

Friday, 25th September
2020.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are all aware this week has seen further announcements from the Government regarding our approach as a nation to COVID 19.

We are grateful for the way that our school community has acted responsibly in response to this pandemic over recent months. As the daily numbers of infections across the country seems to be rising we would ask you to ensure that you keep your child at home if they are displaying any COVID symptoms. These are identified on the NHS website as:

- High temperature
- New, continuous cough
- Loss or change to one's sense of smell or taste.

If any pupils display any such symptoms whilst at school we will be contacting you immediately to collect your child. Your support in this is vital as we do all that we can to ensure the wellbeing of the pupils and staff.

On a different note, as well as this Bulletin you should be receiving today a letter from our School Office Manager Sarah O'Connell, asking for updated permissions and information relating to your child. It is very important that we have the most up to date records as we look after your child. Please do return the forms by Friday, 2nd October.

Finally, thank you to those of you who contributed to the 'Jeans for Genes' day on Monday. It was a good opportunity for the boys to see that they can make a valuable contribution to others.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts

Mercury

For English this week we explored writing a postcard from the alien beegu to the children she became friends with on earth. In Maths we have been building our knowledge of addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers. In Science we have been looking at different reflective materials and which one is the most reflective. For enrichment we made moon cakes which tasted brilliant. We elected our school council representative which is Floyd. A massive thank you for everyone who supported jeans for genes on Monday. The school raised over £25, which will go towards their charity.

Saturn

This week we have continued to work on colourful semantics in English and Place value in Maths. For science we started learning about light and we found lots of items around the classroom that were opaque, translucent or transparent. In food tech we made planet cookies which were very yummy!

We elected our school council representative, well done to Toby.

Bonnie the therapy dog visited us on Wednesday and we thoroughly enjoyed helping her do tricks like high fives and jumping over our class mates.

We have enjoyed a number of books in class, one of our favourites is The Colour Monster which we are using to support our emotional literacy.

Pluto:

This week Pluto have been learning about pauses and punctuation through dressing up and acting out some key scenes from Star Wars. We have been using ball games to practise our times tables and usage of capital letters.

We have made some rather impressive cardboard space helmets and a Saturn 5 rocket as part of our research into the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969. We have been talking about conditions on board a lunar mission and have tasted some real NASA astronaut food.

Danny and Reagan were lucky enough to spend some time with our amazing school dog Bonnie, and Harry worked so hard in Maths that he qualified for some extra time on Minecraft!

All of Pluto have been seen being their best this week and all will receive a certificate celebrating their achievements.



Titan

We have had another good, and busy week in Titan! The children have adapted well to more formal lessons and have completed all work set for them. They all loved the walk that they took on Monday, instead of Golf, and came back with lots of apples, that a kind villager gave to them. In Maths, we looked at Roman Numerals this week - the children surprised me how much they could remember - as well as problem solving using place value, where they had to work in pairs to discuss and reason their answers. In English, they watched a video about different planets in the solar system and they had to choose one that they wanted to live on, but explain why they made that choice. In Art, they used background and foreground to paint a picture related to our topic, Space. We looked at feelings and emotions in PHSCE and made planets in Outdoor Learning.



Neptune

This week in Neptune class, we have moved our idea of creating a business one step closer by writing a letter to our business manager, Mrs. O'Connell, requesting a start-up fund. Mrs. O'Connell has written back to the class and she has told us that we can have the loan to get ourselves up and running. The boys have been brainstorming ideas and developing marketing strategies so we can spread the news about our café to all staff and pupils.

In maths, we have been learning about the features of numbers and exploring terms such as, odd, even, prime and squared. They enjoyed a hunt for numbers around the classroom using clues to help them.

In Science, we explored air resistance and the class experimented with different materials (plastic bag, greaseproof paper, tin foil) to see what would make the best parachute - the consensus was that the plastic bag was the best.

After watching a short animation about a boy in space, the boys, in small groups, have developed their own narrative. We have had some lovely creative ideas.

Mars

The week has flown by for Mars class! We have been really busy working on our narrative stories about a crew of tiny aliens that land on Earth and get chased by a giant cat! We have thought of some wonderful vocabulary to describe as well as thinking of similes and using alliteration.

In maths we have continued our investigations into place value. For science we learned where electricity comes from and which materials work as conductors. In history this week, we learned about the 1969 moon landings and created some fabulous posters containing facts that we have learned.

In art we continued our exploration into the work of painter, Peter Thorpe and we practiced blending with oil pastels to create exciting space images of rockets to go on our display



Galaxy:

A dynamic and interesting week had by all in Galaxy. We have been fishing again, catching big carp up to 8.5lb and showing some excellent focus, resilience and patience while there. Riley really enjoyed a visit to the Wings Museum where he engaged in all the exhibits and was "so, so happy!" All the boys have explored using fruit and vegetables in art this week, making shapes, mixing colours and taking pride in their work. Keep it up Galaxy!

Awards of the week

Saturn		Mercury	
Being Kind award	Aaron, Toby	Being Kind award	Riley J, James
Being respectful award	Callum, Freddie, Freddy	Being respectful award	Aymen, Morgan
Being your best award	Callum, Freddy, Freddie, Toby	Being your best award	Floyd, Charlie
Pluto		Mars	
Being Kind award		Being Kind award	Alfie
Being respectful award		Being respectful award	Samuel, Blake
Being your best award	Danny, Reagan, Harry	Being your best award	Alfie, Harry
Neptune		Titan	
Being Kind award	Theo	Being Kind award	Daniel
Being respectful award	Ronnie	Being respectful award	Joshua
Being your best award	Theo, Ronnie, Rhys, Tyler, Noah, Nikolai, Jacob	Being your best award	Joshua
Galaxy			
Being Kind award	Aaron		
Being respectful award	Riley		
Being your best award	Riley, Theo		

Mental Health and Wellbeing

This half term, every class has begun lessons about mental health and wellbeing. During these lessons, we have explored what mental health means and different emotions that we can feel. We have started to look at SMILE – an idea based on the NHS Five Steps to Wellbeing. Each letter of SMILE outlines an area that is important for wellbeing: socialise, move, interest, learn, and engage. SMILE posters can be found around the school and in each classroom as a reminder. In class sessions next week we will focus on socialise; with a range of social games and activities for students to practice their social skills. Students in Galaxy have also been receiving these sessions but on a 1:1 basis.

Additional 1:1 sessions will also be provided from next week for those who could benefit from some extra support.

Through these sessions we aim to help our students to understand their emotions and provide them with strategies to improve their mental health and wellbeing in future.

For any more information, please look on the school website or contact me directly at m.townsend@brantridge-school.co.uk

Mary Townsend

Mental Health Advisor

Outdoor Learning

This week we have been joining in with the whole school topic of SPACE by making natural sun catcher planets, boys explored the area and gathered the natural resources and then, either independently or with support, designed their planet and then named their planet.



Menu



Autumn LUNCH Menu

DID YOU KNOW? We use Free Range Eggs & MSC Fish! 28th September 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Everyday
Main	MEAT FREE MONDAY Pasta with a rich Tomato Sauce	Sausage Platt		Roast Leg Of Pork	Cheese Burger Or Bacon In A Bap	Salad Bar
And to go with	Roasted Courgettes & Onions	Mash Potato Peas		Roast Potatoes Carrots Green Beans	Chips	Jacket Potatoes
Pudding	BIRTHDAY CAKE	Pineapple & Water Melon		Banana & Chocolate Cake	Choc Ice	Baguettes
			Peach Crumble With Custard			Fruit

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