

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN



Friday 16th July, 2021.

Dates for your diary:

- **Moving up day** Tuesday 20th July
- **Last day of term:** Wednesday 21st July 2021 (2.30pm)
- **INSET Days:** 2nd and 3rd September 2021
- **First day of Autumn term:** Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a very different week at Brantridge as we have had our 'Activities Week'. Hopefully your child has shared with you about Inflatables at the school, trips for many to offsite activities such as 'Clip and climb' and Caroty Wood as well as having Brighton and Hove Albion football coaches with us on Thursday and Friday. We are grateful to Diana Puica for organising this week.

With today being Friday, you will receive the weekly email from your child's class teacher. Accompanying that email there will be an attachment noting which class your child will be part of from September as well as which staff will be supporting your child. We recognise that change can be quite difficult for many of our pupils and so as well as having our 'Moving Up' day on Tuesday, 20th where children will work in their new class groups for the majority of the day, the attachment I mentioned will have photos as well as names. The idea being that by having these photographs it helps you as parents to be able to have reassuring discussions with your child over the summer should they be anxious about the forthcoming term. Whilst we recognise that the photographs clearly do not answer every question a child may have about the next academic year, the photos hopefully give you a bit of a springboard for a discussion which will hopefully help e.g. what did you do in that class during Moving Up day? Have you talked much to your new teacher/TA etc.?

We would like to thank you for your understanding recently when we have had to close classes due to COVID. We cannot predict what will happen in the remaining three days of term but, as mentioned by parentmail earlier this week, please do have a plan in place should we need to close your child's class. It will be a real shame if we have to do this and for any child to miss the end of term.

Finally a note about school dinners. You may remember from a previous Bulletin that I mentioned that in the autumn we would be asking eligible parents to pay for their child's lunches. Setting up the system has taken a little longer than anticipated and as a result we will not be charging from the beginning of September, but we envisage this system coming in later in the term. We will of course keep you updated.

This will be the final Bulletin of this academic year, but I will be writing to you next week with final updates before the summer break. Next week you will also receive your child's end of year report.

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts

Mercury

It has been an action packed activity week in Mercury. On Monday we took a trip to Broadbridge Heath and took on the towering climbs at the clip and climb part of the leisure centre. On Tuesday we did some activities in school such as computer games, bikes and scooters and outdoor learning. On Wednesday and Thursday we had some inflatables in the school where we took on the bouncy castle and other events. We also had Albion in the community come into school where they delivered some volleyball, football and Boccia sessions.



Pluto

This week Pluto have enjoyed all the Activities put on for the week. They have enjoyed the inflatables on the field and showing us their acrobatic skills. Pluto worked well together as a team for the Sports activities coached by Brighton and Hove Albion football club. I admired their team spirit and willingness to try new things. Pluto have been teaching and carrying out new tricks with the therapy dog Kimi and enjoying lots of cuddles. I think we they will be looking forward to the weekend for a rest from this action packed week. Have a good and restful weekend.



Saturn

We have had a super fun week in Saturn. On Monday we had a very successful trip to Clip and Climb, where a few boys overcame their fears, reaching the top of some of the apparatus! It was great to see boys who were nervous at the start, build their confidence and feel proud of their efforts.

We have enjoyed the inflatables, a particular favourite was the obstacle course which kept them all entertained for most of the time. The sumo wrestling inflatable suits were great fun too.

Brighton and Hove Albion in the community held a workshop where we played volleyball, football and Boccia. Boccia seemed to be a hit!

The boys have really impressed me with how well they have behaved using the equipment as we have asked and showed respect, also kindness, to the visiting workshop adults.



Galaxy:

A fabulous activity week in Galaxy. On Monday, we went to The Bridge in Horsham where we attended Clip 'n Climb. It was an amazing facility with loads of different climbing challenges and options for the boys. They showed incredible resilience, bravery and effort with these tough tasks; from climbing up rope ladders to using spinning wall holds which move when you stand or hold onto them. The boys could have spent all day there. I was incredibly proud with the manners, respect and consideration they showed towards the general public and each other for the whole time we were there. The inflatables were super fun too, showing kindness and thoughtfulness when using them and really enjoying each other's company. A huge thank you to everyone who organised this for us!

Neptune

We have had a fun packed Activity Week in Neptune class. We went to Carrotty Wood on Tuesday and the boys did us proud. They pushed themselves and tried everything even if they were scared. They really impressed me with their behaviour throughout the day and also in the way they encouraged each other and helped out struggling class mates. The inflatables were a great success especially the sumo wrestling! We had a visit from Albion and the boys took part in sporting activities with them. In between all this activity, the boys have been getting creative with clay and paint and challenging themselves with the brain puzzles we have in class. I have seen some lovely teamwork and cooperation in these sessions.



Titan

The children have had a very busy week in Titan; being back this week, after Titan's closure last week, the children adapted well to this off timetable week and unstructured lessons. They enjoyed the class trip to Carrot Wood on Tuesday, where they had the chance to use low ropes and abseiling as part of our adventurous activities day out; they have had a few slots using the inflatables this week, which have been a huge hit with all the pupils.

They loved Clip and Climb today where they showed good listening and followed instructions safely to use the equipment. Some of the climbing walls were challenging; however, we have seen some good resilience and perseverance to tackle them.

We are looking forward to doing sitting football tomorrow, as well as all the other activities that Albion in the Community has planned for us.



Summer Menu

19th July 2021

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	MEAT FREE MONDAY Vegetable Jambalaya	Sausage And Mash	Pasta Bolognaise	HAVE A	
And to go with	Medley of Vegetable	Peas Bake Beans	Sweetcorn	GREAT	
Pudding	Yoghurt	Lemon Cake	Ice Cream Tubs	HOLIDAY 	

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