



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week at Brantridge, 8 of our pupils participated in the Brighton & Hove Albion Football club tournament at the Triangle Leisure Centre in Burgess Hill. Despite facing much bigger and older opponents, our team managed to make the semi-finals which was an incredible achievement.

On Friday our pupils raised money for 'Children in Need' by having a non-uniform day, with pupils and staff voluntarily donating £1 to this exceptional cause. The School Council visited all of the classes in the morning to help collect the money from the pupils and staff taking part.

This Monday, as well as our Junior Team competing in the next round of the football tournament in Burgess Hill, Brantridge will welcome a former professional Long Jumper to school. Please remind your child to bring in his sponsorship form and any money raised in order to take part in the sponsored circuits. If your child is taking part in the football tournament this Monday, please remember to send them to school with trainers and shin pads.

Finally can I remind you that next week on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November the school will be closed for INSET.

Please continue to visit the School website for updates on upcoming events in and out of school.

I wish you all a good weekend,

Robert Chowns

Regional Lead for Safeguarding

## Neptune:

We have had a good week in Neptune. Our English this week focussed on World War 1 and we designed our own propaganda posters and researched facts and information. In Maths we have been working on multiplication, some boys focussing on multiplication in algebraic expressions. For science we continued our learning on cells and next week the boys will make their own models of plant or animal cells. The boys are enjoying learning about maps in geography and we are hoping to use some of our new skills with an orienteering activity. At swimming, the boys not only impressed me and their instructor with their technique but the other instructors at the pool as well! The boys have really been working hard at the different strokes but in particular their butterfly stroke is superb!

## Titan:

This week Titan have been learning everyday money skills, this includes adding money to find totals and finding change. In English, the boys have been reading some fables and have used these as a starting point to develop their understanding of the rules for writing speech. There have been some beautiful creations of painted fireworks and entries to a Christmas card competition. The boys have tried to be incredibly resilient this week.

Mars: Mars have had a mixed week and some boys have been off school due to illness. We have been learning poetry and have been studying and comparing different remembrance poems. We can recognise rhythm, rhyme, repetition for effect and emotive language. We will be using this knowledge to write our own poems. In maths, we have been practicing column multiplication. In art, we are continuing our printmaking designs of super heroes.

## Mercury

Mercury have had a good week this week. In English we did our Big Write task, whereby we had to put a sequence of pictures in order and then predict what might be happening in each one. The boys seemed to enjoy doing this and creating their own description to go alongside the pictures. As well as Big Write the boys have been doing their spellings, and then creating sentences with their spellings in to secure their knowledge and understanding. In Maths they have been doing subtraction to help them solve worded problems, and in history this week the boys looked at the Great Fire of London and were able to categorise them in chronological order.

## Pluto:

Pluto have had a mixed week this week. In English they have been learning about features of newspapers and learning to recognise facts and opinions. In Maths they have been studying fractions. They have been finding fractions of shapes and number. In Science we have set up an experiment on tooth decay. This involves studying how different drinks effects the shell of an egg and they will be monitoring the effects over the next week. In Art they choose a portrait of a famous person and in the style of POP ART added blocks of bright colours to a black and white portrait image. I wish them a good weekend.

**Jupiter:** A busy, busy week in class for Jupiter. We made some superb firework displays in art, using a wide range of coloured paints, putting a big blob on the paper and blowing it really hard with a straw to create a firework effect! They looked marvellous. Some boys went further to create the bonfire in the foreground also. All the boys showed a good use of sequencing words in English, allowing the reader to tell the order of specific events within our story. In maths we had a "sale" to practice the calculations we need to make when working out change to give or receive. In science we continued to explore light and how the eye works with the brain by looking at a number of brain boggling optical illusions. The boys loved them and I look forward to showing them some next week.

## Saturn

We have had a good week in Saturn. The boys completed an extended Big Write yesterday, which involved both Maths and English objectives as the boys have been learning about sequencing vocabulary in Maths and we looked at sequencing a familiar story in English. In Science, they looked at categorising animals and putting them into groups according to their features and they had to give reasons for their choice. All boys have been working on practising their spellings daily and using them in sentences to secure them. The boys have been working on recalling days of the week in order and months of the year as part of our Maths.

## Brantridge Weekly - Roll Of Honour!

### TOP OF THE LEAGUE



**Tyler H. Jayden. Joe**

### TITAN

King of the Credits	Jayden
Star of the Week	Jayden

### MARS

King of the Credits	Taylor
Star of the Week	Oliver

### SATURN

King of the Credits	Blake
Star of the Week	Blake

### PLUTO

King of the Credits	Tyler H
Star of the Week	Tyler H

### JUPITER

King of the Credits	Tyler B
Star of the Week	Alfie

### NEPTUNE

King of the Credits	Joe
Star of the Week	Joe

### MERCURY

King of the Credits	Riley
Star of the Week	Aaron

## Therapies:

**The whole school has been targeting 'A Joke too far?'** this week in our Social Communication Programme.

This target is to help to recognise when a Joke has been taken too far and may have upset someone.

Our role as adults is to help the children to know when a joke has been taken too far and things that have been said or done that may hurt somebody. We need to help the children understand that it is ok to have a laugh/'banter' with people but to understand when it has gone too far that we need to stop.



**Next week our Social Communication target will be 'Oops is OK'** this target supports our students to understand that it is ok to make a mistake.

# Forest School

The boys had fun this week making woodland smoothies, building fires, chopping wood, and playing in the tree's and mud!!

