



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 2- Friday 14th March 2025



FRIDAY 21 MARCH

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The children in Admiral, Monarch and Swallowtail all got to experience some of the activities at the amazing Sayers Croft. It was a highlight of the year so far for both children and adults! They got to experience some fun and challenging activities, the highlight (and the challenge for many) being the stream walk! The pupils walked down steps to a stream and started to walk through some thick mud! The stream got deeper, and when the children saw that the water was going above the top of their wellies they could make a choice to either turn around and go back through the mud or continue with the adventure! Those that continued had branches, rocks and a small water fall to navigate whilst others cheered on from the banks. They had lunch in the busy canteen, which the children all coped with very well. In the afternoon they experienced the Roundhouse, and once their eyes accustomed to the darkness they could see the shields, armour and paintings on the wall. Pupils took turns to make sparks with a flint and steel, and once they were confident they took turns to light a fire. All left tired and happy, it was a fun and unique experience and we can't wait to go back! A special "thank you" to Anne (Deputy Head) who arranged this fabulous day!

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** had a lovely trip to Jubilee Woodlands in Tadworth this week. The children were busy exploring the area and it was lovely to see them all so engaged. In cooking we made butterflies out of fruit and they all persevered with cutting the fruit themselves. Our topic for Science this half term is 'let it flow'. We sang 'There is a Hole in My Bucket' and we have all enjoyed water play. Our book focus this week is 'Owl Babies'. They listened well to the story and made owls in our making session. In Maths, one group has been counting actions and the other have been learning some new number songs.

**Meadow Class** have been enjoying our topic of 'Toys and Puppets!' During English, the children loved listening to our story 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and spent some time creating our own lost toy poster. We made some rockets with Keith this week, they look amazing on our topic board! We also made some sensory bags using hair gel, glitter and beads. We even added some pictures of our favourite cartoon characters. In PSHE we read 'If You Find A Rock' and discussed what makes things special to us, and enjoyed creating our own special rock. In cooking this week we decorated some gingerbread men biscuits, they were delicious! The children continue to enjoy our weekly trip to cycling and look forward to returning next week.

**Peacock Class** have been learning about healthy foods in both PSHE and ASDAN this week, thinking about the impact this has on our health. In Maths we have been carrying on with our White Rose Scheme, and in English we are reading 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea' as our topic book, thinking about the story and completing some work related to this. We had a very good swim on Tuesday at Dorking and continue to build on our skills to improve our swimming technique. We have been making crocodiles in our making session to put on our wild animal display board, and in cooking we made delicious cheese twists!

## Reminders & Requests

We will be participating in **Comic Relief Red Nose day next Friday 21st March**. Letters and sponsorship forms came home last week outlining our exciting plans that we have. Please contact the office if you require further information. Thank you to those who have returned the **cinema consent form** and payment. Please could these be returned to us if you have yet to do so. Thank you.

## Photo Gallery



Making fruit butterflies



Outdoor fun



Having fun at the cycling track



Decorating gingerbread



Making crocodiles

Time for cheese twists!

## Photo Gallery

**Swallowtail Class** have been completing more work based on their topic of 'Scouting' this week and they have been looking at some Scout games the children would normally play at Scouts like 'Wink Murder' and 'Land, Sea and Air'. The class also visited Sayers Croft on Wednesday where they enjoyed a stream walk, visiting a Round-house, lighting fires and playing on the outdoor equipment. They have enjoyed lots this week.

### Secondary Department News

**Monarch Class** completed some fantastic maths work on Monday and some of the children enjoyed their 'Food is Fun' session in the afternoon. On Tuesday, the children did some lovely arts and crafts activities, making bunting for our spring celebration display board. The children had a wonderful day at Sayers Croft on Wednesday, and especially enjoyed the stream walk and had a lovely lunch! Monarch Class visited Hillier Garden Centre to look at the flowers this week, gathered some ideas for planting in our outdoor learning sessions and enjoyed a snack in the café. Today, the children did some lovely P.E work, building on our gymnastics, balance and jumping skills.

**Admiral Class** enjoyed an amazing day trip to Sayers Croft on Wednesday and it was great to see all the learners exploring the setting and taking part in a range of different activities. Everyone had a wonderful day, both the learners and adults! The stream walk was very entertaining and the smiles on faces were brilliant to see. We have also enjoyed writing about our trip, identifying what was our favourite activity and the reasons why. This week in cooking we made chocolate pancakes, focusing on the skills and safety needed to use the hob when cooking.

**Emperor Class** has been very busy this week working in our school garden, digging, planting seeds, and tidying up. It's wonderful to see the daffodils and tulips we planted earlier in the year starting to bloom. The café was a success yesterday, and Thomas' chocolate rice crispy cakes were a big hit! In the classroom, the students have been putting in great effort to improve their multiplication and division skills, applying what they've learned while running the café and tuck shop.



Making woodland owls



Garden centre visit



White Rose maths work



Making pancakes



Enjoying outdoor learning



Making rice crispy cakes

## Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Shelbie for "persevering in a cooking activity, trying hard to cut the banana and tasting a strawberry."
- Meadow** Kuba for "being an amazing student council rep."
- Peacock** Aahil for "swimming a width independently."
- Swallowtail** Logan for "having an amazing week and taking part in all of the activities at Sayers Croft."



## Birthdays

Cruz celebrated his birthday and received a climbing duck toy. The class celebrated with a party and cake!



## Therapy

Well done to Shelbie for engaging in her joint SaLT and OT session. She interacted and shared enjoyment with the adults and was able to make her choices known through visuals.

*Jess Mason, Speech and Language Therapist and Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

## Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Aiden for reading to Caterpillar Class for World Book week.



## 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 'Science'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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'

***"You can do it! Keep going!"***  
***Alfie (Monarch Class)***  
***encouraging his peers at***  
***Sayers Croft***

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# SECONDARY VISIT TO SAYERS CROFT



# Student Council

Primary Student Council was fantastic this week. Our new reps; Logan P, Kuba, Jack and Bailey all turned up and discussed the film choices for the Primary cinema trip. The classes voted and the favourites were Sonic 3 and Moana 2. Alex will contact the cinema to see which one we shall see. The reps also gave some lovely ideas in the children's ideas section. Playground equipment and lunch time options were discussed and favourite aspects of their classes were also talked about. The reps had a lovely time together and were very grown up. Well done to all!

