

**Friday, 9th October
2020.**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We recently received the email below from Marie Baker at 'Amaze' and felt it was something we wanted to share with you. Her contact details are at the bottom of her letter.

You may have heard of the Compass Card, the leisure incentive card for children and young people up to the age of 25 living or going to school in West Sussex, but are you aware of the benefits of your child or young person being 'on the Compass' and having a Compass Card?

- having the Compass Card gives your child or young person access to hundreds of discounts and offers across West Sussex and Brighton & Hove on all things leisure related
- being on the 'Compass' means that your child or young person will be part of the Disability Register for West Sussex. This register is held by Amaze, an independent charity based in Brighton.

But why is it important for your child or young person to be on the Disability Register:

- Following lock-down and coming through the pandemic has left children and young people with SEND very isolated and, with tough budget decisions being made by local authorities, it is essential that your child or young person's voice is counted.
- all children and young people with SEND should be represented in order for local authorities to have a true understanding of the needs of the community. If local authorities do not know the needs of the SEND community then budget cuts may be made in areas that will have a detrimental effect on the well-being of your child or young person.

What other benefits will being on the Disability Register provide:

- you will become part of the 'Compass Community'. With an active Facebook page and fortnightly E-Newsletters, we will keep you up to date with leisure ideas, opportunities and provide signposting to events, activities and information that will be useful to you, your child or young person and your family.
- Access to hundreds of discounted leisure opportunities across West Sussex and Brighton & Hove. We know coming out of Covid is scary and taking your child or young person to a leisure venue may not be high on the priority list right now, which is why we have lots of outdoor Compass Card discounts for you to enjoy.

So how do I join and does it cost anything:

- registering on the Compass is super simple and it's FREE! If your child or young person has an EHCP or receives DLA they are automatically eligible.
- you can register online, just by clicking here; <https://www.registercompasscard.org.uk/>
- the form is really simple, it will take you around 20 minutes to complete, and you do not need to send in any additional documentation.

So there you have it. Now, in these very uncertain times, is the time to ensure your child or young person's voice is heard, that their additional needs or disabilities are acknowledged, recognised and taken into account when it comes to the future planning of service provision. Brantridge School has just 24% of eligible pupils registered on the Compass, but we want you to be part of that community too. Help us increase representation from the Brantridge community, get your voice counted, join a supportive community and have the opportunity to access lots of fun with some great discounts –ALL FOR FREE! Register here; <https://www.registercompasscard.org.uk/>

Join us on Facebook here; <https://www.facebook.com/AmazeCompassCard>

Any queries, drop us an email to info@compasscard.org.uk

With very best wishes,

Marie

Marie Baker

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Mercury

This week in English, we have started work on Smilies and metaphors. In Maths, we have looked at multiplication. In Science, Mercury have learnt about light. They are all prepared to be sun safe. They have designed sunglasses to make sure their eyes do not get hurt. In cooking, the boys made fairy cakes and were able to work together to make the mixture. At gymnastics it was lovely to see all the boys using different movements along a balance beam and learning new moves on the trampoline.

Saturn

This week we looked at questions and thought about how the character Beegu might be feeling in the story. We thought about questions we might like to ask Beegu if we met her. We wrote our questions down and then to our surprise on Thursday Beegu arrived in our classroom. We took turns 'hot seating' and asked questions about where Beegu lives and where she is from. Afterwards we could choose whether to make, model or draw our idea of what the planet might look like.

We made alien sundaes which were so yummy it was hard to eat more than we put in! In Science we continued our learning about light and made our own shadow puppet show of Beegu. It was amazing seeing the children retell the story we've been sharing in class as part of our English lessons.

Pluto:

This week Pluto have been learning about using commas in lists in English through the medium of Kung Fu drills. The boys all achieved their yellow belt and are on track to take blue very soon. In Maths we have been learning about counting money through shopping at Darth Vader's Ice Cream Parlour.

In science we are carrying out an investigation into the effects of sunlight on materials as part of our light topic. In History we have been learning about astronauts and life aboard the International Space Station. We have created a photo journal of a day in space (see picture below) which they all acted in magnificently.

Harry and Danny met Bonnie, our lovely therapy dog on Wednesday. Certificates will be awarded to all of Pluto, who have all been their best, respectful and kind at different points this week.



Titan

We have had another very productive week in Titan! With Maths, we have focused on multiplying and dividing, especially decimal numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. The pupils have played board games to secure some of the skills involved in this particular area. We have also focused on problem solving involving multiplication and division. In English, the pupils have designed their own character - which had to resemble something related to our topic, Space - then they had to describe it in detail, using adjectives and noun phrases. In Science, the pupils have completed a task involving colouring, cutting and sticking the planets on a black background, then researching facts about each planet and adding them on. In Art, they have used chalk and oil pastels to create a space picture. In PSHCE, we have looked at agreeing and disagreeing; the pupils were given statements where they had to decide whether they agree/disagree with them and give reasons for why/why not.

Golf was another successful lesson on Monday and it is very pleasant to see how much the children enjoy it!

Neptune

Inspired by our walk last week, we made autumn books. The boys researched: why autumn happens - thinking about the earth's tilt and orbit; the function of a leaf and why it turns a different colour in autumn and fungi. They organised the layout and design of their books, they look really good. In maths, we have been rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 and the boys grasped this concept very quickly! In our science lesson, we explored balloon buggies thinking about what force was being used to make the buggies move. We researched countries that different astronauts are from and we found out that Australia has 150 million sheep and only 24 million people and that Russia has the world's largest McDonalds! We are using Reading Eggs - an online resource - to help with reading, the boys have taken to this in a bit way and it is inspiring them to undertake reading and other literacy based tasks so they can gain eggs and buy things for their avatar. They are enjoying it so much they continued working on it through wet play time on Thursday!



Mars

A great week in Mars Class. We have worked really hard to finish and edit our wonderful narrative stories about the adventures of Mr Wuffles and the tiny aliens. We have now begun to plan our next independent stories and we are very excited to get going with these.

In maths we have been rounding numbers and practicing column addition. In art, we tried out marbling techniques, it was very messy but lots of fun and the resulting pieces will be used in next week's collage work. In geography, we have been studying the phases of the moon and we made posters to demonstrate our understanding. For PE this week we played dodgeball, which everyone really enjoyed so we will try to find time to play this again. In science, we got to make our own circuits where we added switches, buzzers and bulbs.

Galaxy:

A calm and engaged week had by all. We broke our record on the lake catching 9 fish in one session and managed to dodge the bad weather. Some of the boys have explored why bikes/scooters/footballs travel different distances and speeds on different surfaces, noting that the friction of the grass meant the scooter went exactly nowhere. More masterpieces were created using different media, such as foam squares and polystyrene which look sensational. On our walks, we have discovered what way is north on a map and where everywhere else is in relation to it. A really fun week. Well done Galaxy.

Awards of the week

Saturn		Mercury	
Being Kind award	Freddy, Toby, Callum	Being Kind award	James
Being respectful award	Aaron, Toby, Callum, Freddie, Freddy	Being respectful award	Aymen
Being your best award	Callum, Aaron, Freddie, Toby, Freddy	Being your best award	Riley-John
Pluto		Mars	
Being Kind award	Danny	Being Kind award	Carter
Being respectful award	-	Being respectful award	Harry
Being your best award	Reagan, Harry	Being your best award	Alfie
Neptune		Titan	
Being Kind award	Theo	Being Kind award	-
Being respectful award	-	Being respectful award	-
Being your best award	Ewan, Theo, Ronnie, Tyler	Being your best award	Cohen, Daniel
Galaxy			
Being Kind award	Ryan		
Being respectful award	Aaron, Riley		
Being your best award	Theo		

Outdoor Learning

This week we have again been following the whole school topic on space, and have been creating flying saucers, launching them and then making different alterations to make the flying saucer have a better flight and hopefully go further.



Autumn LUNCH Menu



DID YOU KNOW? We use Free Range Eggs & MSC Fish!

12th October 2020

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Everyday
Main	MEAT FREE MONDAY Vegetable Hot Pot	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Montego Pork	Honey Baked Gammon	Fish Finger Or Bacon In a Baguette	Salad Bar Jacket Potatoes Baguettes Fruit
And to go with	Sweetcorn	Roasted Vegetable	Rice & Beans	Roast Potato Cauliflower Beans	Chips	
Pudding	Peach Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Salad	Sticky Orange Sponge With Custard	BIRTHDAY CAKE	Choc Ice	
Supper						

Connect
SCHOOL BUS

