



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 3rd October 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all of our families who sent in donations for our Harvest assemblies this week. The assemblies gave opportunity for pupils to learn about where our food comes from, our food likes and dislikes and also the importance of celebrating Harvest and being thankful. Some of our Secondary pupils will be taking all your donations to the Epsom & Ewell Foodbank next week which will help support local people in crisis.

Monarch and Swallowtail enjoyed another successful swimming session on Tuesday. Well done to Logan for getting into the big pool for the first time, and to Mia for jumping into the deep end unassisted and swimming to the edge. Well done to you both!

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class have celebrated two birthdays this week and have enjoyed eating chocolate fingers and cake to celebrate! Happy birthday Susanna and Sienna! In science the children enjoyed exploring different animals, playing with sea animals in the water and exploring farm animals in the farm tuff tray. We have listened and participated in maths songs and the children made puppets! Caterpillar Class enjoyed taking turns in our 'wet, wet, wet' attention circle and we learnt about the phoneme 'a' in phonics.

Meadow Class have continued their learning on superheroes and have started thinking about how they relate to certain superheroes. Next week they will be writing or drawing about their attributes that make them SUPER! This week, the class enjoyed making Captain America's shields in making and super smoothies in cooking. They also loved learning about the 5 senses in science and explored different materials using their nose and ears.

Peacock Class had great fun at Preston Park playground on Monday afternoon - Kuba at Natalie had a climbing race! We enjoyed an exciting royal themed attention circle where we got to make portraits of ourselves as The King! During cooking we made royal fruit smoothies, chose which berries we wanted and carefully cut them up. We then decided if we wanted milk or yogurt in our smoothie before pressing the button on the blender - it was a bit noisy! We also made icing for our royal cupcakes and carefully decorated them. It was Kuba's birthday on Tuesday and we celebrated with a party! He had yummy party food and he brought in a yummy cake to share!

Reminders & Requests

Our **school photographer** will be in on Monday to take individual photographs of all our children and young people. Please can you ensure your child is in full uniform. Thank you.

Photo Gallery



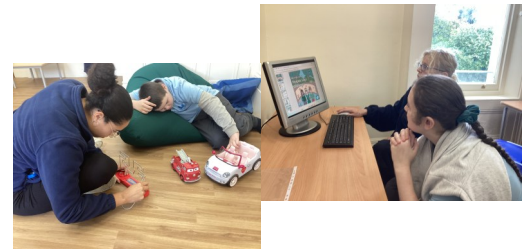
Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class enjoyed their swimming session this week and are all making great progress with the two swimming instructors supporting the children. During cooking, the children made vegetable chilli and enjoyed this with pitta bread. In music, we listened to Fantasia and learnt about the dynamics – where the music was quiet or loud and we played instruments along with the music, including rainmakers and African drums. In our maths session some of the children have learnt about volume and amounts of water in different containers. We looked at Roman Chariots and then made paper models of these. In English, we read ‘Have you Heard of the Romans?’ and discussed what it would have been like to live in Roman times.

Monarch Class completed some lovely phonics work this week and enjoyed our Harvest Festival assembly. Some of the children attended swimming on Tuesday and some went to Banstead Library to return some books and explore their collection. We also made ‘tear and share’ garlic and cheese bread on Wednesday and did some fantastic maths work in our streamed sessions, developing their understanding of volume and capacity.

Admiral Class enjoyed learning about harvest, why we collect food and the importance of giving to others. Within our Jigsaw lesson, we discussed how people can affect our opinions of others and our beliefs. Some learners went to Banstead Library to use the interactive board and to look at books as part of our ASDAN. This week, some learners have started a new topic following the White Rose scheme looking at mass and capacity. One learner started making a transport PowerPoint for teachers to use in the future. *Written by Ahiyan*

Emperor Class have continued to learn about social justice movements with this week's focus being the inspirational story of Rosa Parks. Everyone has been enjoying the hockey lessons in PE as well as our trips to Ebbisham Tennis club. We've also been very busy with our enterprise project making items that we plan to sell at the end of term - so far we've made some lovely keyrings and coasters. During playtimes, some students have been learning to play chess and eagerly challenging each other to friendly matches.



Stars of the Week



Our “Stars” this week are:

- Caterpillar** Jaxson for “participating in classroom activities and joining in with attention circles.”
- Meadow** Logan for “cycling around the track on 5 different bikes at cycling this week!”
- Peacock** Joseph for “being a kind friend at playtime this week.”
- Swallowtail** Logan for “great counting to 10 in maths.”

Birthdays



Kuba celebrated his birthday this week and received magnetic putty and a sensory cube.

Susanna and Sienna (TSA’s in Caterpillar Class) celebrated their birthdays this week and received some chocolates.

Therapy

Well done to Nevaeh who is building her confidence in morning sensory diet sessions. *Clara Boxall—Occupational Therapy Assistant*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to LJ for a successful trip to the community shop last week.



A big well done to Thomas for joining us in the therapy room to make bacon sandwiches! They were delicious! - *Emma Kennington-Speech & Language Therapist, Catherine Hauvette-Occupational Therapist and Clara Boxall Occupational Therapy Assistant*



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is 'Black History Month.'

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	6th October		Individual school photographs
Monday	13th October	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	17th October	3.00pm	End of half term
Monday	3rd November	9.30am	Start of Autumn Term 2
Friday	14th November	All day	Children in Need mufti day

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"I support myself!" Mia (Swallowtail Class) when asked what football team she supports.

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