



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 - Friday 28th November 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Rehearsals continue at Papillon in preparation for our Christmas performance of 'Merry Poppins'. Classes have been busy practicing their songs, preparing costumes and designing Christmas artwork for this festive production! Thank you to all parents who have return the slips confirming their attendance to the performance on Wednesday 17th December. Please do return your slip to the office if you are able to join us.

Caterpillar and Meadow Classes attended the last cycling session of the term this week. A Papillon 'shout-out' goes to Shelbie in Caterpillar who put on a helmet for the first time and cycled on her bike. Well done Shelbie!

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class explored loud and quiet sounds this week, and they all enjoyed banging the drum. We went to Lidl to buy our ingredients for cooking and enjoyed making Eton mess. It was delicious! In science, the children explored the smell of orange and took part in different activities including cutting oranges, exploring ice and orange water play. All the children were engaged and happy. We had our last cycling session this term, which they all enjoyed. The children have also started listening and dancing to the songs for our Christmas show.

Meadow Class had a successful trip to Boxhill Nature Trail, walking and exploring the outdoor play equipment and sharing the see-saw. In science they enjoyed making shadows on the white board using torches. In cooking the children made clown faces on biscuits, mixing and pouring icing sugar and using lace sweets for the hair. Therapy supported in the session using communication boards to comment and request items. In our maths session we learnt about the number '9 and not 9', thinking about the value of the number.

Peacock Class have stepped into Christmas! On Monday we visited The Works in Dorking to buy some art supplies and Christmas craft bits. In Maths, we have been using pom poms to make numbers from 10 – 20. We have enjoyed some attention circles focusing on our emotions and the zones of regulation. In PSHE we enjoyed dressing up! In cooking we practised our cutting skills and made pizza faces using peppers and pepperoni. In Making we have been creating salt dough decorations, we carefully mixed the ingredients and rolled the dough before using cutters and stampers to cut shapes.

Reminders & Requests

Thursday 11th December is our **Christmas Jumper Day!** All children and young people are welcome to wear festive clothes on this day. Please could we ask for a minimum £2 donation which will go directly to Save the Children. Attached with the newsletter is a letter with information on how monies raised is used to support children around the world. Please feel free to collect further donations from family and friends!



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class enjoyed making gingerbread this week, cutting the gingerbread into lots of different shapes. We then cooked them, decorated them and tasted them in class. Delicious! We enjoyed another swimming session on Tuesday and practised our Christmas songs, our actors are also becoming familiar with their roles. Swallowtail enjoyed playing Boomwhackers to the song 'Golden' and did well keeping to the tune of the music. The class enjoyed a trip to Poundland in Leatherhead purchasing gifts for loved ones and we also enjoyed reflection time today, looking at pictures and thinking about their favourite parts of the week.

Monarch Class started our Christmas topic on Monday, exploring different traditions of gift giving and beliefs surrounding Father Christmas from around the world. On Tuesday, the children enjoyed their swimming session at Dorking Leisure Centre and exploring art processes in our afternoon craft workshops. On Wednesday, we did lots of fantastic phonics work and continued learning about influences in our lives and social injustice in our PSHE sessions. We completed some fantastic number/maths work in our 'Fluency Bee' session and today, we enjoyed taking part in our P.E session, dancing along to various dances.

Admiral Class continued making their masks out of papier-mâché for our topic display board on 'Plays' and some continued designing their posters. Some of Admiral Class made stir-fry using carrots, bean-sprouts, cabbage, peppers and noodles! This week one of our learners went to The Children's Trust in Banstead for work experience and did amazingly well helping in the shop to prepare a window display and organise shelves. Also, we went to a gaming café in Caterham to explore classic computer and board games. We have had class discussions about being respectful of other people and their beliefs.

Emperor Class have been hard at work preparing for our 'Merry Poppins' Christmas show! Students have been busy creating props and rehearsing their lines; we're all really looking forward to the big day. In Maths, we've been focussing on reading analogue clocks, telling the time to the hour, half past, quarter to, and quarter past. Science lessons have been all about healthy living as we explored food groups and what makes a balanced diet and in English, we have been researching music from different decades as part of our topic: Modern Music.

Our "Stars" this week are:



- Caterpillar** Shelbie for "putting on a helmet and cycling for the first time this term."
- Meadow** Aiden for "identifying numbers in maths."
- Peacock** Cruz for "doing really well using his new lunchtime choosing board."
- Swallowtail** William for "great shape-sorting in maths."



Birthdays

There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Well done to Gabrielius for a great session in the therapy room. He completed some speech and language activities on the computer, before making himself some toast and choosing a game. *Emma Kennington, Speech and Language Therapist*

Caterpillar Class have been doing well in TACPAC this half term. A big well done to Matilda and Teddy for doing so well in their first couple of sessions! - *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 'Christmas'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday	10th December	All day	Primary visit to Hobbledown Adventure Farm Park
Thursday	11th December	All day	Christmas jumper day for 'Crisis'
Monday	15th December		Children's Christmas lunch
Wednesday	17th December	1.45pm	Papillon Christmas performance of 'Merry Poppins'
Thursday	18th December	1.30pm	Children's Christmas Fair
Friday	19th December	2pm	End of Autumn Term 2— finish at 2pm

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Best gaming café ever!"
Ahiyan (Admiral Class) after his
visit to 'That Retro Place'

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