Papillon House School Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 - Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It was lovely to welcome so many parents and guardians to our Parents' Evening on Monday. Staff received lots of positive feedback, and the meetings also gave opportunity to share goals and aspirations for your child with the class teams to help ensure your child thrives at Papillon. It was also lovely for the class teams to share children's achievements so far this term.

Papillon took on a 'spooky' theme this week to mark Halloween, it was great to see all the fabulous costumes today! The children and young people have enjoyed trick-or-treating across the school and held 'spooktacular' parties in class.

Sadly we said goodbye to Sarah Evans who has worked at Papillon for the last 9 years. Sarah has been an incredibly supportive member of staff and it has been a pleasure working with her. She will be greatly missed but we wish her all the very best for the future.

Primary Department News

Woodland Class explored a range of different textures in Science and enjoyed moulding mint-scented playdough. In Maths, we investigated patterns using coloured bears. With support, the children matched the bears to create simple repeating patterns and joined in with singing *Five Little Ducks*. A couple of students also matched the numbers 1 - 5. In Literacy, we completed our *Incredible Me* books and next term, the children will have the opportunity to look through them and add to them if they wish. In Cooking, we toasted bagels and made choices about which spread we would like to put on top. We also enjoyed a lovely trip to Merstham Recreation Ground, where the children had great fun exploring a new park and also had a fantastic swimming session at Aqua Pups on Monday.

Meadow Class have had a foodie week again, mashing potatoes and making gingerbread men, based on our story in KUW. We've also played with cereals in sensory time and dug out pumpkins to discover their seeds inside. Our English wrapped up 'Giraffes Can't Dance' with collaging Gerald and learning to put two words together using Widgit symbols. We used finger painting, penguins and shapes to show repeating patterns in maths. In making, we have used paints and glitter to print shapes on contrasting dark paper and in PSED we practised washing hands and brushing giant's teeth! The community visit on Tuesday was to Preston Park, where the children are beginning to share the equipment.

Peacock Class finished off our English topic with the poem "I am a Ghost Who has Lost his Boo", answering questions based on the poem and engaging in some sensory activities. In World Views, we finished off our topic of Judaism by looking at Moses and how he led his people out of Egypt across the Red Sea. In Art, we did some Halloween pumpkin painting, using a variety of coloured paints and glue. The class enjoyed exploring the woods at Jubilee Woodland Park on Wednesday. We completed some Halloween themed work in the morning including watching a Halloween themed film (Room on the Broom) as well as trick or treating! We also had a goodbye party for Sarah, with a variety of snack options for the class to enjoy.

Reminders and Requests

We look forward to welcoming pupils back after the half term break on **Monday 2nd November.**

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Secondary Department News

Skipper Class core word and RISE focus this week has been **'help'**, and the children loved helping each other and their teddies by putting on bandages during our sessions. In science, we explored the importance of exercise and keeping our bodies active. It was also lovely to see some of our parents at Parents' Evening on Monday! We enjoyed some fantastic attention circles themed around Halloween and autumn, before finishing the week with lots of excitement as we went trick-or-treating around the secondary classes. The children had a brilliant time!

Monarch Class have been doing some writing about what they have learnt as part of their topic of "Tudors" and focusing on their favourite Queen, least favourite aspect of the Tudor period as well as what they thought about Tudor ways of life. The class also completed their Science topic based on biology and animals and learnt all about a human's needs for survival, the human body and growing up. The class loved taking part in some Halloween activities this week, carving pumpkins and completing some spooky tasks today! On Wednesday, the class baked a white chocolate cheesecake for Aiden's birthday, which we celebrated on Friday afternoon. We are sending home the pupils' PE kits over the half term to be washed so please send them back in on the first week back.

Admiral Class wrapped up our Asia Topic, reflecting on what we had learnt, and combined our new found knowledge with a little creative writing. In horticulture we ignored the rain and enjoyed a warm drink in the polytunnel while we celebrated our progress in the garden and finished our week on a high with a Halloween themed party and things got a little spooky!

Emperor Class enjoyed a trip to Tesco to do our weekly shopping for the Emperor Café. The students have also been hard at work preparing items to sell at the Christmas Enterprise Fair. They particularly enjoyed using the glue guns to decorate tea-light lanterns with gems. It was lovely to welcome a former pupil back and hear all about how they are getting on at college. We rounded off the half-term with a Halloween party, which was enjoyed by everyone!

Our Primary "Stars" this week are:

Woodland Class	Amberley for "exploring patterns in Maths, matching coloured teddy bears with support."
Meadow Class	Jaxson for "helping Meadow Class with pumpkin painting."
Peacock Class	Aidan for "trying a deeper part of the pool using a pool noodle to aid him."

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Jaxson (Meadow Class) celebrated his birthday and received a colouring book and pens. He enjoyed a party in class with lots of party food!

Therapy

Well done to Ryan and Jack who both did very well in their Lego therapy session. Jack, who was the engineer, independently gave very clear instructions to the builder and Ryan, who was the builder, listened to the instructions, asked for clarification when needed, and completed the model perfectly. Well done Jack and Ryan – what a great team you are!

Also, congratulations to Aiden M, Jack, Aahil and Mia from Monarch Class, who have all correctly guessed our mystery sign of the week. This week it was: "trick or treat".



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 the first week back is Jigsaw celebrating difference.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	2nd November	9.25am	Start of Autumn Term 2
Thursday	12th November	12.15pm	Mexican themed lunch
Friday	13th November	All day	Children in Need mufti day
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
Friday	18th December	2pm	End of Autumn Term—2pm finish

SeeAbility

The NHS in England have committed to transforming eye care and vision for students and young people in special schools in England by delivering a free eye examinations on school premises which includes the supply, fitting and glasses for every student who needs them. For them to do this they need parental consent. Please scan the QR code or go to seeability.org/opt-in to complete the form, even if your child is being seen elsewhere.

Papillon 'Food Shout-Out'

Well done to Tiana *(Peacock Class)* who chose green beans on a communication board at lunch time and explored them by smelling.



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