class celebrated with a party and enjoyed some cake, balloons and dancing!



Therapy

Well done to Nevaeh for participating in her joint Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy session, showing lots of shared enjoyment and frequently commenting on what she was doing, including “I am swinging” when using the platform swing. *Jessica Mason, Speech & Language Therapist and Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

Well done to Kuba and Jack for great participation in their paired Lego therapy session, sharing the space positively to work together and taking turns. *Deborah Amirize, Speech and Language Therapy Assistant.*



Enjoying today's PE/OT session

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

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"It's Emperor Class helping Caterpillar Class!"

Michael (Emperor Class) supporting the youngest children at lunch time.

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