

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN



Friday, 11th
December, 2020

Dear Parents,

We wanted to write to you about various subjects.

COVID: We wanted to share some guidance that has come from the Department for Education regarding any pupils who test positive for COVID during the beginning of the Christmas holidays:

- If a student develops symptoms of Covid-19 within 48 hours of being in school i.e. Saturday 19th or Sunday 20th December and subsequently tests positive, please contact us on

BRASLT@brantridge-school.co.uk

- Where a student tests positive for Covid-19 having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents/Carers should instead follow contact tracing instruction provided by NHS Test & Trace.

- Where reports of positive cases are reported within the 6 days since the final day, parents/carers of any student identified as close contacts will be informed and any named student will be required to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of the first contact. This applies similarly to staff.

School uniform: We have decided that we should continue our current approach of allowing pupils to come into school not wearing school uniform next term given the ongoing challenges with Coronavirus. (We have outlined our reasons for this approach previously, but very happy to discuss it further with any parent who would wish to do so.) However can we take this opportunity of underlining the importance of children coming into school appropriately dressed. Children need to be dressed in such a way that they can comfortably engage with lessons inside the classroom as well as the 'Outside Learning' sessions and the class walks that often occur. (Please ensure that your children do not wear pyjamas, onesies or dressing gowns.) Bearing in mind that it will be January when we return it is important that children bring a coat and are warm. Ensuring that children's clothes are clean when they come into school is also important.

Christmas lunch and jumpers: On Wednesday 16th we will be having our Christmas lunch. Due to the restrictions in place it will feel different to normal. For those who normally bring packed lunch to school, they can of course do so on Wednesday, but some may want to eat a hot meal on this one occasion. Please discuss this option with your child. (The daily baguette option will also be available as usual on this day.) It will also be an occasion where we encourage staff and children to wear their Christmas jumpers where there will be a voluntary donation of a pound which will go towards 'Save the Children'. This of course is optional.

Friday, 18th December: There has been some discussion on the news about schools closing a day early this term. Just to clear up any potential misunderstanding, Brantridge will be open to pupils and staff this coming Friday. We will of course be ending, as we do every Friday, at 1.30pm.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 16th
December 2020-
Christmas dinner and
Christmas jumper day
- Friday 18th December
2020- Last day of
Autumn term
- Monday 4th January
2021- First day of Spring
term
- Monday 25th January
2021- INSET day

Mercury

This week, Mercury have been very busy. We have been completing our assessments in maths and English. The boys have shown their knowledge on the subjects and worked really hard on them. The boys have worked on making kings, and they look amazing! Well done. The kings are for the nativity for the village church. As well this, we have been very busy rehearsing our end of term performance of Space Oddity. All of the boys performed really well, we cannot wait to share it with you!

Saturn

The children have been completing end of term assessments this past week. These have mainly focussed on maths, phonics and reading comprehension. Some of these assessments are quite long and the children have all impressed me with their resilience in doing this which is why I have awarded them all 'being your best' certificates this week.

Outside of the assessments the children have been making wise men in art, and they have created mini Christmas tree decorations.

We have had a big focus on being kind in class this week. The children have especially tried hard in this area over the past two days. We are encouraging the children to think about how it feels when someone is kind to you and what we can do to be kind to others. It is really heart warming when you see the children respond so positively to kindness and then express kindness back. A lovely end to the week.

Pluto

This week Pluto have enjoyed learning about adjectives in English and have managed to create a job vacancy advert for an Arctic explorer position. In Maths we have been learning to handle data using a variety of pictograms to illustrate a range of statistical outcomes. We have been busy making cardboard props for the music video of Ziggy Stardust that the school is making to end our space topic. In Art we are busy making decorations for our classroom in readiness for next weeks festive celebrations.

One of our new students has built a floating garden (pictured) which was invented by Bangladeshi people as a way of growing crops when land was waterlogged by flooding.



Mars

Another busy week in Mars class. We have been doing our assessments in maths and English and we all worked really hard to demonstrate our knowledge.

We have worked on our batik space pictures, mixing dyes and applying to the fabrics before we add embeleshments. We have also played social games to practice our turn taking and winning and losing.

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Titan

We have had a very busy week in Titan; although we have not done daily formal lessons, the children have been assessed in both Maths and English - with the focus on reading accuracy/fluency, as well as reading comprehension. They all have done very well to stay focused and engaged, as some of the questions required a lot of resilience from them.

They did PE on Wednesday afternoon, where they practised co-ordination skills with all different sports equipment, e.g. hoola-hoops, obstacle course and finished off with football, passing and small sided games.

Some of the children used the microscope to look at different textures and materials.

In Geography, we have looked at how we can help out planet and what we can do to save resources.

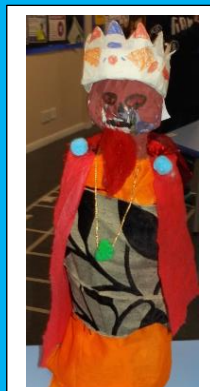
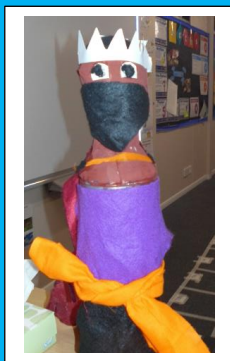


Galaxy:

Another busy and festive week in Galaxy. The boys have worked really hard again on their end of term assessments. They have engaged well in reading, reading comprehension, English and maths assessments, continuing to show good resilience, focus and effort. In art they have been making Christmas decoration paper chains and lovely Christmas trees which are really brightening up the place. It has been lovely to see boys wanting to play positively together and sharing Christmas cards with other people too. Stay focused and enjoy the end of term!

Neptune

In Neptune class, we have completed our termly assessments and the boys have worked hard on this. We are working on our contribution to the school video based on the David Bowie song, Space Oddity. The boys are fascinated by David Bowie's outfit and they have learnt what glam rock is!! We studied the lyrics of the song. I was very impressed with the boys' inference skills. We all agreed that the song was very sad. We discussed the three most important things we would want to have with us if we were stuck on the moon. This revealed some interesting ideas it really made us all think about what was important to us. We have also completed the magi models for the local church the boys are rightfully very proud of their achievements. We are getting close to the end of our class novel 'The Kid who came from Space' the tension is rising and the boys are keen to find out what is going to happen next.



Awards of the week

Saturn		Mercury	
Being Kind award	Aaron, Archie, Toby, Freddy, Freddie, Cayden	Being Kind award	-
Being respectful award	Aaron, Toby, Callum, Cayden	Being respectful award	-
Being your best award	Freddie, Freddy, Callum, Cayden, Toby, Aaron, Archie	Being your best award	Riley-John, Charlie, Aymen, Morgan, James
Pluto		Mars	
Being Kind award	-	Being Kind award	William
Being respectful award	Marley	Being respectful award	Alfie
Being your best award	Zak, Reagan, Harry	Being your best award	Alfie
Neptune		Titan	
Being Kind award	-	Being Kind award	-
Being respectful award	Theo, Nikolai	Being respectful award	-
Being your best award	Rhys, Jacob, Ronnie, Theo, Nikolai, Ewan, Tyler	Being your best award	-
Galaxy			
Being Kind award	Theo		
Being respectful award	Aaron		
Being your best award	Floyd		

Outdoor Learning

This week we have been learning about why birds need extra food in the winter time and making bird feeders (which have also been popular with the boys) out of hoop cereal. We learnt a new skill of using pliers to cut, twist and shape the wire.





Winter LUNCH Menu

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Everyday
Main	MEAT FREE MONDAY Vegetable Hot Pot	Chicken Biryani	CHRISTMAS	Pasta Bolognaise	Sausage Or Bacon in a Baguette	Salad Bar Jacket Potatoes Baguettes
And to go with	Peas	Sweetcorn & Peppers	LUNCH	Green Beans	Chips	
Pudding	Chocolate & Banana Cake	Peach Yoghurt		Rice Pudding	HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS	
Supper					& BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR	

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