



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's been another busy week at Papillon with lots of off-site visits which included our Secondary one night sleepover at The Old Pheasantry in Mogador. Monarch and Swallowtail pupils enjoyed lots of fun activities including crazy golf, bowling and an indoor inflatable park, as well as games and activities at the house.

Peacock and Caterpillar classes enjoyed their off-site visits this week, linked to their topics of 'The Seaside' and 'Dinosaur Rock'. Peacock Class spent the day at Littlehampton Beach, paddling in the sea and enjoyed an ice-cream treat whilst Caterpillar Class visited Godstone Farm, exploring the Dinosaur Trail and feeding some of the animals.

Slightly sadder news this week, unfortunately, we discovered that a fox had forced its way into our chicken coop on our grounds which resulted in us losing our flock of chickens. This sad news has been shared with our children and young people and we have been offering support to those who need it.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class had a fabulous day trip to Godstone Farm this week. They all walked around the dinosaur trail, met some reptiles, fed the pigs and watched them race. In our creative sessions we helped Mia make a papier-mâché volcano and found dinosaurs in the sand. At swimming, the children all got in the pool and enjoyed splashing around and were great at completing the different tasks set by Taryn our swimming instructor. In music, we explored the different sounds of instruments including big cymbals, maracas and musical blocks. Caterpillar Class enjoyed making volcano rice crispy cakes using strawberry laces and melted chocolate.

Meadow Class started reading their new book this week, 'Pirates Love Underpants' for their topic of "A Pirates Life for Me" and looked at root words within the story as well as different characters and their appearances. Also, the class enjoyed cooking treasure map pizzas in cooking on Wednesday. Additionally, the class loved taking part in some basketball in the playground for PE on Thursday. The children also enjoyed some off-site visits this week too which included exploring the Box Hill Nature Trail and also horse riding at RDA Epsom. The children continue to build their confidence on and around the horses.

Peacock Class spent the afternoon up on Box Hill with Meadow Class on Monday, exploring their new play trail and looking for seasonal changes in the woodland. Tuesday was swimming and lots of people were jumping in and swimming with their faces in the water. Wednesday was Littlehampton Beach day, where we paddled (too cold to swim), looked for shells and had a picnic at the park. In maths we've been focussing on teen numbers and our phonics of the week was 'igh'.



Reminders & Requests

A reminder to all parents and carers that **school will be closed on Monday 4th May** for the Bank Holiday.

Photo Gallery



Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class made a cake on Monday and got to celebrate Dan's birthday in the afternoon. He very much enjoyed his celebration with the class and loved his present. On Tuesday, we continued with our science topic of plants, in which we looked at the process of germination and what happens. We also made quiche cups in the afternoon, and despite everyone not being sure if it would work, they came out looking amazing and all the students loved them! On Wednesday, we continued listening to 'The Wild Robot' and then started to write our book reviews. In PE, all the students were outside in the glorious sunshine practicing their basketball techniques. Swallowtail had a great couple of days at The Old Pheasantry and enjoyed golf, trampolining, as well as playing hide-and-seek in the grounds!

Monarch Class have had a lovely week and have been very busy ahead of our overnight adventure at The Old Pheasantry! The children worked brilliantly in science, carrying out an experiment to find out which material would be best for making an umbrella. We also enjoyed using our growing knowledge of directional language to guide the 'mouse' through a maze to find the cheese. The children produced some lovely artwork this week too, designing and making toys for different pets. We had a great trip to Buckland Nurseries Garden Centre, where we bought vegetables to plant in our garden patch, and we also enjoyed our cycling session in Epsom.

Admiral Class have been learning about the history of graffiti this week, from where it originated to modern day, and how it is recognised as a form of art where people can express themselves. In science, some learners are learning the difference between what is a weed and what is a flower. In our maths lessons some learners have been learning 'one less', using manipulatives to support their understanding whilst some have been learning about 'time', reading different times on an analogue clock.

Emperor Class had a wonderful visit to an art gallery in Leatherhead where we enjoyed exploring local artwork and gathered inspiration for our own creations. In the classroom, we have been experimenting with Pop Art, using cotton buds and paint or crayons over Lego bases to create dotted patterns. The students have also been putting great effort into their English lessons, producing some lovely writing this week.

Our "Stars" this week are:

Caterpillar Class Matilda for "being brave at the farm and stroking the reptiles."

Meadow Class Logan for "making an amazing telescope in our making session."

Peacock Class Jack for "being an amazing friend and helping others."

Swallowtail Class Aiden for "fantastic cooking and washing up in the life skills room."



Alex (*Meadow Class Teacher*) celebrated his birthday this week and received Disney socks and a gift card for a meal.

Dan (*SNA in Swallowtail Class*) celebrated his birthday this week and received adult beverages and socks.

Therapy

Well done to Mila, who worked very hard in her Speech and Language therapy sessions. She was able to recall from previous sessions a lot of good strategies which help her regulate. Mila helped to make her own emotions booklet and contributed with some good ideas how to cope with her strong feelings. Congratulations to Logan P, Nevaeh, Tiana, Aidan P and Alfie who correctly guessed the mystery sign this week which was "fruit". *Monika Persechino, Speech & Language Therapy Assistant*



Well done to Tommie and Logan P for great participation in this week's fine motor OT sessions. They engaged in different activities, working on developing their core, shoulder and hand strength to help them build more controlled and precise fine motor skills. *Claire Messom, Occupational Therapist*

Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Summer Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. Due to the Bank Holiday Monday, there will not be an assembly next week.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	4th May	All day	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday	20th May	am	Whole school visit to Leatherhead Miniature Railway
Friday	22nd May	3pm	End of Summer Term 1
Monday	8th June	9.25am	Start of Summer Term 2
Monday	22nd June	All day	Class and whole school photos
Monday	29th June	1.30pm	Primary Sports Day
Wednesday	1st July	1.50pm	Secondary Sports Day
Monday	6th July	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday	16th July	All day	Papillon Summer Fun Day
Monday	20th July	am	Transition morning
Monday	20th July	5-7.30pm	Papillon Family BBQ
Tuesday	21st July	3pm	End of Summer Term 2

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Is it time to wake up yet?" Mila (Monarch Class) at 3am on the sleepover. The staff response was "lots more sleep to do yet!"

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