



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1- Friday 2nd May 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we hosted our Papillon Transition Fair, an event to help in their 'Preparation for Adulthood'. Secondary parents and pupils were invited to come and speak with external providers to learn about some possibilities and to explore options for pupils post-Papillon to help prepare them for their next steps after leaving us. We had a range of colleges, vocational and support establishments who shared information about some of the options available to support our pupils towards a fulfilling and successful future. Thank you to Anne and Alex L for all their hard work in arranging this event.

## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** enjoyed playing outside this week with lots of water play on the lower lawn. The children engaged brilliantly in our science session where we explored objects that roll. We had ramps and guttering in the classroom that they could use, and they all did well. In maths, some of us went on a shape hunt and identified different shapes around the school. The children have enjoyed trips to Jubilee Woodlands and Leigh Park this week as well as different learning activities relating to the story of The Hungry Caterpillar.

**Meadow Class** started tennis sessions at Ebbisham Sports Club on Tuesday. The children practised skills such as balancing the ball on their racquets, 'walking' the ball along the court and push passing to a partner. On Monday, we visited Leigh Park and enjoyed the new climbing apparatus and had our snacks at the park. We visited Lidl in Leatherhead and purchased some ingredients for our cooking session on Thursday. The children have been learning about 'doubles' in maths and making different pictorial representations of numbers. We made strawberries out of tissue paper in art and enjoyed some relaxing meditation for children. During an attention circle, we all had a go at washing up and drying our snack plates as we were learning about the different jobs members of a family may do. In music, we experienced playing a range of percussion instruments, including a large drum, a tambourine and maracas. We are looking forward to our first swimming trip on Tuesday.

**Peacock Class** have been enjoying the sunshine this week! We have spent time some doing outdoor learning and found natural objects to make minibeast art. We had great fun at our first tennis session on Monday, the children are already showing great control of the tennis balls! In English we created our own Super minibeasts just like 'Superworm'. In Maths we have been thinking about how many 10s and 1s there are in a number. On Tuesday we visited Dorking Library and borrowed some books for our Minibeast topic and we are really enjoying using the iPads to create digital painting in ICT.

## Reminders & Requests

Please could we ask all parents and carers to be vigilant for **ticks**. We do have some long grassy areas around the school grounds and these habitats are particularly enjoyed by ticks. Please see link below for more information.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/injuries/skin-injuries/tick-bites/>

Thank you to those who have returned the slips confirming that you have received and read the **RSE policy**. Please can these be returned to us if you have yet to do so. Thank you.

## Photo Gallery



Painting activity



Having fun outdoors



Enjoying outdoor learning



Hunting for natural objects



Tennis in the sunshine

**Swallowtail Class** have enjoyed being very busy this week with plenty of community visits and physical activities such as horse riding, football and cycling. Swallowtail Class enjoyed a trip to Dorking Library on Tuesday to look for books on transport, finding out information on different types. On Wednesday, Aiden, Bailey and Zachary went to the Transition Fair with their parents and carers, thinking about their next steps and what options are available to them. Additionally, Logan and William have continued to make their trains out of recycled materials in our making session and Bailey has been busy making 3D models of different types of transport too.

### Secondary Department News

**Monarch Class** enjoyed a trip to Leatherhead High Street on Monday. The pupils searched for recycling bins as part of their topic of Eco Warriors to see what items can be recycled. They enjoyed a cycling trip in the sunshine on Thursday and continued their maths White Rose Scheme, some recognising numbers up to 20, others looking at grouping of objects. We celebrated Mila's birthday today with a party in class. Mila received a crafting unicorn pack and a 'make-your-own animal kit'. The pupils received a party bag to take home. Freddie has done very well with his gardening project and visited the garden centre today to replenish some stock!

**Admiral Class** have been enjoying the warmer weather and learning the importance of being safe in the sun, including applying sun cream and drinking lots of water. In assembly we were learning about relationships and the different types of relationships people can have with each other. In cooking, Admiral Class have been improving our knife skills, thinking about safe ways to use a knife whilst cutting fruit to make fruit smoothies. Also this week in reflection time, we improved our ICT skills and selected a photo of ourselves then copied the photo onto a word document.

**Emperor Class** has had a fun-filled and eventful week! We enjoyed celebrating Thomas' birthday with cake and dancing. Our outing to Headley Heath was a lovely chance to enjoy the outdoors, and we had a fantastic time swimming at Cheam Leisure Centre. At school, we continued sprucing up the garden painting the fence and shed, which are now looking very smart, and we even planted some potatoes. Our café tacos are a big hit with staff, and Dawid wowed everyone with his incredible chocolate and strawberry cake, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

### Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Nevaeh for "engaging in science and maths activities including a shape hunt around school and exploring objects that roll in science."
- Meadow** Aidan for "fantastic doubling in maths."
- Peacock** LJ for "a great soft play session."
- Swallowtail** Logan for "showing very mature behaviour especially at horse riding, football and during our parties this week. "



### Photo Gallery

Party time!



Horse riding session



Being Eco Warriors!



Cycling in the sunshine



Calculating perimeter



ASDAN work

We love a chocolate cake!



### Birthdays

Alex (teacher in Swallowtail Class) celebrated his birthday this week and received a gift card, adult beverages and a Disney post-it pack.



## Therapy

A huge thank you to Ryan and Joshua from Admiral Class for helping me pack away the OT equipment after their sessions this week! They have been very helpful! Also, a big well done to Yara for working hard in her OT sessions. *Clara Boxall-Occupational Therapy Assistant*



## Important Dates

### Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Summer Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. There is no assembly next week due to the Bank Holiday Monday.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	5th May		Bank Holiday—school closed
Monday	12th May	am	NHS Immunisation Team in for Year 8's
Wednesday	21st May	All day	Whole school trip to Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Friday	23rd May	3pm	End of half term
Monday	9th June	9.30am	Start of Summer Term 2—'My Money Week'
Monday	23rd June		Class and whole school photos
Monday	30th June	pm	Primary Sports Day
Wednesday	2nd July	pm	Secondary Sports Day
Monday	7th July	pm	Parents' Evening
Monday	21st July	5-7.30pm	Family BBQ

## Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

***"I really want to be a postman when I'm older!" Aiden (Swallowtail Class) at the Transition Fair***

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Come to an **OPEN EVENT**

at Guildford College:  
Wed 23 April 2025, 4.30 - 7pm

at Merrist Wood College:  
Wed 7 May 2025, 4.30 - 7pm

at Farnham College:  
Wed 30 April 2025, 4.30 - 7pm

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