



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1- Friday 9th May 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been another busy week at Papillon with Summer Term activities in full swing. Well done to Caterpillar Class who did amazingly well at their first swimming session this week. All the children got into the water, practised kicking their legs and had fun splashing in the water too! We had a lovely afternoon on the upper lawn marking VE Day yesterday. Staff, children and young people came together to celebrate this event with an afternoon tea of scones, cream and jam. A special "shout out" and thank you to Yara who helped to set up this event alongside senior staff. Her hosting skills were fantastic and she made everybody feel very welcome and looked after throughout this special event.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class had their first swimming session at a local pool this week. There were lots of smiles and splashing in the water! In phonics, we played listening and copying games which all engaged well with. The children also went to Lidl and bought the ingredients to make pizzas. In Science the children explored cause and effect toys. Caterpillar Class watched a special VE Day attention circle, marking the event on the upper lawn for a tea party with all of Primary. Some of them sat and tried different foods and some of them explored the picnic area. They also enjoyed time in the library to look at different books and spent time sharing them with an adult.

Meadow Class had a successful first swimming session at Dorking Swimming Pool on Tuesday. All the children were very confident in the water and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On Wednesday, we visited Denbies in Dorking and looked around the farm shop at all the interesting produce. We bought some carrots, celery and a pot of basil. We admired the beautiful views and the lines of vines. We have been learning about summer foods and in art we created some carrots and radishes using printing techniques with paints, glitter and sand. In Maths, we have been learning about the concept of 'one' and 'lots' and also practising doubling numbers. On Thursday we celebrated VE Day with a tea party up on the lawn, where we ate some treats, including scones with jam and cream and waved our flags, while listening to music.

Peacock Class listened to a new story in English called 'The Big Bag Bug'. We discussed the story and enjoyed coming up with our own alliterative bug names! We have been adding to our minibeast shoeboxes, painting pebbles to look like different bugs and using twigs and grasses collected around the grounds to make the bug habitats. In Maths, we have been making groups of ten to help us count larger numbers quickly. Peacock Class enjoyed a lovely trip to Box Hill where we looked at the beautiful minibeast artwork and learnt some new facts.

Reminders & Requests

Please could all consent forms and contributions for the trip to **Leatherhead Railway** be returned to us by Friday 16th May. A copy of the letter is attached. Thank you.

Photo Gallery



Caterpillar's first swim session!



Fun in the pool



Topic work in Peacock Class



Swallowtail Class have continued their learning about different types of transport in their local areas this week as well as in the areas around school. They managed to spot planes, diggers, lawnmowers and tractors whilst on a trip to Box Hill viewpoint on Tuesday. Additionally, the class have enjoyed learning about VE Day this week, completing some VE Day work and we held a minute silence on the minibus returning from horse riding. Swallowtail Class also enjoyed a VE Day tea party on Thursday afternoon where they ate treats and celebrated on the upper lawn with their friends.

Secondary Department News

Monarch Class started our topic work this week learning about the work and life of David Attenborough, which coincided with his 99th birthday yesterday. Pupils have been feeding the Papillon chickens, helping to care and look after them. We continue to maintain our horticultural area and have been nurturing the plants. Watch this space for the bedding plant sale which is coming soon! Monarch Class have been looking at addition and subtraction using numbers up to twenty following the White Rose Scheme of Maths, and some of our class have been learning about perimeter. We all enjoyed coming together for the VE Day celebrations yesterday and even attempted to do The Lambeth Walk!

Admiral Class have been experimenting with electric circuits this week to see if we are able to make a fan rotate. In ICT we have continued to write our class story. Some learners went to Knights Garden Centre to look for gravel for the sensory path. In our reflection time we have been looking back at what we enjoyed this week. We enjoyed celebrating VE Day yesterday, learning why we remember the occasion and the importance of marking this event.

Emperor Class have been working hard washing cars, maintaining the school garden and learning about DIY. In Science, our focus has been on sources of light and how we see. In Maths, we have been measuring objects around the classroom in centimetres and millimetres and comparing their sizes. Emperor Café went well with our Tiramisu going down a storm! Everyone enjoyed celebrating VE Day with a picnic on the upper lawn and we topped off the week with a lovely trip to Westcroft Leisure Centre for a swim.



Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Tristan for "happily participating in his first swimming session."
- Meadow** Jamie for "showing great independent skills when swimming."
- Peacock** Aahil for "his fantastic drawing of a peacock spider."
- Swallowtail** Bailey for "baking an amazing 'pizza cake' for Keiran's birthday this week."

Photo Gallery

Happy birthday!



Enjoying views from Box Hill



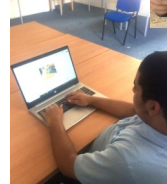
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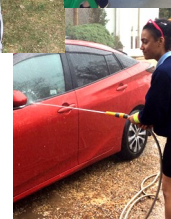
Birthday celebrations!



Working on our class stories



Preparing café



Car washing



Birthdays

Keiran (TSA in Swallowtail Class) celebrated his birthday this week and received some socks, gift card, chocolates and sweets.

Therapy

Well done to Freddie for showing great insight and completing all the activities during his Psychology session! *Lilian Prince-Assistant Psychologist*

A massive well done to William who has made amazing progress in his OT sessions and is showing more confidence in activities.

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. The assembly theme for next week is the Buddhist Festival of Vesak.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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'

***"The best afternoon!"
Alfie (Monarch Class) during
the VE Day celebrations.***

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Celebrating VE Day at Papillon



