



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1- Friday 16th May 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

This weekend we have our first overnight stay of the year with some of our Secondary pupils who are staying for one night at Papillon. They will be going bowling and visiting the cinema, as well as enjoying some activities at school such as 'water play' and a campfire. The next overnight stay is planned for later in the term at The Old Pheasantry. This historic property is set on five acres of beautiful countryside near the North Downs Way in Tadworth. It is always a fantastic experience for pupils and staff to share together. We are looking forward to sharing news and photos from both of our overnight stays with you!

Reminders & Requests

A little reminder that we finish for the **half term** break next Friday, 23rd May and return on Monday 9th June.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class had a great Science session this week where the children explored magnets. They painted with magnets and found places around the classroom where the magnets would stick. The children participated in a lovely Phonics session all about listening and playing different instruments. In another session some of the children matched different letters. On Tuesday we went swimming and enjoyed splashing and kicking in the water. On Wednesday afternoon we went to the local park, and they were all very busy exploring and using different equipment! Caterpillar Class made Eton Mess in their cooking session this week and are getting really good at cutting and following simple instructions to complete tasks.

Meadow Class have had a busy week with lots of exciting activities. On Monday, we went to our tennis session where we are continuing to develop our racquet skills. The children are really enjoying swimming at Dorking Swimming Pool and are demonstrating their confidence in the water. On Wednesday, we enjoyed going to Knights Garden Centre where we tasted lemon and chocolate cake and looked at the beautiful flowers and plants. We have been reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' and learning some names of vegetables such as rhubarb, spinach, cabbage and beetroot. We made 'chocolate hedgehog' cakes in cooking and enjoyed eating them! In Maths, we have been combining numbers using ten frames and in Science we sorted waste into 'rubbish' and 'recycling.'

Peacock Class enjoyed ice pops in the warm weather on Tuesday and listened to our new story 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird'. We wrote some fantastic sentences to retell the story. In Maths we have been using manipulatives to make numbers using 10s and 1s – we are getting really good at this! We visited Headley Heath in the sunshine on Tuesday afternoon and found some real micro-habitats. We have been learning about living and never living in Science, and looked at objects such as plants, animals, rocks and cars, deciding if they were living or never living. In cooking, we decorated biscuits to look like minibeasts- they were delicious!

Photo Gallery



Exploring magnets



Learning vegetable names



Swallowtail Class have been focusing on different types of transport this week that occur near the children's homes and communities. The class have been researching different transport types on the computer such as planes to America and cruise ships that sail around the ocean. Additionally, they have been looking at shadows in Science and drawing around shadows to see if they move as the sun moves in a day. William and Logan enjoyed a transport themed attention circle this week and the whole class liked their Maths sessions using the White Rose Maths scheme.

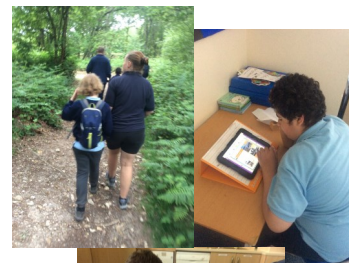
Secondary Department News

Monarch Class enjoyed a visit to Knights Garden Centre this week where we looked at opportunities to recycle in the garden centre. All of Monarch Class have enjoyed playing volleyball in PE this week and played some games with Emperor Class. Well done to Alfie who participated well. Some of Monarch Class have been learning about perimeter whilst others have been using resources to add and subtract numbers up to twenty. In our cooking session the children have progressed onto mini quiches which were shared and enjoyed with peers and adults around the school.

Admiral Class went to Knights Garden Centre this week to discuss how the garden centre plays a part in the community. In cooking we made fruit salad using kiwi, pineapple, peaches and plums, and we discussed the nutritional value of the fruit. In Science we spoke about light, and the difference between man-made and natural light sources. Some of Admiral Class have been learning how to be a good friend, thinking about the importance of sharing, being kind and working together.

Emperor Class have had a busy week filled with a variety of activities. In Science, we explored the topics of light and shadows, and continued our measurement work in Maths. During PSHE, our focus was on understanding the importance of healthy relationships. We also made our regular trip to Asda, where the students continue to grow in confidence, independently scanning, packing, and paying for their shopping. A highlight of the week was our enjoyable visit to the swimming pool, and we had a great time celebrating Ryan's 17th birthday together.

Photo Gallery



Independent iPad work



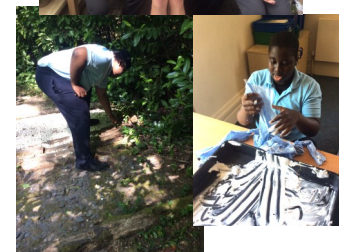
Cooking session



Maths work in Monarch



Visiting the garden centre



Preparing the sensory path

Forming letters



Birthday celebrations!

Stars of the Week

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Amberley for "developing her independence with putting on her shoes and flushing the toilet without prompting. "
- Meadow** Tiana for "her musicality when playing the drum."
- Peacock** Mia for "fantastic sentence writing in English."
- Swallowtail** William for "using the iPad independently to use 'Reading Eggs' and listen to books."



Birthdays

There were no primary birthday this week.



Therapy

Well done to Caterpillar Class for engaging so well with their 'food is fun' therapy session. They have all been working hard exploring new smells and textures and making different pictures linked to their topic. *Jess Mason & Emma Kennington- Speech and Language Therapists. Claire Messom & Catherine Hauvette - Occupational Therapists.*

Well done to LJ for working hard in his 1:1 OT sessions, exploring a wider range of regulatory strategies and using the communication board to request the activity he would like and the direction he would like the swing to go. LJ is making great progress in these sessions. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*

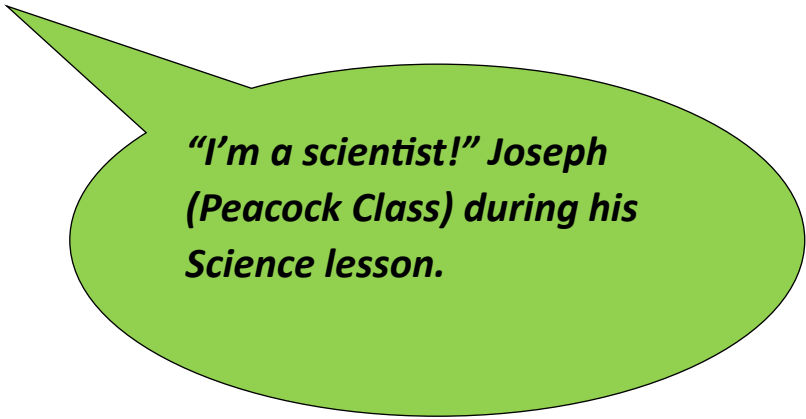
Important Dates

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 talent show.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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'm a scientist!" Joseph (Peacock Class) during his Science lesson.

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Student Council

This week, we had our second Primary student council meeting with our current student council reps. It was a very interesting meeting and both Jack and Logan P came prepared with their ideas for Sports Day events. Both boys had asked their classes which events the children would like to see back for this year's Sports Day and the favourites were a bean bag throw, football shooting, sack race and, of course, tug of war! Well done both of you as well as Bailey and Kuba who we hope to see at the next Student Council meeting.



ROBLOX

ROBLOX AND PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox, the popular Minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls.

The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner.

Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme.

Real-time awareness measures have been increased, and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow the link below for more:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-launches-new-parental-controls/>