



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 2nd October 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As Autumn arrives, we have been celebrating Harvest at Papillon this week with assemblies and activities in class. Harvest is also an opportunity to turn thankfulness into action by donating to those in need. Thank you to Monarch Class who delivered your kind donations of food and toiletries to the local Foodbank at St Martin's Church in Epsom. Church staff were thrilled to receive our donations which will make a big difference supporting families in need. Thank you for your kind donations.



This week also saw our Secondary School Council meeting with pupils from Skipper, Monarch, Admiral and Emperor who came together to share their ideas and views. Topics discussed included thoughts on our new class healthier snacks and suggestions on any changes they would like made around the school. Thank you to all class reps for your thoughtful and inspiring ideas.

Primary Department News

Woodland Class have been learning important life skills in cooking this week including washing their hands and helping to wash and dry plates and bowls. In PSHE, we focused on the theme of kind hands by creating handprint paintings and caring for teddies in our 'teddy bear hospital'. In maths, we explored shapes through shape sorters, shape printing, and building towers using a variety of shaped blocks. Children investigated sensory trays in Literacy to discover their favourite colours and took part in mark-making activities in sand. We had another successful swimming session and a trip to a local park.

Meadow Class visits out have included Box Hill Woodland Trail on Tuesday where we climbed logs and tried to spot some wildlife, and Bocketts Farm on Wednesday where we found fluffy chickens, fed some sheep and watched the pig racing! Thursday was our horse riding day to round off our animal experiences. We have continued focussing on 'Elmer' in class, exploring colour mixing with paints and using collage materials to explore textures. In maths, we have looked at size, length and mass by making sandcastles, finding ribbons of different lengths and using weighing scales. In Phonics this week we have focussed on 'o', and 'c', all practised through play with Oobleck and cogs. Our KUW and food lessons included finding out about the journey of lamb from tasting lamb chops, to making our own fluffy sheep; then making sandwiches and decorating biscuits based on the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'.

Peacock Class have been looking at a poem called 'My Doggy Ate my Homework', completing a variety of comprehension and sensory tasks on the text involving finding pieces to make up a sentence using colourful semantics. We also had a great birthday party this week for Kuba, who bought in some chocolate cup cakes for his classmates to enjoy. Jack from Monarch Class even came to join in the party! For our community visit this week, we went to Preston Park where pupils enjoyed playing on the equipment. We also made some autumnal art, creating leaves of green, orange, red and brown, which we will be displaying around the classroom.

Reminders and Requests

Our school photographer will be in school on Monday to take individual photographs of all our children and young people. **Please can you ensure your child is in full uniform.** Thank you.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Skipper Class focussed on our core word and RISE focus 'I', 'me' and 'my'. The children particularly loved dressing up during our sessions, exploring the different costumes and outfits and making choices about what they wanted to wear. In science, we focused on brushing our teeth, and the children did a fantastic job practising their brushing skills and reaching those tricky areas. During cooking and life skills, we explored breakfast foods, learning about portions and practising choosing and preparing our own breakfast. The children did brilliantly using the toaster for crumpets and pancakes and pouring milk for their cereal. In assembly, we celebrated the harvest season with pumpkin painting, stamping and rolling conkers.

Monarch Class have finished their learning on the topic book of "My Friend Walter" by Michael Morpurgo and they have been thinking about "Why We Tell Stories" and putting those thoughts into writing at the end of the week in their English lessons. Additionally, in science the class enjoyed learning about another animal group, amphibians and completed their worksheets really well. The class also loved cooking tortilla pizzas in Food Tech this week and most pupils ate their creations during snack time. Yesterday, Monarch Class took all of your amazing Harvest Festival food donations to St Martin's Church in Epsom's Food Bank - the church were very appreciative!

Admiral Class have been learning about South Korea, completing a fact file about their population, music, food and diet. For our community visit we went to Dorking Library to read books related to Asia. Within our science lesson we made water filters using bottles and rocks, and experimented to find out if it takes longer for water to filter out with bigger or smaller rocks. We have also started a morning O.T session in the playground using basketballs, tyres and balancing balls before we start our day.

Emperor Class did their bit for the community this week by litter-picking around Box Hill. We also celebrated a birthday with chocolate cake while we were there! In class, the students have been working on comparing numbers up to 200 using the greater than, less than and equals symbols. In Science, they have been comparing animal skeletons and naming the different bones. We had great fun in PE, where the students were developing their ball skills – a great way to end the week!

Our Primary "Stars" this week are:

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| Woodland Class | Tristan for "participating in our maths session and using magnetic tiles to make a big tower." |
| Meadow Class | Logan for "being brave when feeding the sheep!" |
| Peacock Class | Jamie for "following instructions well at swimming and trying his very best!" |



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Kuba celebrated his birthday this week and received a Lego set. He celebrated in class with a party, music and chocolate cake!

Therapy

William has been doing really well with practising using his high tech AAC device in his Speech and Language Therapy sessions. William is linking symbols together on his device, for example, this week, William communicated "more pig, go!" Well done William!" *Emma Kennington (Speech and Language Therapist)*

Congratulations to the whole of Monarch Class, who have all correctly guessed our mystery sign of the week. This week it was "hard". Well done to Jack, Joseph, Mia, Aiden, Aahil and Bailey! *Monika Persechino (Speech and Language Therapy Assistant Practitioner)*



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Autumn Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. There will not be an assembly next week due to the school photographer visit.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	5th October	am	School photographer (individual photos)
Monday	12th October	3.30-7pm	Parents' Evening
Friday	16th October	All day	Halloween mufti day
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

[Internet Matters](#) – includes lots of information and advice with available resources for families. Also includes trusted online safety advice, practical tools and resources to help children stay safe and thrive online.

Papillon 'Food Shout-Out'

Well done Matilda (*Meadow Class*) for trying some lamb chop this week!



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Student Council

Attended: Alex Merrett, Lilian Prince, Izzy Lamb, Alfie, Michael, Sylvie & Mia.

Apologies: N/A

Introductions: Everyone introduced themselves with their name and the name of the class they were representing. During this, Alfie asked the year some of the student reps were born!

Student ideas: Spoke about the new snack and asked the student reps for their opinions on this. The general consensus was that the new snack is interesting and that students are trying new foods in class. It is a mix amongst the students whether they like the new snacks, but the reps came up with some more suggestions. Sylvie suggested lychees, Mia suggested lettuce, Michael suggested strawberries and Alfie agreed with lettuce. There was a discussion around the differences in what classes were ordering. Some reps were surprised to find out pitta bread is available at snack time and Mia shared that she had recently tried a fig!

Additional Ideas: Each pupil was given one minute to talk about anything they like, dislike or changes they would make in school. Mia suggested adding another climbing frame, more planting pots, a slide and an underground tunnel to the playground, and also spoke about enjoying gardening and planting lettuce. Sylvie brought up that there should be additional education on emergency services as she has heard a lot of pupils refer to them as '911'. She also mentioned it would be good to buy some additional gardening equipment and seeds. Sylvie also mentioned enjoying maths. Michael shared that Emperor Class have spoken about wanting a zipwire on the grounds by the garden, and shared that he likes chilling on the pergola at playtime because the playground isn't for his age. He also said that he enjoys PSHE because it is wise to learn about. Alfie spoke about liking the numbers 1-20 in class and said 'I like cooking for food' especially cupcakes. When asked what he does not like at school Alfie said, 'not doing good listening'. Alfie also shared that sitting in lifeskills for lunch is better than the library and he enjoys eating fish and chips.

When leaving the meeting Alfie gave a big thank you!

Closing Note: Well done to Alfie, Mia, Sylvie and Michael for a productive Secondary student council meeting!