



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 2 - Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was a pleasure to welcome back all of our pupils on Wednesday after the half term break. All Papillon staff received their Team Teach training/reaccreditation over the two Inset training days which helps support all our children and young people in our care. *“Team Teach is an accredited, award-winning provider of positive behaviour management training, equipping individuals and teams in a variety of settings to deal with challenging situations and behaviours in ways that lead to desirable outcomes and positive relationships at work or in daily life.”*

This week we have given a warm Papillon welcome to two new staff members, Monika (SaLT assistant) and Chrissy (SNA). Both have already settled in well, spending time across different classes getting to know our children, young people and staff.

We are looking forward to starting our new topics across the school for the second half of the Spring Term. A full overview of this term’s learning will be in next week’s newsletter.

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** have been very lucky this week and have celebrated two birthdays! We had parties, enjoyed cake and sang happy birthday to our friends. We went to Priory Park and had a fabulous time. The children enjoyed exploring and going on the different equipment. In our cooking session the children followed simple instructions and made sandwiches using either jam or cheese as a filling.

**Meadow Class** enjoyed returning to the cycling track after the half term break and are improving their skills using different types of bikes. In music, the children have started to learn about the piano and keyboard, finding the notes ‘C,D,E’ and trying out their own creative ideas! The children made hot chocolate during our cooking session on Wednesday and also have enjoyed dance and relaxing time. Meadow Class have been learning how to construct simple sentences with colourful semantics.

**Peacock Class** enjoyed looking at our new topic on ‘Wild Animals’ that we are looking forward to learning all about. On Wednesday we went to Knights Garden Centre where we saw their two resident cats and also searched for wild animal garden statues! In English we played a game on a PowerPoint, looking through binoculars to guess the wild animals and then wrote a sentence to describe the animal they had chosen. The children made muffin pizzas in our cooking session and all choose their own topping. They were delicious!

## Class Topics—Spring Term 2

**Caterpillar Class** – Tell Me an Animal Story

**Meadow Class** – Toys and Puppets

**Peacock Class** – Wild Animals

**Swallowtail Class** – Scouting

**Monarch Class** – Spring Celebrations

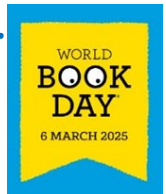
**Admiral Class** – Famous Personalities and Me

**Emperor Class** – Nurturing Nature



## Reminders & Requests

Papillon House will be celebrating **World Book Day** next week with lots of special activities planned throughout the week. To celebrate this occasion, all children and young people will have the opportunity to come dressed as their favourite book character next **Thursday, 6th March**. Please contact the office if you require further information.



## Photo Gallery



Park fun!

Birthday celebrations



Cycling in the sunshine



Garden Centre visit

## Photo Gallery

**Swallowtail Class** started their new topic of 'Scouting' and enjoyed a visit to Knights Garden Centre in Betchworth to look at the camping equipment such as mini BBQs, gas cylinders and cooking tools. Additionally, the class have learnt about some different Scouting badges and have looked at an old Cub and Beaver uniform (that were Alex's) and had a guess at what some different badges were for. They also designed and made their own badges in Making this week. Primary Kaleidoscope enjoyed a trip to IKEA where they explored the different sections, and even found some tents! Just a gentle reminder to all parents and carers that we do need PE kits sent in for this term please. Thank you.



Visiting Knights Garden Centre



Story writing

## Secondary Department News

**Monarch Class** have all returned to Papillon very happy and we will be looking at Spring Celebrations as our new topic. We have started our topic decorating plant pots ready for planting for our spring flowers. We celebrated Freddie becoming a teenager with a party. He received Pokémon cards for his birthday present and had a good time celebrating with his friends from various classes. We have continued our White Rose Maths Scheme and enjoyed a game of badminton in PE.

First chicken egg of the year!



Birthday celebrations

ICT work

**Admiral Class** have enjoyed sharing what they have been up to in the half term break and spent some time in class writing about their experiences and what they enjoyed the most. Some learners went to ASDA to buy cooking ingredients for our cooking session where we made delicious pancakes in celebration of Shrove Tuesday next week. Admiral Class have been planning our new class display board and have started to make the backing paper for the class display on our new half-term topic of 'Famous Personalities and Me'. In Science this week we discussed soil, why it is so important to us, and also the importance of soil to the environment. Admiral Class have also continued work on their ASDAN curriculum.

Our café cashier!



Our trip to Mercedes Benz World

**Emperor Class** have had a busy and enjoyable first three days back at school after the break. On Thursday, the students worked really hard to prepare 21 portions of 'bangers and mash' with onion gravy for cafe - there were a lot of potatoes to peel! On Friday we joined Admiral Class for a trip to Mercedes World where we got to sit in some amazing supercars, watch some cars driving around the tracks and try out a Reaction Challenge. We were lucky that it was such a beautiful sunny day allowing us to sit in the sun for our snack.

## Stars of the Week



Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Logan for "following simple instructions to make his own sandwich during cooking."
- Meadow** Aahil for "a positive trip to Knights Garden Centre."
- Peacock** Kuba for "great sharing and patience during the class music session."
- Swallowtail** Bailey for "having a great day on Thursday enjoying cycling, making, PSHE and helping his friends."

## Birthdays



Logan P celebrated his birthday this week and received a magnetic colour sorter.

Tristan celebrated his birthday this week and received a wooden number stack toy.

Taryn (*SNA in Caterpillar Class*) celebrated her birthday and received flowers, cream soda, a nail bar voucher and some yummy treats!

# Therapy

Well done to William for a fantastic first 1:1 OT session today in the small hall. William explored lots of different pieces of equipment and loved using the platform swing. There were lots of smiles and laughing throughout the session and lots of fun had by everyone.

*Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist and Clara Boxall, Occupational Therapy Assistant.*

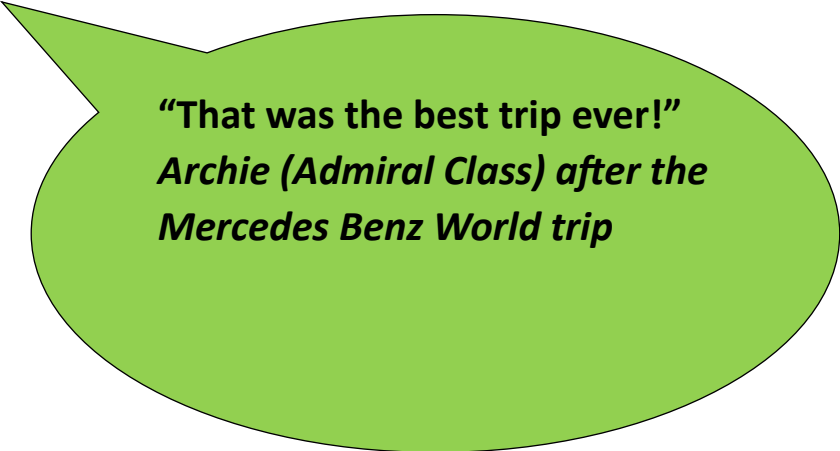
## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place during the Spring Term 2 2025. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is the Jigsaw launch of 'Healthy Me'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	6th March	All day	World Book 'Dress-up' Day
Wednesday	12th March	All day	Admiral, Monarch and Swallowtail visit to Sayers Croft
Friday	21st March	All day	Comic Relief Red Nose Mufti Day
Wednesday	26th March	am	Primary cinema trip
Wednesday	2nd April	am	Secondary cinema trip
Friday	4th April		Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny
Friday	4th April	2pm	Spring Term Ends
Tuesday	22nd April	9.30am	Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday	30th April	pm	Secondary Transition Fair
Friday	23rd May	3pm	End of half term

### Papillon 'Quote of the Week'



**"That was the best trip ever!"  
Archie (Admiral Class) after the  
Mercedes Benz World trip**

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