

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN



Friday 21st May, 2021.

Dates for your diary:

- Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021
- INSET day: Monday 14th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Both nationally and here at Brantridge, it is starting to feel that we are gradually returning to some sort of normality. So much of how we work at the school, has as you know, been so disrupted recently. So it was great to see Titan class this week going off site in the minibus and visiting RHS Wisley. It seems that the pupils had a wonderful time and this visit supported the work they had been doing in the class on protecting our planet.

Some of our pupils in Galaxy class have re-started visiting the gym in recent weeks. I understand that this has been a hugely positive experience.

For those of you who are new to our school community, and have only known the school operating during 'Covid times', you may not be aware that we put a great emphasis on children accessing learning off site. This allows them to access high quality resources, can often bring learning to life, and supports them in developing key life skills as they operate with careful supervision, outside the confines of home and the school gates.

We are looking forward to next Friday where we will be celebrating the achievements of some of our pupils in Galaxy class. Under the guidance of Mr Matt Elliott and his team, pupils have been working on achieving AQA qualifications in a wide range of areas including cooking, outdoor learning and in a broad range of creative skills. At the end of each half term the children and staff in that group celebrate those achievements, by receiving certificates and enjoying a slice of cake baked in the school kitchen!

I understand from our Admin team that not all permission slips for various activities such as access to the internet and consent for photographs have been completed. If you have been contacted by Ms Susie George in the school office regarding this, please do return the required permissions as without them we cannot allow your child to participate in some activities.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts

Mercury

In Mercury this week we have been exploring leaflets and what features they have. We have then created our own leaflet on the computer about a mystery fictional theme park. For Maths this week we have been shape detectives, discovering about the properties of 3d shapes. In Science we have learnt about the three functions of skeletons. For topic this week we have been looking at different volcanoes and how they erupt. We then completed our own experiment on making a Lego built volcano erupt. We also studied Mountains and drew our own mountain landscape labelling the mountain with the key features. This week for cooking we learnt how to make a healthy spin on mac and cheese where we used courgettes and cauliflower.



Mars

This week in Mars Class we have continued working on our non-chronological reports about the class system in ancient Japan and Britain. This week we have been learning about the monarchy and the peasants. We had great fun learning about life in a peasant village, in particular how people lived, what they wore and ate and where they worked.

In maths this week we have been learning about properties of 2d shapes, we have sorted shapes, learned about polygons including quadrilaterals, folded shapes and found missing angles- we really have pushed ourselves.

In science we have continued our investigations into forces and this week looked at air resistance and made and tested different parachutes.

We looked at earth quakes and countries that suffer with them and then learned about quake resistant or prevention structures, we then experimented with different models including towers and buildings.

We also got to go over to the local park to let off steam because we had worked so hard!



Pluto

Konichiwa,

This week in maths Pluto have been revisiting counting in tens, fifties and hundreds using a washing line. In English Pluto learnt about adjectives and then used them to describe the Japanese picture of *The Great Wave off Kanagawa* print by the Japanese ukiyo-e artist Hokusai. Pupils had to describe what they could see, hear, touch, smell and taste. For Topic they produced paper model diagrams of the layers of the earth. In Art we learnt that Japanese art uses symbols and symbolism. Pluto then chose a symbol that represented them and using watercolours created a wash with their favourite colour, lastly carefully adding their chosen symbol.

Saturn

This week we have continued our learning about the Olympics, the boys enjoyed learning this. As part of our English lesson we learnt fun versions of Olympic sports such as fly swatter golf, noodle throw, hobby horse show jumping and water bucket relay. As a result of these games, the boys wrote instructions on how to play them.

In maths we have been problem solving all week. Each time we succeeded we earned a piece of the puzzle. When we completed the puzzle we got to open the surprise for reward time, which was a wii! We played Mario Olympic games and Mario kart.

In science Saturn 1 continued learning about the weather whilst Saturn 2 are continuing their learning of plants.



Galaxy:

During art, the pupils had the chance to make sculptures and models out of clay which became splendidly messy. One pupil made a beautiful star from clay to give to his 1-1 support staff member which was really kind. Meanwhile, others have been enjoying video editing and Garage Band on the iPad, with the end product being the creation of a trailer of a movie they are in the process of making.

As part of our development plan in Galaxy, we are trying to reintegrate pupils into other classes for some sessions in order to help their emotional resilience as well as further social skills. We have had a number of pupils join other classes with such wonderful success and engagement, it is a real tribute to the progress Galaxy boys have made.

Another fabulous week with lots of progress made, well done Galaxy.

Titan

Titan class has had another busy week; in Maths we have focused on calculating volume of shapes, as well as using blocks to build shapes with a given volume. In English, we have looked at stories from Japan and the morals that some of them teach us; the children completed a comprehension on The Rice cakes story, as well as looking at metaphors and similes to use in their writing.

In PHSCE we looked at energy and how we can save energy to protect and save our planet. In Geography, we looked at countries that the UK trades with and what goods the United Kingdom imports and exports.

In PE the children played Dodgeball where they had to focus on being team players, showing respect and support, as well as following instructions and rules.

Our class trip to RHS Wisley was a success yesterday; the children looked at different plants from different climates like deserts and tropical rainforests. We had a lesson on how to plant using plant cuttings, where the children all had the chance to plant their own plant pot. We then took advantage of the beautiful garden and we had a stroll after lunch, before we got in the minibus and head back to school.



Neptune

The highlight for Neptune class this week was having a music workshop on Thursday Morning. Emily, a Music tutor, came to our class and worked with us all morning on composing a piece of music inspired by the composer Steve Reich. The boys were amazing and composed a wonderful piece called 'The Train Journey'. Hopefully you will get to hear it when Emily puts all the pieces from the other schools together to create one big composition. She was really impressed with the boys' musicality and creativity and I was one proud teacher as I watched them at work.

Continuing on a creative note, the boys put their acting, filming and directing skills to use to develop a narrative about a village being terrorised by a dragon. This was used as a springboard into a writing session where some wonderfully descriptive stories were written.

In art, we explored manga – I discovered we have some Manga and Anime fans in the class! The boys drew their own manga characters - we had some really good results!!

In maths we are continuing to work on fractions. This week, the boys have been finding fractions of groups and then identifying equivalent fractions.



Safeguarding Information -

To Parents/Carers of Surrey pupils,

Please see the information below of a new source of support for mental health in Surrey:

A new 24/7 mental health crisis line for children, young people and their families and carers in Surrey has launched.

The freephone number - 0800 9154644 - is available for children and young people up to the age of 18, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND).

The new crisis line provides emotional wellbeing support, advice, and signposting to a range of community services for children, young people and their families and carers who are in a mental health crisis. The number is available to those who are already receiving mental health services, and also for those who are not. No referral is needed.

The crisis line is staffed by a team of experienced, trained call handlers and mental health nurses.

A key aim of the crisis line is to help support young people, carers and families within their own homes and in the community and, whenever possible, help avoid the need for children and young people to go to hospital in a crisis.

[Get help in a mental health crisis :: Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust \(sabbp.nhs.uk\)](http://sabbp.nhs.uk)

Many thanks

Robert Chowns (Designated Safeguard Lead)



Spring Menu

LUNCH 

24th May 2021

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Everyday
Main	MEAT FREE MONDAY Vegetable Biryani	Lasagne	JAPANESE	Suffolk Hot Pot	Sausage Or Bacon Baguette	Salad Bar Jacket Potatoes
And to go with	Minted Peas	Green Beans	MENU	Broccoli And Cauliflower	Chips	Jelly Yoghurt Cut Fruit
Pudding	Toffee Yoghurt	BIRTHDAY CAKE		Rice Pudding	Ice Lolly	
Supper						HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND