



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 10th October 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been another busy week at Papillon and we have been marking Black History Month across the school with themed assemblies and class activities. Pupils have been celebrating the contributions of black people by reading books about inspiring figures and learning through fun activities like art and drawing. Classes have also been exploring Black culture and discovering important historical events.

Monarch and Swallowtail continue to enjoy the new format of our swimming lessons with dedicated swim teachers at Dorking Leisure Centre. One teacher said how much she was enjoying teaching our pupils as they are so creative with their learning! She added how supportive the pupils are of each other and how they encourage one another to try new things. We've seen several successes including Mia learning how to dive, then teaching Jenny! Aahil and Logan who ventured into the deep end following the teachers instructions and Aiden who has hugely increased in confidence using the pool noodles as floats. William has been moving around the pool independently, exploring some of the swimming toys and enjoying being in the water. We are extremely proud of you all!

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class made teddy bear toast during our cooking session this week. They enjoyed playing 'confetti is falling on you' and watched some different attention circles. In science, we continued to explore different animals and talked about how their habitats are different. We explored objects that begin with the phoneme 't' and learnt about the number 1. The children made sensory toys for our class display and coloured in different Toy Story characters to go into our toy shop. They have had a busy week!

Meadow Class have read a new book "Thunderboots" as part of their "What's my Superpower?" topic and loved thinking about their superpowers which included Logan saying that he is clever, Tommie and Nevaeh who can run fast, Tiana is strong and Aidan is good at swimming. The children also wrote about their superpowers and designed superhero vests in making! On Monday, the class made superhero cookies and enjoyed another cycling session on Thursday.

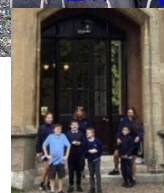
Peacock Class had a wonderful trip to Nonsuch Palace where King Henry VIII used to live, then walked through the woods to Cheam Park playground. We had lots of fun on the zip line, in the sand pit and on the climbing frame. We have been looking at stamps this week as they have the Kings head on them, and made a stamp in our attention circle forming them into a stamp collage! Peacock Class have enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Smeds and the Smoos!'

Reminders & Requests

Our children and young people have brought home a slip confirming appointment times with teachers for **Parents' Evening** on Monday. Please contact the office if you require any further information.

If you wish to order your child's/young person's **Cauliflower Christmas card** design please do so by Tuesday 14th October and return the form to school by Wednesday 15th October. These will then be processed through Cauliflower Cards and the final products will be sent to school in the Autumn 2 Term.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class enjoyed swimming this week with all the children progressing well with the help of the instructors. William has made great progress in particular. Well done William! The children made Roman Shields and have enjoyed writing descriptive stories. In cooking, they made salsa and crispy wraps which seemed to go down well. In Topic, we looked at how people dressed in Roman times and in maths, some of us have been looking at addition. We listened to the story of 'Peer Gynt' and the music of 'The Hall of the Mountain King' in our music session this week.

Monarch Class enjoyed assembly on Monday learning about Black History Month and marked this annual celebration of Black history, culture, and achievements. In Science the class had a turn on an electric guitar in a special science/music session. Monarch Class had a successful swimming session on Tuesday and completed some great maths work on mass and measurement this week. The class made some fabulous spooky fougasse ghost-shaped faces and on Thursday we started some lovely Stonehenge inspired silhouette art pieces. Today, the children worked hard in P.E, practicing their hockey skills and enjoyed looking through photos from this week in reflection.

Admiral Class have been learning about the importance of respecting other people's religion and how people have different beliefs. We have also discussed why we need to be safe online and what could potentially happen if we are not. Some of us went to tennis to continue building on our tennis skills and the class show improvement each week. Some learners went to Knights Garden Centre to see how their staff look after the plants during the colder months and in cooking we made fruit smoothies and beans on toast.

Emperor Class have been exploring the advantages and disadvantages of using social media, as well as learning about the importance of Black History Month. In Maths, we've been continuing our work on fractions, focusing on identifying halves, quarters, and thirds. We also enjoyed a special trip to McDonald's this week to celebrate Michael's 18th birthday! We celebrated in class today with a party and he received some chocolates and the latest Guinness Book of Records.

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Stars of the Week



Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Tristan for "taking turns in a game with the marble run and participating in making activities."
- Meadow** Tommie for "an amazing day on Thursday doing Tac Pac, making, Reading Eggs and Speech therapy."
- Peacock** Cruz for "a great horse riding session this week."
- Swallowtail** Aiden for "his wonderful writing."

Birthdays

Will (*SNA in Admiral Class*) celebrated a special birthday this week and received a record voucher, alcoholic beverages and a birthday badge!

Gemma (*SNA in Meadow Class*) celebrated her birthday this week and received adult beverages, Costa gift card and some special snacks.

Therapy

Mia and Jenny enjoyed making bracelets in girls club. They were chatting away whilst carefully selecting colourful beads and they both chose to make a bracelet for a school friend.
Monika Persechino - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Jaxson for joining the class in maths and sorting objects into coloured groups.



Well done to Joshua for practicing using his AAC device to make choices and comments within his SaLT session.
Jess Mason - Speech & Language Therapist and Monika Persechino - Speech & Language Therapy Assistant

Aahil did a great job exploring clay and creating characters to explore emotions.
Keith Waterman - Art Therapist

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 'Diwali.'

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	13th October	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	17th October	All day	Halloween mufti-day
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 'fitness-themed' mufti day
Wednesday	10th December	All day	Primary visit to Hobbledown Adventure Farm Park

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"You're welcome to get my pudding!" *Gabrielius (Monarch Class)* to Connor when Connor walked into the dining room.

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