



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 11th September 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Pupils and staff have all thoroughly enjoyed their first full week back at school and we are adjusting back to the full swing at Papillon. Our new pupils are settling into school life very confidently, it's been lovely to see them around school. Monarch Class enjoyed a day at Lewes Castle on Wednesday linked to their Autumn Term topic of 'Tudors'. Admiral and Emperor Classes attended their first tennis session of the new term whilst pupils from Peacock and Monarch enjoyed swimming at Dorking Leisure Centre. Emperor Class prepared their first café lunch of the academic year and staff tucked into cheese and pepperoni pizzas which proved very popular!

Primary Department News

Woodland Class explored different ways of spreading paint in our creative session this week, some blowing the paint whilst others used a variety of tools such as rollers and sponges to create different effects. In cooking, we tasted a range of fruits and vegetables that we bought from Lidl and shared whether we liked them or not. We have explored different emotions and looked closely at our facial features using mirrors. Throughout the week, we have moved between our classroom and Meadows to explore even more exciting activities. In Literacy, we looked at photographs of ourselves and our names, matching the letters in our names. In Numeracy, we enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic and compared the amounts on our plates, identifying which teddy had more and which had less.

Meadow Class enjoyed our phonics lessons this week which included pegging socks onto string, printing with apples and making toast for our teddies. We learnt about 'same and different', finding pairs of brightly patterned socks and wearing them round school! The children followed a journey of how apples start at a farm and how they get to our plates, then tried apples in different forms including dried and pureed. In our Knowledge and Understanding of the World (KUW) lesson, we looked at reflections of ourselves and painted large pictures. There were puzzles of each child's face to make, using the mirrors to help. For our off-site visits we visited ASDA, looking at all the different colours of apples and also went horse riding.

Peacock Class enjoyed a trip to Redhill Memorial Park and had lots of fun swimming. We have been learning about the history of Papillon House School, practising matching in Maths, and exploring the difference between wild and farm animals. In Food Technology, we discussed our likes and dislikes and different foods we can eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The children also enjoyed feeding the chickens healthy food and collecting their eggs! In World Views, we learnt about Judaism and explored some of its beliefs and traditions.

Online Safety

Technology is an integral part of children's and young people's lives and has transformed the way they learn, play, connect and communicate. Unfortunately these opportunities don't come without risk. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing information to help keep our pupils safe online. Please see information at the end of this newsletter for further resources and guidance.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Skipper Class enjoyed TAC PAC, and we also began our core word learning with the word 'want', using it throughout a range of sensory activities to practise asking for turns. Our new RISE sessions with Naomi have been lots of fun, with the pupils embedding our core word of the week while enjoying shared experiences exploring colourful rice. In maths, we have been learning to sequence the days of the week and identify different activities that happen on each day. We also had lots of fun at our first cycling session of the term, completing lots of laps around the track!

Monarch Class have been very busy completing work and tasks based on their topic of "Tudors". They enjoyed a whole day trip to Anne of Cleves House in Lewes on Wednesday as well as a trip to Nonsuch Park on Thursday where a Tudor Palace once stood. They have enjoyed listening to our topic book 'My Friend Walter' in English lessons and have completed work based on this including some character description and adjectives work. Additionally, Monarch Class loved taking part in some football in PE today with Charlene!

Admiral Class enjoyed our first tennis lesson, practising serves and controlled returns to our peers. Within Science we were investigating rocks, how they differ in colour and how they're used for different purposes. This week we made an Asian-inspired couscous in cooking with tomatoes, peppers, halloumi, pomegranate seeds, coriander and lime juice. Also, as part of our topic, we looked at Asian animals, discussed what we can see and completed fact file work. Admiral Class enjoyed a walk on Box Hill and explored the outdoor nature trail.

Emperor Class visited Ebbisham Tennis Club on Monday where we had great fun developing our tennis skills. We have also been busy preparing for our first Emperor Café session by designing posters, shopping for ingredients and taking orders from staff. This week, we received an impressive 21 orders for pizza baguettes, and I must say, they were absolutely delicious! In class, we have been learning about human rights, as well as exploring the difference between wants and needs. Once again, the students created some fantastic posters, which will make a wonderful addition to our display board.



Our Primary "Stars" this week are:

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| Woodland Class | Lana for "an amazing first week and joining in with new activities." |
| Meadow Class | Matilda for "her amazing horse riding! She was really keen and smiled the whole time!" |
| Peacock Class | Dominic for "sharing his food likes and dislikes in food tech." |



There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Congratulations to Teddy, who had a very successful first Speech and Language Therapy session this year. Not only did he transition seamlessly to the sensory room from his new classroom, but he also remembered everything we worked on before the summer! Teddy labelled all the colours and animals, joined in with the actions to the nursery rhymes, and made requests using the communication board. Well done, Teddy!

Our Makaton stars of the week are Aiden M, Aahil and Mia from Monarch Class, who correctly guessed the sign of the week. This week it was 'class/classroom'. Well done!



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 recycling.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	28th September		Harvest celebrations
Monday	5th October	am	School photographer (individual photos)
Monday	12th October	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	16th October	3pm	End of half term
Monday	2nd November	9.25am	Start of Autumn Term 2
Thursday	12th November	12.15pm	Mexican themed lunch
Thursday	10th December	All day	Christmas jumper day for Crisis
Monday	14th December	12.15pm	Children's Christmas lunch

Online Safety

Children and young people may experience abuse online and they may be exposed to harmful content. This can have a long-lasting impact on their wellbeing. Every child deserves to be, and feel safe online and we all play a role in protecting our children and young people online. Please do check out the resources below to help support the prevention of online harm and abuse.

[UK Safer Internet Centre – Parents and carers resources](#) – A few resources and guides on managing tech and other topics. [Safer Internet Day resources](#) features tips for parents/carers.

Papillon 'Food Shout-Out'

Well done to Mia (*Monarch Class*)
for trying a fig as part of
tasting snack on Thursday!



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