



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 13th February 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well done to the Secondary pupils who took part in our School Enterprise project today. Pupils had the opportunity to develop their teamwork and business skills. They created posters and made their stalls. They raised money by selling soft toys, plants and DVD's at school, with profits going towards future Enterprise projects. Ahiyan ran the stall selling DVD's, Sylvie ran the plant stall and Yara had a stall selling soft toys. Well done to you all for organising the event!

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing all pupils on Wednesday 25th February.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class have enjoyed different Valentines activities this week. Our PSHE circle focused on love and we played 'Hearts are Falling on You', which caused lots of smiles. They also enjoyed making heart mobiles and hearts with red tissue paper. In science, we explored the smell of mint and had turns exploring different experiments. We enjoyed a trip to Jubilee Woodlands on Monday and played on the balance beams and tree trunks. In cooking, they enjoyed tasting pancakes and had a choice of lemon, sugar and honey toppings.

Meadow Class have concluded their topic of 'Tell Me A Story' by writing stories/books about themselves, and using the family photos that were sent in to write about their family members too. Additionally, the class enjoyed learning about different climates in science where they explored the desert, jungle and sea using sensory materials and toy animals. The class also loved celebrating both Valentine's Day and Chinese New Year this week with lots of making, cooking and music-based lessons.

Peacock Class have enjoyed all things Valentines this week making cards, heart-shaped cookies and decorations for the classroom including heart-shaped sun catchers. In English we finished off our half term topic and created our own pages of the story we have been reading. Peacock Class have been working hard on 'one less than' in maths, singing numbers to reinforce their learning. The children enjoyed a practical session in Science, working together to investigate what items would float or sink in water.

Reminders & Requests

We have two planned INSET training days on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th February where school will be closed to all pupils. **Children and young people return on Wednesday 25th February.**

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class finished off our science unit on Monday looking at Space and the Solar System. Students shared their knowledge they have learnt so far and enjoyed looking at projected images of galaxies, nebulae and black holes. On Tuesday, Swallowtail made pancakes and had a great time deciding which of the options they would like to have on them. The most popular was the Biscoff spread and sprinkles! Pupils went on a community visit to a local park with Admiral Class this week and had a great time playing on all the equipment. On Thursday, we went cycling and most tried to beat the number of laps they had completed previously.

Monarch Class showed great enthusiasm in tennis, continuing to build their skills and teamwork. In cooking, we made delicious healthy courgette cakes, and in science we explored rocks and bricks, learning about their different uses. Our topic work focused on musicians and music from the UK, and in maths we continued developing our understanding of division by sharing quantities into equal groups. During our making session the children enjoyed a free expression activity inspired by The UK, producing some wonderful creations.

Admiral Class completed the class display board this week, following our theme of 'Oceans and the Water System', everyone has worked very hard on it. In cooking we made pancakes for Pancake Day with a Biscoff topping. Some of Secondary helped to run our Enterprise Fair today and used their entrepreneurial skills to sell items. In our Jigsaw lesson we revised what we have been learning about this half term, from online safety and how to raise concerns to earning money and the importance of saving for the future. In Science, some of Admiral Class made a raincloud in a bottle to represent rain falling from the sky.

Emperor Class enjoyed our trip to the gym and ASDA to buy our cafe ingredients. Yara and Thomas made some delicious Valentine biscuits. Yara did so well selling soft toys on behalf of Emperor class at the Enterprise Fair today - a lovely end to the half term.

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Tristan for "requesting more turns on the swing and 'more' in other activities."
- Meadow Class** Aidan for "trying prawn crackers in cooking and his amazing horse riding."
- Peacock Class** Kuba for "amazing listening skills, following instructions and a positive half term."
- Swallowtail Class** Bailey for "his engagement and positivity in maths learning about money and shapes."



Photo Gallery



Tommie (*Meadow Class*) celebrated his birthday this week and received a Spiderman Plush and a Ninja Turtles sensory toy.

Tiana (*Meadow Class*) celebrated her birthday this week and received a Cocomelon egg toy, and sensory slime.

Therapy

Well done to Tiana, Aidan P, Tegan and Sylvie for correctly guessing our mystery sign this week. This week's sign is 'love'. Happy Valentine's Day everyone! *Monika Persechino-Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner*

Well done to LJ for such a lovely 1:1 OT session this week. LJ enjoyed exploring the new weighted toys, recently and kindly donated to the school the Lucy Rayner Foundation. LJ chose one of the toys which then helped him to remain settled whilst he completed tasks. LJ also engaged in some lovely imaginative play with his chosen toy. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist.*



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Spring Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for the beginning of next half term is the PSHE Jigsaw puzzle launch, 'Healthy Me'.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	23rd February	All day	INSET day—school closed for staff training
Tuesday	24th February	All day	INSET day—school closed for staff training
Wednesday	25th February	9.25am	Children return for Spring Term 2—Secondary Panathlon
Thursday	5th March	All day	World Book Day (mufti day)
Monday	16th March	am	Primary Cinema Trip
Friday	20th March	All day	Red Nose Day (mufti day)
Monday	23rd March	am	Secondary Cinema Trip
Thursday	26th March	All day	World Maths Day
Friday	27th March	2pm	End of Spring Term

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"It's raining, it's pouring, the old man is broken!" Tommie (Meadow Class) singing at this week's weather!

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Well done to Michael, Yara and Thomas Hudson for organising and running hot chocolate club for the last two weeks and thank you to all of Secondary who signed up to join us there! – *Lilian Prince (Therapy Assistant) and Emma Kennington (SaLT)*

Quote: 'My heart is warm!' – Gabrielius when asked about his hot chocolate.

