



Papillon House School Newsletter

Summer Term 1 - Friday 15th May 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had another busy week at Papillon with lots of community visits, off-site activities and we continue to celebrate achievements. I must give a Papillon 'shout-out' to Jaxson for getting on a horse for the very first time. He followed instructions carefully and enjoyed riding Sweetcorn the horse. Well done Jaxson!



You may have seen some lovely photographs in recent newsletters of pupils enjoying our new basketball equipment. We are delighted to share that this equipment was purchased with the money raised by the raffle at our Summer BBQ. A huge thank you for your generous contributions! It has been fantastic to see so many of our pupils developing their skills and having fun. The equipment has enhanced break times as well as formal PE lessons, helping pupil develop hand-eye coordination, teamwork, communication skills, upper arm strength, individual ball skills, and the joy of sharing celebrations and successes. Thank you once again for your wonderful support – it truly makes a difference to our pupils' experiences at school.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class really enjoyed swimming on Monday and all pupils participated extremely well and worked hard on their swimming skills. We have also been to Asda to choose our favourite fruits and vegetables, and chopped raspberries, sugar snap peas, dates and radishes as part of our science lesson. Caterpillar Class enjoyed 'food is fun' and also made dinosaur biscuits in cooking. We continued to read our class book 'Hide and Seek Dinosaurs' and enjoyed singing 'Five Little Speckled Frogs' in maths.

Meadow Class made 'pirate biscuits' in cooking on Wednesday and they also started some 'favourite pirate' painting in making on Tuesday. They loved a trip to Priory Park on Friday to play in the pirate ship in the playground. The class really enjoyed a topic lesson on Tuesday where they observed a number of famous TV and film-based pirates such as Captain Jack Sparrow and Captain Hook; they chose their favourite from the list and everyone chose a different one! Well done to our group of children who went to horse riding on Thursday, as they all rode the horses really well and spoke beautifully to their horses.

Peacock Class enjoyed a visit to St Luke's Church with Meadow Class this week and played 'I-Spy' with religious artefacts inside. We also went to Dorking Library and found books of interest to each of us, showing how different we all are. In English, we have been reading 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson and learning about anemones. Peacock Class continued our science topic on plants where we visited the school garden, planted sunflower seeds and watered the plants already growing.

Reminders & Requests

A little reminder that we finish for the **half term** break next Friday, 22nd May at 3pm and return on Monday 8th June.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class enjoyed tennis this week and had a productive session rallying the ball back and forth to each other. In cooking, we made pizza swirls, with the students adding their choice of toppings from ham and chorizo, to peppers and sweetcorn. We continued with our topic of Robots and Machines listening to *The Iron Man* and wrote a review. Next week, we will be writing a comparison between *The Wild Robot* and *Iron Man*. In PSHE we discussed a variety of scenarios whether we thought they were safe or unsafe. Swallowtail Class continued to look at a variety of extracts from Roald Dahl books (Matilda, BFG, to name a few) and answer a series of comprehension questions based on the text. We also went to the Dorking Library where we searched for a variety of different books based on Robots and Machines.

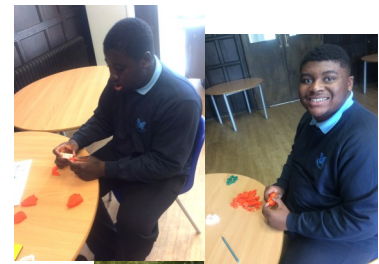
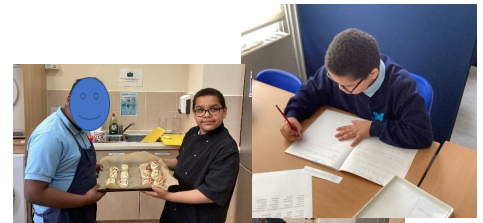
Monarch Class carried out practical activities in Science to explore the functions of the skeleton, and in maths we used inequality symbols to compare numbers up to 100. We also enjoyed a trip to ASDA to look at different animal foods and treats. In our making session, the children created some lovely 3D fish tanks, showing lots of creativity and imagination. In our cooking session, we made delicious apple and raisin crumble, and in PSHE we learned about ways to repair and strengthen friendships when there has been a disagreement or misunderstanding.

Admiral Class enjoyed a trip to Hobby Craft to buy stencils for us to use next week to create graffiti artwork as part of our current topic. In our math lessons, some learners have started to read and compare analogue and digital times on clocks. Some learners enjoyed a bus ride to Box Hill and the surrounding areas as the rain came down fast and heavy. This week, Secondary pupils learnt about children's rights in assembly, why these are important to everyone and what to do if we need support.

Emperor Class have had two fantastic trips this week. On Monday we visited That Retro Place (a retro gaming cafe) to celebrate Ryan's 18th birthday and collect his birthday present from Emperor Class. On Wednesday we went to an amazing metalworks gallery called 'Fire and Iron' in Leatherhead where the students watched blacksmiths demonstrating hammering and cooling iron. We thoroughly enjoyed looking at all the incredible artwork and Thomas even said 'This is the best trip we've ever done!'

Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Jaxson for "riding a horse during his horse riding session."
- Meadow Class** Nevaeh for "being very grown-up on our trip to Pirates Landing last week."
- Peacock Class** Jamie for "his great artwork, making beautiful anemones."
- Swallowtail Class** Aiden for "excellent work in English, writing a great review of the Iron Man."



There were no primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Well done Thomas Horton for having a great session in the small hall with OT and SaLT. We enjoyed playing tug of war together and going on the swing whilst hitting the target! *Emma Kennington (Speech and Language Therapist) and Catherine Hauvette (Occupational Therapist)*

Thank you to Sylvie who came to our nature club last Monday as a special expert guest. She shared her knowledge about gardening and gave us some useful tips how to look after our sensory garden. *Monika Persechino-Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner*



William and Logan had lots of fun in a paired OT session, completing fine motor activities as well as engaging in ball and racket games in the playground, building their hand-eye coordination. *Claire Messom (OT) and Clara Boxall (OT Assistant)*

Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Nevaeh for being really grown up and mature on the class trip to the Pirate soft play.



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Summer Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is the Jewish festival of Shavuot.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
Wednesday	10th June	10.30	Secondary Parents Coffee Morning
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'

"Oh hiya!" Shelbie (Caterpillar Class) when a familiar adult returned to class.

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Student Council

Primary School Council

Attendees: Joseph, Nevaeh, Matilda, Susanna, Ellouise, Alex & Lily.

Pupils went round the room, introducing themselves and naming what class they are representing

Agenda:

Papillon are looking at bringing back Primary lunchtime clubs. Each representative brought back their classes opinions in a tally.

Peacock – 1 Lego club, 1 bubble club, 1 book club, 1 craft club

Caterpillar – 1 basketball club, 1 book club, 1 Lego club, 3 bubble club

Nevaeh – 1 Lego club, 3 bubble club

The winners were bubble club with 7 votes, then Lego club with 3 votes followed by basketball, book, and craft club with 1 vote each. These will be the Primary lunchtime clubs going forward.

Class Reps' Ideas:

Joseph spoke about experiments he does at home with water to get powers! He also said he enjoys drawing at school and doesn't like when it's noisy.

Matilda has enjoyed starting swimming in the warm new swimming pool, and starting her RISE sessions in class.

Nevaeh has been learning about pirates in class, including listening to pirate noises and going to the Pirate soft play. Nevaeh has been doing good listening and talking but doesn't like when its noisy!

Closing note:

Alex thanked everyone for attending student council and handed out stickers to thank the student council reps for attending.

Well done to Joseph, Nevaeh and Matilda!