

Friday, 11th September
2020.

Dear Parent and Carer,

In any school there can be a danger of having so many rules, that the children struggle to remember them all! In view of this, we have introduced three simple rules that we are encouraging the children and staff to remember and to use. The three rules are:

1. Be kind.
2. Be respectful
3. Be your best.

We believe that these three deal with attitudes to others, to learning, to engagement, to themselves and to behaviour and therefore are relevant to us.

These rules are discussed regularly in classes and are on display throughout the school and are at the centre of our reward/celebration of engagement and behaviour.

Those of you whose children were here last year will remember that on Fridays, children would be given a 'King of the Golds' certificate for having the most points in their class that week or had a certificate for being the 'Star of the Week'. We are now trialling a slightly different approach where childrens' names are put under the 'Be Kind' poster in their class when they display kindness, under the 'Be respectful' poster in their class when they are respectful and so forth. Starting from today, certificates will be awarded linked to these three rules and not 'King of the Gold' and 'Star of the Week' as they were previously.

This approach is based on the work of an educationalist called Paul Dix, who has written extensively in this area. Some of you may be interested to read more about his approach and we would encourage you to do so. Of course, as with all these things, they need adapting to meet the needs of our particular pupils and no doubt as with any new approach, further 'tweaks' may be needed as time goes on.

The children are responding well to the restrictions that we have had to put in place due to the Coronavirus as I outlined in last week's Bulletin. We continue to encourage social distancing, along with all the other measures expected of schools. Linked to this please could you ensure that your child brings in a clearly named plastic water bottle that they can use during the day which then avoids the need for them to drink out of plastic cups. Please don't send in a metal water bottle as this can be dangerous if thrown.

Finally a vacancy has arisen on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor. Should you be interested in finding out more about the role please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts

Mercury

It has been a busy week back in Mercury. On Monday morning we were stunned to find a spaceship crashed on the playground! We have found out that an alien called Layo is lost and needs our help to get them back to their planet. We have been completing tasks such as building a rocket, learning about which planets are in our solar system, and have sent Layo information on our planet to take home with him. Our class have been learning and putting our new school rules into practise 'be kind' 'be respectful' and 'be your best'. We hope Mercury class have a good weekend and are ready to find out on Monday if Layo managed to find his way back to his planet!

Saturn

This week Saturn class were amazed to discover what appeared to be a crashed spaceship! The vessel appeared to be empty and we found green footprints leading away from it! We put on our best detective eyes and searched the area for any clues as to who could have been in the spaceship. We later received our first mission. The whole class have really engaged with the tasks the Ditarrians set each day.

Aside from our daily tasks we have spent time getting to know each other and learning our 3 school rules. We have worked so hard at being kind and respectful and trying to be our best. It's been so much fun meeting and getting to know our new class mates. We have had a great week!

Pluto:

This week Pluto have enjoyed learning about the solar system in our discussions and through the presence of a crashed space ship on the field. We have all chosen our reading books and have been started reading regularly. We have been learning about number sequences in Maths we have been hanging numbers on a line and building number towers. In English we have read The Dinosaur that Pooped A Planet. We have enjoyed spending time in the Outdoor Learning Space and had fun riding bikes and building dens from cardboard. We've had a lovely week and I hope that you all enjoy a fantastic weekend!

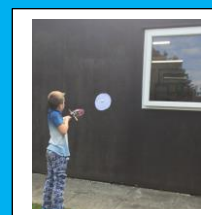
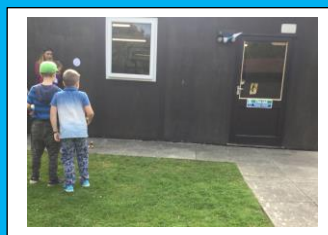
Titan

We have had a very busy week in Titan. The WOW starter to our topic, Space, that the whole school followed, got the children involved in some fierce debates about our alien friend, or shall we say guest! Two of the children took on the role of detectives with notepads and serious investigation skills to find out what really happened and how the spaceship ended on our planet: was it by choice or by chance? We communicated with the Ditairians via emails and we listened to their messages in their desperate help to find their son, Layo. The children also enjoyed some bikes and minecraft, as well as whole class reading of a book on a 'different' sort of journey to space. The children have started practising their maths skills, and they did so brilliantly considering that there had been a big gap in their school activity this year. I was very proud and impressed with their resilience. We have already seen some children showing kindness, being respectful as showing their best this week, as part of our new behaviour approach.

I hope they have a good weekend before we come back next week ready for some more learning!

Neptune

The aliens have landed!!! And in our school playground! The young alien, Layo, who crash landed in our school grounds generated a good debate about whether this event was 'fake news' or an actual real occurrence. The boys investigated the evidence and came up with the conclusion that it was not real but they enjoyed acting out as if it was real and by the end of the week they had become totally immersed in the whole story. The boys helped Layo's parents rescue him by undertaking daily tasks. They especially loved the task where they explored different ways of launching rockets. We have also been re-visiting place values and recapping times tables. We have started reading a class story - 'The Kid who came from Space' - it is very exciting and the boys are completely riveted by it.



Mars

Mars have had an exciting start to the new school year. We love our new topic- space and this week has been really exciting because an alien space craft crash landed in our school field! We couldn't believe it and so we have spent the week completing fun activities to help the aliens fix their craft and fly off home.

We have researched the planets in our solar system, next we went on a treasure hunt to find the planets and place them in order from the sun. Our next task was to test different launch methods and we made rocket launchers which was great fun. As a class, we made a time capsule for Layo the alien to find and take home to remember his time on Earth.

The space ship managed to launch on Thursday night but the aliens left us an alien egg each to remember them by and to thank us for helping them.

As well as all of this, we have been working hard in class with maths, and English where we have been keeping a daily journal about the exploits of our visiting friends.



Galaxy:

An interesting and active week had by all in Galaxy. The boys have loved their new spaces and enjoyed sharing these spaces with each other during lunch times and other down times between activities. We have been on some lovely walks in the local countryside, explored how to put up a tent and loved spending time in it. A couple of the boys went fishing at a local lake, first cast of the day and first fish caught! It was an incredible start and we learned a lot. Sadly we lost a few good sized fish in the reeds but there was quite a lot of action and we look forward to next week. Some of the boys have done some lovely art work and explored their senses with shaving foam. It has been so lovely to see the boys choosing to spend time with each other and these interactions being positive.

Awards of the week

Saturn		Mercury	
Being Kind award	Aaron, Toby	Being Kind award	Aymen B
Being respectful award	Toby, Freddie, Freddy	Being respectful award	Riley J
Being your best award	Callum, Freddy, Freddie	Being your best award	James K
Pluto		Mars	
Being Kind award	Danny, Reagan	Being Kind award	Carter
Being your best award	Harry	Being your best award	Harry
Neptune		Titan	
Being Kind award	Noah and Tyler	Being Kind award	Daniel
Being respectful award	Ronnie	Being respectful award	Cohen
Being your best award	Noah and Ronnie	Being your best award	Bobby

Outdoor Learning

It has been lovely to welcome all the boys back to their outdoor learning sessions. We have reminded ourselves on the rules to keep us safe in outdoor learning and then had lots of time to explore and enjoy the outdoor area.

So what is there to do in outdoor learning area??????



Our Shelter



Our mud campfire



Our hand washing station



Our rope swing



Our rope trail



Our pan music fence



Our camp



Our climbing tree

Menu



Autumn LUNCH Menu

DID YOU KNOW? We use Free Range Eggs & MSC Fish! **14th September 2020**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Everyday
Main	MEAT FREE MONDAY Vegetable Hot Pot	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie	Honey Baked Gammon	Sausage Or Bacon In a Baguette	Salad Bar Jacket Potatoes Baguettes Fruit
And to go with	Broccoli	Roasted Vegetable	Midi Potatoes Carrots Peas	Roast Potato Cauliflower Beans	Chips	
Pudding	Medley Of Melon	Raspberry Yogurt	Pineapple Upside Down Sponge	Rice Pudding	Choc Ice	
<i>Supper</i>						

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