

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN



Friday 2nd July, 2021.

Dates for your diary:

- **Last day of term:** Wednesday 21st July 2021
- **INSET Days:** 2nd and 3rd September 2021
- **First day of Autumn term:** Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

With us now in July, I thought that I would share with you some information regarding plans for the end of term. Like the rest of the nation we had hoped that COVID restrictions would have been lifted on the 21st June which would have enabled us to have many of our usual end of term events. For those of you who were here in summer 2019, you will know that entails parents joining us at the end of term for our combined sports day and Open Morning, which includes our parent teacher consultations. However, given the circumstances, we do not feel able to repeat that.

However, let me draw your attention to a few things that are happening. In the week beginning Monday, 12th July we will be having an Activities week for the pupils. We will of course be sharing more details with you next week about this but activities will include abseiling, bouncy castles, clip and climb and go-karting. (Not all classes will be doing all the activities due to pupil age limitations and risk assessments).

Another date of note is Tuesday, 20th July when we will have our 'Moving up' experience. All the children will spend time in the classes where they will be based in September and with the staff who will be supporting them. The purpose of this is to help pupils get ready for September which we hope will reduce their anxieties over the summer period. Ideally we would have liked to have given this more than one day, but given other commitments in the school diary including a vast number of offsite trips at that time, that could not take place earlier in the year, that will not be possible. Again, we will contact you with more detail closer to the time including information about which staff will be supporting your child next year.

In terms of communicating with you regarding your child's progress this year we will be sending you an end of term written report. In this document we aim to celebrate what your child has done well and identify some next steps for them in their development. We will also be informing you of progress your child has made with their EHCP outcomes.

Have a good weekend

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts

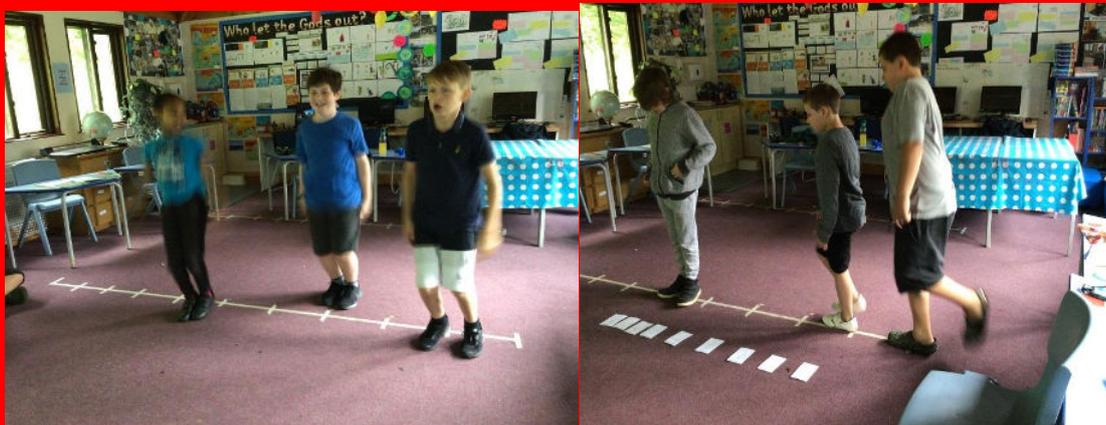
Mercury

This week in Mercury used our mythical creatures from the previous week to create our own mythical story on storyjumper. For Maths this week we have been looking at statistics and looked at different graphs and tables and how data can be inputted. For P.E this week we have been playing some different parachute games. We have also welcomed Kimi our therapy dog into Mercury class room. We have been reading Kimi some stories. For cooking this week we created a healthy spin on pizzas by using the base with tortilla wraps. We learnt how to chop a pepper to add onto our pizza.



Mars

In Mars, we have been writing endings to king Midas story using our grammar knowledge to include adverbials, adjectives and punctuation of speech. In maths, we have been learning to translate shapes through dancing which we really enjoyed. In art, we looked the Vitruvian man and compared ourselves, then the work of gacciometti and created foil sculptures. We have had lots of fun practicing skipping with our new ropes and pshce we looked at relationships and how they change.



Pluto

Pluto this week have enjoyed watching the England Germany Euro game highlights and then writing a newspaper report about the result and match. In Maths they have been learning how to find fractions of amounts using bar models and fractions of shape. For Science they are carrying out an experiment on what plants need to grow. Their method was either to place a bean plant in the sunlight, freezer or in darkness and observe whether it grows. For Art they all enjoyed making Greek pots out of clay. Next week they will be designing and painting them. For PE and computing we used word to create a table and record how far we jumped in the Olympic sport of Long Jump.



Saturn

The children have been learning the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. We have been making props to support our English lessons where some of us have already begun our freeze frames of the story.

In maths, we have been learning about money. Some of us finding different ways to make amounts and others finding change.

Some pupils have focussed on the seasons and weather. We have made our own rain gauge and wind socks. We are going to keep a log of the rainfall and wind changes.



Galaxy:

Another busy week in Galaxy. We continue to develop our maths strategies by playing a game called "Sky High". Essentially someone kicks the ball as high as they can, everyone counts how long the ball is in the air for then they need to times that number by whichever time table number they are focusing on for the week. We have also been exploring different types of angles during football, seeing if it is easier to score from an acute angle or a right angle in front of goal. It has been great fun and fabulous to see the boys willingly engage in developing their own learning. We went to a different lake while fishing this week, and while it was slow going (only 3 fish), it was exciting to see what happened using some freshly dug worms. The reading in Galaxy has been superb once again and I am very proud of the focus and effort the boys are putting into this!

Titan

The children in Titan class have been learning about angles in maths; they have had to calculate angles in a straight line and angles at a point and they all did extremely well. They remembered that angles in a straight line add up to 180 and angles at a point add up to 360.

In English, we have focused on Theseus and the Minotaur Greek myth. We have looked at summarising and answering questions from the myth and they all had to write a diary entry, where they had to pretend they were Theseus and the diary entry had to be from the day that he had to fight the Minotaur. They had to show feelings and emotions and describe the setting - the labyrinth - using as many literary devices as they could remember using their prior knowledge.

In PHSCE we looked at Democracy and the children played a democracy board game, where they had to debate different question cards and reason why, or why not they agreed with the statement.

Neptune

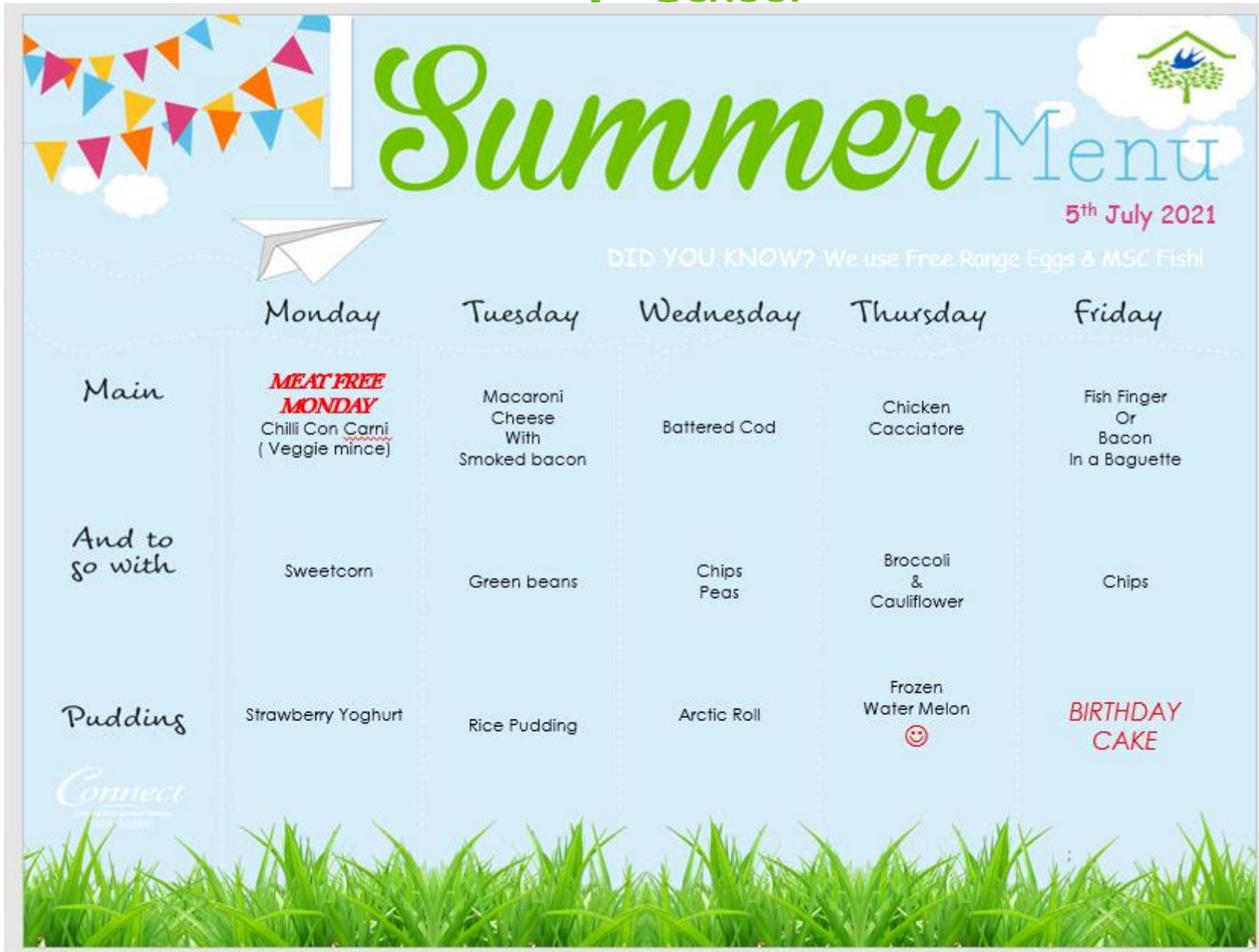
As always, Neptune have put lots of effort into their work this week. The boys have demonstrated a strong grasp of place value through their ordering of numbers up to two decimal places. No matter what fiendish trick I used, they always worked it out. We moved onto coordinates and 3D shapes by the end of the week and the boys explored the features of these shapes through creating their own 3D shapes out of straws and lolly sticks. We created a 5 x 5 grid on the classroom floor using masking tape and teamwork. The boys then used this to re-cap their knowledge of coordinates. For art, we explored sculpture, using the sculptor *Giacometti* as our inspiration. We used tinfoil to model athletic figures and then shone a light on them to create a shadow which the boys traced around - creating a very dramatic effect. In English, we explored what a biography was and identified the features. The boys have chosen famous characters that they want to research and write about and this project will continue into next week.



Outdoor Learning

Continuing with the topic of the Olympics, we have been looking at how each ring represents a different continent and this week we have been looking at the green ring for Australia. We have created indigenous art - aboriginal hand prints- finding out how it's the earliest form of art work in the world.





Summer Menu

5th July 2021

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

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	MEAT FREE MONDAY Chilli Con Carni (Veggie mince)	Macaroni Cheese With Smoked bacon	Battered Cod	Chicken Cacciatore	Fish Finger Or Bacon In a Baguette
And to go with	Sweetcorn	Green beans	Chips Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Chips
Pudding	Strawberry Yoghurt	Rice Pudding	Arctic Roll	Frozen Water Melon 😊	BIRTHDAY CAKE

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