



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 24th January 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We continue to celebrate our achievements at Papillon House and we always aspire to try new things. Well done to Tristan who made a choice between two peers in morning circle for the first time this week. Well done also to Bailey who made a burger for the first time and also tried the lettuce! Tegan tasted pretzels for the first time ever and really liked them. Well done to you all for having a go!

Sadly we said goodbye to Bonnie (Peacock Class teacher) who leaves us today. We would like to say a big 'Papillon thank you' for her help and support and wish her all the very best.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class all enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and made pigs for our display. They made sandwiches with the ingredients we bought from Lidl and enjoyed exploring Wing Yip in Croydon to find fortune cookies. In phonics we have been learning about the letter 'b'. We enjoyed another fun but chilly horse riding session at the RDA where the children continue to build their confidence.

Meadow Class visited Lidl on Tuesday afternoon and bought the ingredients for cooking, where we made ham sandwiches in the shape of animals. In art, we made pig sties with Keith, using lots of interesting textures and had fun making lots of mess! In maths, we've been working hard on sorting numbers and finding 'one more than' with larger numbers. The children engaged in dance, stretching and relaxing. We made colourful tractors using lolly sticks for our class display and at the beginning of the week, celebrated Izzy's birthday with a little party. We also celebrated Jamie's birthday last week and enjoyed lots of delicious treats. Thank you to Jamie's mum for providing the party food!

Peacock Class continued watching the news roundup every morning to explore what is happening in the world. We watched a news segment about the reasons for the increasing price of chocolate and found that many cocoa trees were not growing well due to the lack of rain. The weather is changing in the world, and we learnt this is due to 'climate change'. This led to discussions on the importance of protecting our environment, including recycling. Peacock Class visited Banstead Library on Wednesday and had great fun using the magic table. We played some puzzle games on the magic table and enjoyed looking at some books. Finally, we had a lovely cooking lesson and made robots snacks using raisins, bread, cucumber, cream cheese, radish and blueberries!

Reminders & Requests

Please could 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).

If your child is going to be **absent** due to illness, please can you notify the office (either by phone or email) as early as possible. Thank you.

Photo Gallery



Three Little Pigs



Getting confident at horse riding



Birthday celebrations in Meadow



Fun at swimming



Sensory table at Banstead Library

Photo Gallery

Swallowtail Class have been busy in class this week but also enjoyed some off-site visits too. On Monday we visited Pets at Home in Waddon and saw lots of animals including fish, rabbits and a very thirsty hamster! Swallowtail Class enjoyed cooking noodles and beansprouts in their cooking session and enjoyed tasting their Chinese food. On Wednesday we visited Banstead Library where we had a quiet reading session and time on the sensory table. The children looked at lots of different books and read them on the journey back! The boys had a great badminton session in PE today and played against our staff members Keiran and Chris.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class have enjoyed extending their knowledge on foods from around the world this week, 'visiting' America where the children enjoyed making burgers and chips from scratch, adding their favourite extras such as cheese and ketchup. In our tasting snack session, a few of our children tried pretzels for the first time and they all loved them! Monarch Class enjoyed making foods and different vegetables using art materials this week, including tacos, ramen, and corn on the cobs. We also had fun with various messy attention circles related to our termly topic.

Admiral Class have been learning about how we can take responsibility for our own actions in our Jigsaw PSHE session this week. The pupils came up with some fantastic ideas. We also had a great discussion in science about fossils, thinking about how they are formed and the amount of time it takes. We visited Dorking Leisure Centre for our physical activity to continue to improve on our swimming skills, and our confidence in the water builds each week. In ASDAN some learners were exploring different smells and tastes and we finished the week reflecting back over our week focussing on what went well and what we could have been done differently.

Emperor Class kicked things off this week with a trip to the David Weir gym and café, where everyone had a great time. In school, we conducted a survey to find out which dish staff would prefer to see served in the café: carbonara pasta or chicken pesto pasta. The results were clear, with chicken pesto pasta emerging as the favourite. We also baked a delicious Peach Cobbler for dessert which went down really well. In the classroom, we've been having some conversations about the future, particularly focusing on what lies beyond Papillon. The students have been reflecting on their aspirations and imagining where they see themselves in a few years' time.

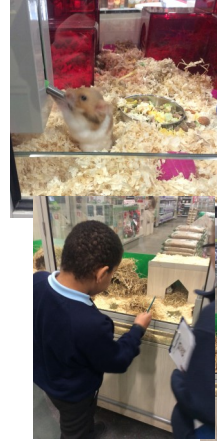
Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Shelbie for "happily accessing different offsite community visits and physical activities."
- Meadow** Tiana for "fantastic independent maths work."
- Peacock** Jack for "fantastic participation in swimming."
- Swallowtail** William for "great engagement using the magic table in Banstead Library."



We loved the thirsty hamster!



Cooking Chinese



Visiting Pets at Home



Making Tacos



Paint splatting



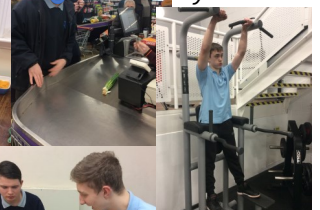
Exploring different tastes and smells in Admiral.

Shopping trip

Cooking session



Gym session



Games in Emperor



Birthdays

Jamie (*Meadow Class*) celebrated his birthday and received some dinosaur cars.

Sarah E (*TSA in Caterpillar Class*) celebrated her birthday and received some socks, drinks and a café voucher.

Izzy Y (*SNA in Meadow Class*) celebrated her birthday and received a colouring book, a mug and some art resources.

Therapy

Well done Tristian on a brilliant speech and language therapy session. He loved the penguin game and touched a symbol to ask for more.

Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist

Well done Jamie for engaging in his first paired social interaction session. He was able to make choices and engage in people-based games throughout. *Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist.*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to all of Meadow Class for being brilliant with their new teachers.



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place during the Spring Term 2025. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is 'Chinese New Year'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	14th February	3.00pm	End of half term
Monday	24th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday	25th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Thursday	6th March	All day	World Book 'Dress-up' Day
Wednesday	30th April	pm	Secondary Transition Fair

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"I've had a very mischievous day today!"

Michael - Emperor Class

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