

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2021.

Dates for your diary:

- INSET day: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021
- Last day of term: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Whole school topic**

The new half term starting this week has meant a new whole school topic for our pupils – this time the theme is ‘The Olympics’. The children have participated in various activities this week to introduce the topic but probably the most exciting one has been our own ‘Mini Olympics’ which took place this morning.

Following a fabulous opening ceremony the various classes rotated through various Olympic events including long jump, hurdles and volleyball. The pupils clearly had a fantastic time which will hopefully have whetted their appetites to learn more about the Olympics in the coming weeks.

## **The Physics of Sport workshops.**

Again linked to this topic, a company called ‘The Physics of Sport’ are visiting to hold workshops with each class this coming Thursday.

They will be bringing in sports testing machines and the pupils will get to try these out as well as taking part in lots of highly enjoyable, learning activities throughout their session.

## **Parent view**

We are due an OFSTED. One of the things they look for are parents and carers’ views of the school. They look for these to be submitted online through the following link:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views/survey/178895>

As a small school we have always struggled to get enough responses to be able to view the results. We would like to urge as many of you as possible to complete this for us. Thank you for your support

## **Purchasing books**

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/brantridge/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For every £1 you spend on this month’s Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your order online by June 30th, 2021. This is a great way to raise funds for the school.

**Have a good weekend and please remember that we are not re-opening to the pupils until Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June, due to INSET.**

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts

## Mercury

We have had a fabulous start back to Brantridge life. We have had our usual wow start this week where it has been everything Olympics. Our focus this week has been on Ancient Greek myths and legends. We have looked at the myth the Trojan horse. We have built our own Trojan horse and we completed a play on the myth. We have also completed a mini Olympics this week. We have been busy making a Mercury class banner to go with our ceremony.



## Mars

A great start to the new half term on Mars Class. We have started with our usual wow starts- this half term we are looking at ancient Greece as part of our Olympics topic.

We have had great fun learning lots of facts about Ancient Greece including some myths. We learned the story of Perseus and Medusa, then we created a pictorial timeline of the story which we then used as a basis for our screen play.

After this we practised our parts then we filmed our wonderful version to share with the rest of the school- we worked really hard so we hope that they enjoy watching it as much as we enjoyed making it!

We tasted some Greek food on Thursday such as stuffed vine leaves, Halloumi, feta, Olives and bread sticks- lots of different responses but everyone got to try out something new

This week also saw our school chickens arrive so we got to spend lots of time getting to know the, feeding them, filling up the water, cleaning them out and refreshing hay. We loved naming them and they now have some quite fancy names!

On Friday we are holding a whole school Olympic games so we are very excited to compete within our bubbles and enjoy all of the fun activities.



## Pluto

This week Pluto have taken part in the WOW start for the half term. This terms topic is the Olympics. They have been reading and listening to the Greek myth of Helios and Phaethon with the Sun chariot. They then created a Chariot as our mascot for the whole school Olympics.



## Saturn

We have had a truly stunning start to the term. The boys have thoroughly immersed themselves in learning our Greek theatre production of King Midas. We even built a stage in the outdoor area! The acting skills were so good. For the Olympics we created a class mythical creature and banner for the opening ceremony. Again we were totally blown away by the efforts of the class for the Olympic events arranged by Mr Adams. They should all sleep well tonight!

A great week, so impressed by all of the children.



## Galaxy:

A lovely week in Galaxy. The sun has arrived, the house martins have returned and it is starting to feel like summer at last. We had another few successful days at the lake, working on the finer skills of fishing and showing some incredible skill and awareness while tackling and handling the fish. Meanwhile, we learned about converting pounds into kilos, and back again and explored descriptive vocabulary we could use for our surroundings. Sports day was super fun and we loved the fun activities made available to the boys. They showed some excellent resilience, effort and sportsmanship.

On Thursday, we made a pinhole camera and attempted to view the partial annular solar eclipse that was happening, but alas, the clouds foiled even our best efforts. We continue to enjoy the local countryside and parks, using these opportunities to discuss, explore and learn about time telling and prepositions of time.

## Titan

We have welcomed the children in Titan with an exciting new topic and a week full of arts and crafts activities based on our focus this last half term of the academic year. We are going to work on Olympics and look at Ancient Greece as part of our History coverage. The children have been excited to learn new things about the Olympics - the work they we previously did on Japan helped them recall facts.

We have designed an Olympic ring for our class - where the children used their handprints to decorate it. We have also produced a banner to represent our team tomorrow morning in the mini Olympics that we are going to have with the whole school.

Our myth this week has been Pandora's Box as a focus - the children have had to make a box to represent Pandora's Box, but rather than having the evils in the box, we have spent the time during our English lessons to produce a descriptive paragraph about each class that will take part in the Olympics tomorrow.



## Neptune

Neptune class have worked their socks off this week. As always, our first week back is a 'wow week' and chock full of activities to complete. Our topic for this term is the Olympics and Ancient Greece and so our activities have been based around this theme. We scripted and acted the story of Icarus. The boys worked so hard on this all week and we were all really proud of our end product. They made some fantastic props for this especially the feathers and the wings for Icarus and Daedalus. Friday is our Olympic day and for this we created a class banner, an Olympic ring: made out of hand prints and a mascot: a Minotaur to represent Team Neptune. The boys are very enthusiastic about the Ancient Greek side of our topic, especially the myths and legends of Ancient Greece. I have already had requests for which myth we will tackle next week in our English lesson.

There was also great excitement at the arrival of the chickens. Each class chose a name for one of the chickens. We came up with, Pancake, which I think is a great name.



## Outdoor Learning

We have welcomed the boys back to outdoor learning not only with the sun but also a new topic of the Olympics and their task this week has been to colour match natural objects to the colours of the Olympic rings





# Summer Menu

14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	<b>INSET</b>	Sausage & Mash	Pasta Bolognaise	Jerk Chicken	Fish Finger Or Bacon In a Baguette
And to go with	<b>DAY</b>	Peas Bake beans	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Rice & Peas	Chips
Pudding		Birthday Cake	Birthday Cake	Water Melon	Ice Lolly

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