



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 6th December 2024



Dear Parents/Guardians,
Rehearsals for our Christmas show, 'A Wonka Christmas' have been in full swing. A letter was sent home this week to parents whose children are participating in the show. Please return the slip to school indicating if you are able to attend, how many seats you require and if you plan to take your child/young person home after the show. I look forward to seeing you all then to celebrate together.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class went on a trip to Asda and bought our cooking ingredients to make reindeer sandwiches. All the children had a go at making their sandwich, which was lovely to see. On Wednesday we went to see Father Christmas at Bocketts Farm. The children were great, and we are very proud of them. They all enjoyed choosing their toy in the toy shop at the end with their magic coin from Father Christmas. They learnt about the letter 'e' and enjoyed making our reindeer craft.

Meadow Class have been learning the lyrics to our song in preparation for the Christmas show, and have got our advent calendar up and running. At the end of the day, one pupil gets to choose a treat from the sweet box! On Tuesday, the children enjoyed making little Father Christmas's in Keith's session following his model. During Science we looked at objects and had fun making coconut barfi balls, although some of us decided to make sausages instead! We all had an amazing time at Bocketts Farm, enjoyed going on the Santa Express, listening to the elves deciding if the adults should go on the naughty or the good list, meeting Father Christmas and choosing a toy from the workshop! On Friday we had our last session and said goodbye to our lovely Julie from Boogie Beat – we will miss her (and Giggles the monkey) lots!

Peacock Class have been busy preparing for Christmas and decorating our classroom. We have made candy canes and Christmas wreaths by using recycling materials. We wrote our Christmas wishes to Santa Claus in our English lessons and hope our wishes will come true! We made our own snow globes in our Science lesson and found that the snow in the globe falls every time when we turn them up-side-down. We knew the reason for this is because of 'gravity' which is what keeps us on the ground and what makes things fall. Anything that has mass also has gravity. Objects with more mass have more gravity. How amazing it is!

Reminders & Requests

Next 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 if you would like to collect further sponsorship money from family and friends!

Our Papillon **Christmas Fair** will take place on Thursday 19th December. If you have any donations of toys or books that are in a good condition could you please send these in to us. We will also have a cake stall, if you are able to donate any nut-free cakes please could these be brought in on the 18th. Thank you. All children and young people are asked to bring in a donation of £2 (minimum) on the 19th to attend the fair where they will meet Father Christmas and his friends, make choices from the various stalls and play the festive games. All donations will go to our chosen charity, Crisis.

Photo Gallery



Caterpillar enjoying their trip to Bocketts Farm



Making coconut barfi balls



Making candy canes



Letters to Santa



Saying goodbye to Julie and 'Giggles'

Swallowtail Class continued their learning about 'Twas the Night before Christmas' this week and some of the class have been completing some writing based on this poem as well as making their pages look like old scripts by using tea bags to darken the paper. Additionally, Logan and William enjoyed making a Christingle in cooking this week and the class enjoyed a trip to Dorking on Wednesday where we visited The Works to buy some Christmas crafts and Waitrose to take the recycling to the recycling bins.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class enjoyed PSHE on Monday and continued practising Christmas songs in assembly. Monarch Class had a fantastic swim session this week and their swimming skills are really improving. The children enjoyed their cooking session on Wednesday, trying some new Christmas dinner 'trimmings' including roast potatoes, red cabbage and Brussel sprouts! Yesterday, we enjoyed a trip out on the bus to Leatherhead town centre to buy some Christmas decorations for the classroom. It's looking rather festive! The children displayed some fantastic football skills in P.E. and enjoyed a snowman themed attention circle.

Admiral Class have been working very hard in our Christmas preparation preparing props for our Christmas show during our making sessions and learning our dance for the upcoming show. To continue the festive spirit we made some mince pies in our cooking sessions that tasted very nice! Admiral Class enjoyed a trip to Leatherhead this week to visit some of the shops and see if we could spot some signs of Christmas. It's looking quite festive! We have continued to work hard in our White Rose math lessons learning about place value, partitioning and finding missing numbers. We are now coming to the end of this terms topic work, completing our research on theatres. The pupils have enjoyed their PE sessions and continue to improve on their ball skills.

Emperor Class has had a wonderful week filled with festive activities as we approach Christmas. We've been busy experimenting with recipes in preparation for managing the refreshments at the Christmas show. Additionally, we enjoyed a delightful trip to Leatherhead High Street, where the students explored the shops and picked out surprise gifts for their family members. Our Enterprise Café was a success this week, with the students working hard to prepare 27 baguette orders, and Yara made some scrumptious chocolate truffles!

Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Nevaeh for "working cooperatively with adults and persevering with her cutting skills."
- Meadow** Cruz for "using his whiteboard and pen to communicate with adults."
- Peacock** Jack for "his focus and good performance in the Maths lesson."
- Swallowtail** Zachary for "managing his emotions independently and doing some lovely writing this week."



Photo Gallery



Recycling!



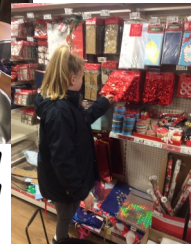
Visit to The Works



Class work



Feeling festive in Monarch



Matching pictures in maths



Festive baking in Emperor



Birthdays

Cristina (Teacher in Meadow Class) celebrated her birthday this week and received a bee keyring, bath salts, tea-light holder, kit-kat chocolate and Christmas tree decorations all from her favourite shop!

Therapy

LJ has shown lots of progress in his 1:1 OT sessions this week. LJ has demonstrated good listening to follow simple instructions and accepted support to problem solve when engaging in new tasks and activities. Well done LJ. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Jaxson for participating in all activities and communicating his preferences.



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	11 th December	am	Peacock & Swallowtail Class visit to Bocketts Farm
Thursday	12 th December	All day	'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day
Monday	16 th December		Primary Nativity Assembly & Children's Christmas lunch
Wednesday	18 th December	1.30pm	Christmas Performance of 'A Wonka Christmas'
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'

"Go!"

Tristan (Caterpillar Class) during attention circle playing 'Ready, Steady' with a wind up toy!

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