



# Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 17th October 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and guardians at Parents' Evening on Monday. Staff received lots of positive feedback and it was lovely for the class teams to share children's achievements so far this term.

Papillon took on a 'spooky' theme this week to mark Halloween, it was lovely to see all the fabulous Halloween costumes today! The children and young people have enjoyed trick-or-treating across the school and held 'spooktacular' parties in class. Staff also enjoyed a delicious cake and a well-deserved cuppa today to raise vital funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We raised well over £50 and are still counting! This money will help support people living with cancer. Thank you to all staff for raising a fantastic amount for a great cause.

The 'end of half term' class display award was difficult to decide a winner. Thank you to Connor who was our "guest judge". Our winner was Meadow Class who designed a fantastic 'Superheroes' display.

## Reminders & Requests

We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the half term break on **Monday 3rd November**.

## Photo Gallery

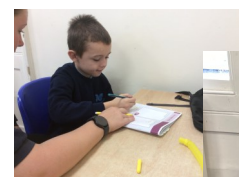


## Primary Department News

**Caterpillar Class** went to Asda to buy cooking ingredients for pumpkin biscuits and had a trip to Poundland in Redhill to buy a toy from the toy shop, enjoying our snack in the café! In phonics we explored the phoneme 'p', and they all had a go at making a pig with the letter 'p'. The children have all enjoyed listening to number rhymes and enjoyed watching cornflour drip. They went to the library and enjoyed exploring different books.

**Meadow Class** have come to the end of their superhero and superpower work. They also enjoyed some Halloween themed activities including cooking Rice Krispy spiders and made pumpkins and autumn baskets that will come home for the half term.

**Peacock Class** enjoyed a visit to Jubilee Woods this week and have been partaking in lots of Halloween activities including decorating biscuits and pumpkins. The children enjoyed their last session of this half term at horse riding and everybody looked fantastic today in their Halloween costumes. We had a Spooky Spiderman, Captain Caveman and a Minecraft chicken!



## Secondary Department News

**Swallowtail Class** had a great swimming session at Dorking, a Papillon 'shout out' goes to Aiden who went into the deep end of the pool and swam a full length for the first time using his float. Well done Aiden! The class enjoyed some time in soft play this week and also completed a great listening activity where the class showed great concentration, listening to instructions and following the instructions on a colouring sheet. It was very quiet, all that could be heard was pencils on paper! Swallowtail Class enjoyed a great music session this week, following the beat to the 'In the Hall of the Mountain King.' Yesterday the children made spooky decorations in preparation for today's party and prepared our sweet bags ready for trick-or-treating today! The children all enjoyed the party and had a movie treat of 'The Nightmare Before Christmas!'

**Monarch Class** have had a spooooooooky week this week in preparation for our Halloween celebrations today! We enjoyed making haunted Halloween cookies and decorating them using creepy sprinkles and even edible slime! Yesterday we went to Poundland in Leatherhead to buy some new decorations for the classroom and today we enjoyed Trick or Treating and showing everybody our Halloween costumes. This week, we also did some fantastic maths work in our streamed maths sessions and enjoyed swimming on Tuesday!

**Admiral Class** have enjoyed completing this half term's topic of 'Games and Media' where we discussed why we use the internet and what information can be found. We reinforced our learning and made posters on how to be safe online and what to do if a situation arises. In our maths sessions we investigated the mass of items, and how using balancing scales helps us to find out the weight of an item. In our outdoor learning sessions, we made teepees using sticks and leaves. Admiral Class enjoyed a visit to Poundland in Leatherhead to buy Halloween decorations in preparation for today.

**Emperor Class** had a fantastic final week before the half-term break! Our Halloween party was packed with fun and games, and everyone had a great time trick-or-treating around the school. In Emperor Café, we baked some delicious Halloween brownies which were a big hit. In science, we tied in the Halloween theme by learning about skeletons, exoskeletons, and various animal groups. We hope everyone has a wonderful and restful half-term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in a couple of weeks time.

## Stars of the Week

**Our "Stars" this week are:**

- Caterpillar** Shelbie for "participating in a making activity and requesting more star stickers."
- Meadow** Aidan for "amazing phonics blending his phonemes."
- Peacock** Kuba for "great listening and taking part in the Halloween activities."
- Swallowtail** William for "lifting his feet in the pool and kicking his legs."



## Photo Gallery



## Birthdays

Jaxson (Caterpillar Class) will be celebrating his birthday in the half term break. We celebrated in class this week with a party and donut cake! He received a colouring book and pens.

## Therapy

Well done to Thomas, Michael and Yara who had a fantastic social skills session. They each took on a new role in their Lego activity and worked well as a team to build the final piece! *Lilian Prince (Therapy Assistant), Monika Persechino (SaLTA), Emma Kennington (SaLT)*

## Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Aidan for good blending of phonemes to make words in phonics.



A big well done to William who has been making amazing progress in his mark-making and has started forming the letter "W" more independently! *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 the start of next term is 'Jigsaw Puzzle Launch.'

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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'

***"Come and join us in Admiral Class to watch 'A Nightmare Before Christmas!' Ahiyan to Secondary Classes***

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