

# BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN



Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> January,  
2021

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - Half Term
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021- INSET day
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2021 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - Easter Holidays

Dear Parents/Carers,

The school continues to take all the precautions we can to enable everyone's safety. This week, along with many other primary settings across the country our staff took lateral flow tests. The idea is that staff take this test at home twice each week to see if they are COVID positive or not. As with all tests no one can guarantee 100% accuracy in their detection rates however it is yet another 'check' we have in place to try to keep the whole school community as safe as possible.

You will have seen this week that the Prime Minister has said that the current arrangements in place for schools will last until at least 8<sup>th</sup> March. On the 4<sup>th</sup> January, when the current arrangements for schools were announced, it was noted that things would remain in place until half term initially. In view of this we will be contacting those of you who have chosen to keep your children at home this month, to ascertain what your plans are with regards to your child returning after half term. Essentially we will be asking whether you intend to start sending your child into school from Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February onwards or whether you intend to wait until you see how things develop.

We will call you early in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> February. Please don't misunderstand, we fully respect whatever decision you make, but having this knowledge will simply help us to plan effectively. We wanted to share this now, so that you have time to consider your response.

Here at school we are all gradually getting into this unfamiliar way of working with class bubbles operating as separate entities throughout the whole day. As well as the normal classroom based activities it has been good that so many classes have been able to take walks in the lovely countryside surrounding our school.

Finally can I thank you for your ongoing support. We recognise that it is never easy for you when in response to last minute staffing issues here, we ask you to keep your child at home on a given day. We are genuinely grateful to you.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts

## Mercury

This week in English we have written our own narrative in the first person. For Maths we have been exploring working out the perimeter of different shapes and working out how to, when we only know one side of the shape. For science this week we conducted an experiment looking at how different surfaces have more or less friction and how this changes the speed of a toy car. For topic we have looked at the Eiffel tower where we found out where it is in the atlas and built the tower using junk models. For phse we looked at different ways we can spend money and we had a role play of using debit cards/notes/cheques and mobile payment.



## Saturn

In Saturn class we have been using the story of Goldilock and the 3 bears to learn about weight. Our stem project was to design a chair for baby bear. In Science we continued our learning of animals and humans and extended this into amazon animals and their habitats. We used the research we discovered in outdoor learning to help us pick an animal to use for a whole school art project. We love our pictures. We have also been learning about different sentence types and ask us about our red belt in Kung fu punctuation. For emotional literacy we watched Inside out and focussed on anger. We played the M&M game where if we chose a red M&M we had to say something that made us angry, a yellow – something that made us happy, brown – to show a good way of breathing when you're angry, orange – to say a good choice you made when you were angry and green to talk about an activity that helps you feel calm. We loved this game and came up with some lovely ideas for calming activities.

## Pluto

This week on-site Pluto have become obsessed with maths, especially Sum Dog, all of the boys have been avidly competing to move up the leaderboard of the West Sussex Maths Contest. Pluto are currently placed 45th in West Sussex, which is amazing as competing classes come from a wide range of maintained, private and special schools. All of the boys should be very proud of their efforts. We have been learning about measuring and perimeter through measuring each other and estimating lengths. Our PC lieteracy is improving through using the new computers in class and learning about internet safety. In Art we are working on our designs for the rivers and seas part of the school mural and have enjoyed learning how to draw a shark.



Harry being measured by Zak.

## Mars

This week Mars class have been recording wild life documentaries! We have been learning about Sir David Attenborough so we thought that we would have a go at making our own films. We chose our animal then researched and wrote out our scripts, after this, we had lots of fun recording the videos that we have shared on Google Classroom to encourage the boys at home to have a go at making their own.

In maths this week we have been practicing division and have become quite proficient and independent at this.

We are learning about lifecycles in science and created a wonderful display to demonstrate the life cycle of a butterfly!

In food tech we made scrummy vegan banana muffins which everyone enjoyed to share.



## Galaxy:

Some more wonderful effort and engagement in our more academic areas this week. The boys are developing some useful strategies with their times tables and really focusing on their handwriting. In bikes and scooters, we focused on how to corner effectively and safely by leaning into the turn and even putting their inside foot out to stabilise them as they turn. In computing, the boys learned about the risks of internet use, how to use the internet safely and what the positive and negative aspects of that may be. We cooked some delicious chicken nuggets in cookery, focusing on how to weigh ingredients effectively using grams and/or kilograms. Well done boys for continuing to engage, using your regulating strategies effectively and being kind.

## Neptune

Neptune class have been exploring the Rainforest this week. We have watched David Attenborough's Rainforest Documentary and written a biography about his life. We investigated the reasons into why the rainforest is being destroyed and discussed ways we could help save it e.g. reducing the amount of products we buy with Palm Oil in.

For our art we made some rainforest creature models out of clay. We have also been spending time out in Nature, going for lots of walks and practicing some photography skills. In maths this week we have been concentrating on times tables and have begun to look at long multiplication. We have also enjoyed our time in food tech making milkshakes as our Friday treat!

## Titan

Well done to all children in Titan who have coped very well with a lot of changes this week.

Although it has been a tricky week for learning, the children have still managed to have lessons and complete work that Ms Puica has left for them. In Maths we have started looking at fractions, equivalent fractions, proper and improper fractions, as well as mixed numbers.

In English, we have looked at the correct usage of apostrophes, for both contractions and possession; the children have had to give examples for both cases, as well as the difference between its and it's.

In PHSCE, we have looked at screen time and how much we should be spending each day on an interactive device, social media and what consists appropriate behaviour online and how we can keep ourselves safe online, what we should and should not post online and how we can talk to people online and cyberbullying.

We also discussed how much of the online content is actually true and why people post things that are not true.



# Winter LUNCH Menu

1<sup>st</sup> February 2021

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Everyday
Main	<b>MEAT FREE MONDAY</b> Vegetable Paella	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Sausages & Mash	Chicken Biryani	Fish Finger or Bacon In a Baguette	Salad Bar Jacket Potatoes Baguettes
And to go with	Green Beans	Broccoli	Peas Baked Beans	Spicy Cabbage & Chickpeas	Chips	
Pudding	Yoghurt	Apple Crumble	Banana & Chocolate Cake	Flapjack	Ice Lolly	
Supper						<b>HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND ☺</b>

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