



Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 9th October 2026



Dear Parents/Guardians,

There were lots of smiles at Papillon this week as we welcomed our new school photographer to take individual photographs of pupils who felt happy to say 'cheese' to the camera! Links have been sent to all parents and carers of pupils whose photos were taken, we hope you liked the results.

Admiral Class were also full of smiles following their day trip to Wisley Gardens this week. Despite the showers, pupils visited the view point, explored the exotic plants in the glasshouse and enjoyed a picnic lunch before returning to school.

Primary Department News

Woodland Class talked about our rights in PSED, and explored ways to care for others. The children enjoyed washing baby dolls in the bath, making choices, and taking turns with their peers. During music, we explored different instruments, including the drums and cymbals. At the end of the session, Chris brought in his guitar and gave everyone the opportunity to have a turn. In maths, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in 'Five Little Ducks'. Some children were able to correctly order the ducks before sending them off to the pond! In literacy, we continued creating our 'Incredible Me' books, choosing and sharing our favourite activities to help make their books even more personal and meaningful. We also explored a variety of sensory activities using our senses to investigate and learn about the world around us.

Meadow Class have been reading 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and explored our story box and used props to support our learning. We made giraffe masks and danced along with instruments. Phonics this week was based around cvc words, blending sounds together using puzzles and sound matching games to help us learn. We have continued to learn about measuring in maths and focussed on capacity through water play, practising the words full, empty and more. We cut strawberries in food tech this week, mixed them with yoghurt and made strawberry milkshakes and used magnifying glasses to look at the trees in the grounds and we found lots of spiders hiding in their webs.

Peacock Class looked at the poem "The Owl and the Pussycat" in English, answering a variety of questions on the poem and making use of colourful semantics to help construct sentences. We have also taken part in some really cool sensory activities themed around the poem too, including a water sensory involving water beads and role play. Peacock Class have made great progress in Maths this week, working on identifying the bigger/smaller of two numbers in a variety of scenarios. On Tuesday, we had a great swimming session, with everyone enjoying being in the water. The children shared ideas about being kind to others in PSHE, with each student identifying what being kind to others looks like. To reinforce our learning the class completed an activity in pairs to sort kind and unkind actions.

Reminders and Requests

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our **Parents' Evening** on Monday. Forms have been sent home with your child confirming your appointment time. Please contact the office if you are unsure of your time slot.

Photo Gallery



Secondary Department News

Skipper Class have been learning our core words and RISE focus this week using the word 'like', with the children enjoying a fun sensory session exploring rice over drums. In science, we practised important self-care skills, including blowing our noses, putting tissues in the bin and washing our hands afterwards. During cooking and life skills, the children did a fantastic job practising their cutting skills and tasting a variety of delicious fruits. In assembly, we celebrated Space Week with a magical sensory walk among the stars!

Monarch Class continued their learning on Tudor life as part of their topic of 'Tudors'. They learnt about a traditional Tudor feast and started making their own feast using papier-mâché in art. They also discovered about some particularly disgusting habits the Tudors had in English and answered some quick-fire questions in class. Additionally, the class loved comparing themselves to the Queens of the Tudor times and did some role-play activities in Topic lessons where they spoke about the differences between their lives in the 1500s to now. My amazing maths group have worked incredibly hard this week completing their work on 'one more, one less' and took part in a fun bingo game. By the end of the week were all competent with the concept of this! We also enjoyed a trip to Sainsbury's Kiln Lane to pick pumpkins for our pumpkin carving next week.

Admiral Class had an exciting day out this week, visiting Wisley Gardens to further explore our class topic of Asia. We looked at Japanese Maples and were fortunate enough to visit some Asian food stalls selling delights from across Asia. In science we continued our study of rocks and used an ariel view of Papillon House to map where clusters of rocks are located. The children were very creative in drawing their own ariel views and identifying landmarks within the school grounds. We concluded our week with continuing our Halloween themed class decorations making Admiral look a little spooky!

Emperor Class thoroughly enjoyed Monday's tennis session! It's great to see the students developing their tennis skills, and I was particularly impressed by Logan, who managed an amazing rally of 76 hits! In class, we prepared and roasted some pumpkin for everyone to try - some thought it was delicious and others weren't so keen! In Science, we were studying different animal skeletons and classifying them into different groups. We also did some marble art this week which was great fun.



Our Primary "Stars" this week are:

Woodland Class	Shelbie for "engaging in more class activities (including washing babies in PSED) and making patterns in maths."
Meadow Class	Lucie for "saying new words this week."
Peacock Class	Tiana for "making a Halloween mask independently in art."

Photo Gallery

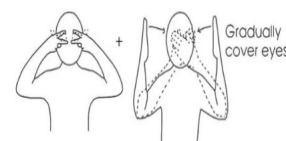


There were no Primary birthdays this week.

Therapy

Well done to Admiral and Emperor Class for their amazing engagement in our 'Brilliant Brains' session looking at Neurodiversity and differences!' - *Lilian Prince, Assistant Psychologist-Therapy Assistant*

Well done to Aiden, Sylvie and Ahiyan who are our Makaton 'stars of the week'. They correctly guessed the mystery sign: Halloween. 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 theme for next weeks assembly is Black History Month.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
Wednesday	16th December	pm	Christmas Show

Cauliflower Cards Reminder

Just a little reminder to parents/carers that if you would like to order your child's/young person's Cauliflower Card Christmas designs, the deadline to do this is **Tuesday 13th October**. Please also send your child's/young person's Christmas design back into school for it to be sent off to Cauliflower Cards to be made.

Papillon 'Food Shout-Out'

Well done to all of Emperor Class for trying roasted pumpkin this week!



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