



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 31st January 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we welcomed two new staff members to Papillon; Pat Porter who is our new teacher in Peacock Class and Dan Hall (Special Needs Assistant) who will be based in Swallowtail Class. We wish them all the very best in their new roles.

This week also saw the first of our school council meetings this term with Primary and Secondary pupils meeting with lead staff, representing and contributing to the 'pupil voice' in our school. The children and young people shared their thoughtful suggestions and ideas with the group, and these ideas will be considered with the management team. Well done to all the school council representatives for thinking of positive ideas which will benefit all at Papillon.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class have had another fabulous week! They made diggers in making and used the diggers to knock down towers during a topic attention circle. On our community visit, we visited Pets at Home and bought some straw for our display boards. In maths we split into two groups, one group matched numbers to the correct number of objects and the other group sang number songs. Caterpillar Class enjoyed phonics this week where we explored objects beginning with f and in English we focussed on our fine motor skills.

Meadow Class enjoyed visiting Pets at Home in Redhill on Tuesday, where they saw a range of little animals. In art, they enjoyed making a pond for our farm display and small colourful fish using eggboxes and tissue paper, and of course, vibrant paint colours. We have been working hard on our phonics and looked at scenarios of kind and unkind behaviours in PSHE. The children have enjoyed our use of puppets in maths which supported their learning. On Wednesday, we made chicken salad sandwiches and tried hard to develop our skills of cutting and spreading.

Peacock Class all did a fantastic job this week welcoming their new teacher Pat who joins us on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The children spent time in class with Pat, playing games and taking part in activities. The children have coped very well with the changes and participated enthusiastically with all their work this week. We had a lovely trip to Foodland in Redhill on Wednesday where the children enjoyed the different smells and seeing the different types of food. In English we started reading Wall-E which links to our topic of Robots and Machines and we continued working on our White Rose Maths work.

Reminders & Requests

A little reminder to all parents that we finish for the **half term break** on Friday 14th February. We have two planned INSET training days on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February where school will be closed to all pupils. Children and young people return on Wednesday 26th February.

Photo Gallery

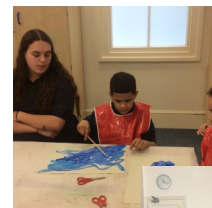
Messy play



*Visiting
Pets at
Home*



*Making
diggers!*



*Display art
work*



*Maths work in
Meadow Class*



Trip to Foodland



Photo Gallery

Swallowtail Class have been continuing their work on Chinese Festivals, focusing on Chinese lanterns. They have been going on a number of visits this week to enhance their learning about the topic as a whole including to Foodland in Redhill to buy some Asian food, Pets at Home Epsom to see the Chinese zodiac animals (rabbit, dog, cat, rat etc) and Krispy Kreme donuts to try Lunar New Year donuts! They also enjoyed their first tennis session on Monday with Callum. Additionally, the class enjoyed celebrating their topic with a Chinese New Year party on Friday where they could try prawn crackers and fortune cookies.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class has continued with foods from around the world this week they have enjoyed learning about China and the Chinese cuisine. They made special fried rice in cooking and enjoyed fortune cookies and prawn crackers for their tasting snack. Some of Monarch Class have been learning about money in maths and enjoyed spending coins to match the value of chosen items. In ICT, Monarch Class are learning about online safety and the importance of this.

Admiral Class visited ASDA to buy our cooking ingredients and use the self-service tills this week. Other learners have enjoyed a trip to Chessington Garden Centre to see how different animals are cared for. This week we have been focussing on our back stroke in our swimming session and we continue to see improvements each week. In P.E we have been learning how to serve the shuttlecock using an underarm serve. Admiral Class have been writing about what we think a friend is and how we should act towards our friends. The class came up with some very thoughtful suggestions. In our Jigsaw session we have been discussing peer pressure and how to say no if we do not want to do something.

Emperor Class have been exploring future careers and the skills required for various jobs. We've also been talking about the students' current work experience, including volunteering in a charity shop, washing cars, and assisting Martin with maintenance around the school, while discussing the skills each job requires. We had a lovely trip to the garden centre on Thursday to purchase vegetable seeds for our garden. We plan to grow vegetables that can be used in our cooking sessions for the café. It's a great way to connect our gardening work with real-life skills!

Stars of the Week



Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Logan for "following instructions and completing his matching numbers maths work."
- Meadow** Aidan for "completing all his morning work. An amazing job!"
- Peacock** L J for "accepting new staff changes."
- Swallowtail** Zachary for "taking part in tennis this week and trying really hard with his batting and throwing."

Tennis session



Birthday party time!

Monarch library session



Learning our maths

Snack time at Chessington



Maths work in Admiral

Emperor Class visit the garden centre



Birthdays

William celebrated his birthday this week and received some sensory toys, kinetic sand, bubbles and a special birthday card.



Therapy

Well done to Tristan for his progress in Occupational Therapy! He is putting in great effort to explore new ways of using equipment, and it's wonderful to see the anticipation on his face during sessions. *Catherine Hauvette, Occupational Therapist*

Well done to Dawid for a brilliant first Speech and Language Therapy group session. He gave some great ideas and participated well with group discussions". *Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist & Lily Prince, Therapy Assistant*

Well done to Logan P for participating exceptionally well in his 1:1 OT session and sensory diet sessions this week. Logan had lots of fun using the frog swing and the inflatable 'walrus' cushion, exploring different ways of moving and following simple instructions. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Tristan who made a choice between two peers in morning circle for the first time this week!



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 'Safer Internet Day'.

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.
Wednesday	26th February	9.30am	Start of Spring Term 2
Thursday	6th March	All day	World Book 'Dress-up' Day
Wednesday	30th April	pm	Secondary Transition Fair

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

**"I loved trying prawn crackers
and rice for Chinese New Year!
And I got a fortune cookie!"**

Jenny - Monarch Class

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Student Council

Primary

Primary Student Council was a great success again this half term. The reps, their adults, Lily and Alex M met in the meeting room on Monday and discussed favourite new clubs that the children would like as part of their primary department playtimes. The results were varied; however we discovered that bubble club was still a firm favourite as well as some newer clubs such as making club and robotics club which were both potential good ideas too! Alex looks forward to passing the results to the teachers and getting a timetable sorted for the children next week to enjoy these new and exciting clubs!

We also said a big “thank you and well done” to all of our primary reps for their input for this half of the year and each rep received a special certificate!

Secondary

There was a discussion around certificates being given to Secondary students, and whether they liked them. A student shared that getting a certificate can make you feel better about yourself. The adults asked student representatives what certificate style they preferred out of the three currently being used by primary and all chose the Headteachers Award certificate style. It was also agreed that Secondary would prefer an A5 size certificate. A suggestion was made that this would be better as you wouldn't have to fold it to put it in your bag.

When asked about what the reward could be for achieving the Headteachers Award they were shown a sheet of visuals including tea party, board games, snack and chat, certificate, prize, and video games. All representatives liked the idea of a video game time and if this was not possible then the board game time. **Student ideas:** Students shared ideas of games to play. Mario Kart, Mario Party and Sonic for video games, and Taco-Goat-Cheese-Pizza, Uno, and Dobble for board games. For a prize, Thomas suggested either Transformers or Lego. Thomas brought another idea to student council, asking for the playground to have cover from the rain. Others agreed with him and suggested using the gazebos that are used in the summer. Well done to Freddie, Archie, and Thomas for a productive Secondary Student Council meeting!

Stagecoach Performing Arts are offering fully funded places solely for children in the Surrey area, with SEN during the February half term 17th-21st of February 10-3pm daily in the local area.

Please see information below if you would like to register:

Dates: Monday 17th of February - Friday 21st of February 2025

Times: 10-3pm daily

What age group: 6-15 years - split into age appropriate classes

Who can register: Any child of appropriate age, with an SEN in the Surrey LEA

What's it all about: At Stagecoach Staines we pride ourselves in offering a nurturing and caring environment where every child gets the chance to shine and thrive. We offer classes in Drama, Dance and Singing and this particular week, will be for children solely with an SEN profile.

Cost: There is no cost to the parent as the place is funded by Surrey County Council

Where to register: Please visit <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/staines>

Availability: Places are very limited so please visit the website and enrol for the SEN workshop.

If I have any questions, who do I contact: Please contact the Principal Natasha on 07802-800633

Will the staff have specialist SEN training and have enhanced DBS: Absolutely! We will also have a higher teacher to student ratio.

My child has never done Stagecoach before, can they still participate: Absolutely

Will you provide lunch: No, please provide snacks and lunch for your child avoiding nuts.

Can you cater for children that need support with the use of the bathroom: Unfortunately not

Can you cater for children that can only work with 1-2-1 support: We can support children in small groups and if they need the occasional 1-2-1 support that is fine. If your child can only operate with 1-2-1 care, then it would not be possible, happy to discuss further.

Is transport covered also: No, you will be responsible for getting your child to and from the holiday camp