

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

**Dates for your diary:**

- INSET Day: 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021
- Open Day: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Christmas Lunch/Christmas Sweater Day: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Last day of term: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

National Anti-Bullying Week takes place next week (Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November) and we will be celebrating this in school. We will be starting on Monday with "Odd Socks Day" which is a way to celebrate the fact that everyone is unique. Please encourage your children to wear Odd Socks on Monday to celebrate the day.

We will also have support on Monday from "Show Racism the Red Card" who will be running anti-racism workshops for our Year 4 -6 pupils. This organisation has already provided training to our staff team and are looking forward to returning to work with our pupils. All classes will also access specific anti-bullying workshops delivered by Mr Chowns and Mr De Lucia.

We will also be running our annual "Anti-Bullying Ambassador" role competition. The winners of the competition will take up our available pupil ambassador roles for the remainder of the Academic Year and will help support the school in the campaign to prevent bullying.

The theme of this Year's Anti-bullying week is "One Kind Word" which aligns well with our three school rules of "Be Kind, Be Respectful and be Your Best."

On a completely different note, you may have noticed on the dates on the top right of this page the mention of an Open Day. It would be great to have as many of you visit as possible. You have all had limited opportunities to visit the school due to the pandemic and so please do prioritise this event. There will be more details in the next week or so in terms of exact timings and content, however it will run from the second half of the morning until 1.30pm. Please make a note of this in your diaries.

Have a good weekend.

Robert Chowns (Designated Safeguard Lead)

## Mercury

Mercury this week had earned themselves a fair amount of (fake) money to use/save ready for next week for rewards. Pupils have been very consistent with their work rate and attitude towards learning. Restorative practice and reflective feedback has been taking place with the class, we have been using 'Classdojo' to encourage this. Pupils seem to care and engage in the point system and (hopefully parents will be able to see and connect soon to see positives and what needs improving on Classdojo). We have been learning how to tell the time in maths from digital to analogue (12hour to 24 hour) and vice versa. Pupils continued to develop their English writing/comprehension skills through the short animated movies, this week's focus was on the 'girl and robot'. Pupils engaged in reading by listening to 'The BFG' book as the classroom teacher read out loud to then answer questions, to further practice writing and comprehension skills. Pupils also took part in reading eggs and reading books with their reading rulers to develop their skills. Physical education took place a lot this week, outdoor walks, trips including 'Clip and Climb' which the boys absolutely loved and gymnastics which we have started for P.E.

## Pluto

This week Pluto have been learning about the Polar Regions (Arctic and Antarctica). They have reached Polar bears and thought about what Polar bears, 'have', 'can' and 'are'. They then used these headings and the research to produce statement sentences about Polar bears. Pluto then created a Polar bear fact file. In Geography they learnt about the Climate and weather in the Polar Regions then used their knowledge to create a weather forecast chart. In Maths Pluto have been learning about 2D shapes and their properties. Sorting shapes into regular and irregular polygons and learning what quadrilaterals are. In Science they have started to learn about the human digestive system. This term Pluto will be learning the skills needed to play hockey for PE. They had a great lesson where they learnt how to hold a hockey stick, pass and stop a hockey ball.



## Mars

This week Mars boys have been working very hard on a variety of projects.

On Tuesday morning, we visited The Booth museum in Hove where we got to examine skeletons up close. This supports our topic learning Our Animal Kingdom, as well as science where we have been learning about skeletons in different creatures. All of the boys engaged brilliantly and got out their sketchbooks to sketch the exhibits which included some taxidermy animals. We challenged each other to find creatures found in different habitats and the behaviour was outstanding.

In other news this week we have been learning about organisms of the arctic and comparing the arctic and the Antarctic, thinking about the animals, human population, geographical facts and habitats. We created venn diagrams to show the similarities and food chain mobiles.

In maths, we have continued learning to tell the time on analogue clocks, we even played human clocks by working in pairs to be the hour or minute hands.

In English, as part of Remembrance week, we have been learning to write war poems using personification and similes. We also created poppy art for a display and then made our own peg doll soldiers.



## Galaxy:

A sombre week of reflection, discussing the meaning of Remembrance, what it means to us and why we observe this occasion. We continue to develop our reading skills, showing improving understanding of what has been read as well as an increase in decoding, phonological awareness and word reading by all.

Such is the improvement of attitudes to learning in class, we are starting to explore maths and develop our maths skills in a widening range of contexts, tasks and learning styles. It has been marvellous to see boys learning about co-ordinates through playing Battleships as well as hearing boys ask for a more formal and traditional style of task rather than computer based learning. We are starting to explore map skills and will be pawing over OS maps throughout the week, trying to work out what we are looking at and how it can help us on the ground. Stay focused boys.

## Jupiter:

In English, we have been focusing on script writing and creating mini figures using our arts and crafts box to help alongside side this in performing.

In Maths, we have been learning about shapes and what makes a regular and irregular shape. We particularly enjoyed identifying shapes and creating our own robots.

On Tuesday, we cooked our own burgers following a recipe and on Wednesday, we enjoyed our first ever golf session as a class – we are all really looking forward to going back next week.

In honour of Remembrance Day this week, we have taken pictures of our hands in black and white and painted poppies inside to look as though we are holding them.

## Titan

Titan class have had another busy week, full of activities and learning tasks that have engaged the boys very well.

In English this week we have focused on Remembrance; the children studied War poetry and analysed it, highlighting good vocabulary, for example, emotive language, war language, as well as literary devices to use in their own war poem writing.

In Art, again Remembrance themed, we have taken photos of the children's hands in black and white and they had to paint or draw a poppy and put in inside the hands – as they were holding it in their hands.

Maths has seen the children working on telling the time again this week, with the focus on the 12 and 24 hour clocks and converting between the two.

In PE this week, the children have practised hockey skills, then they played a game together.



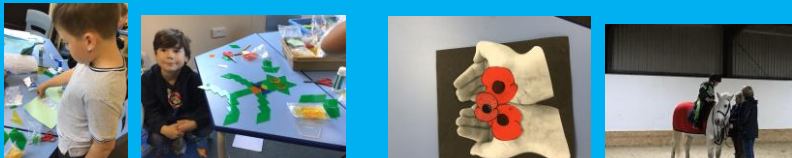
## Neptune

This was our first week horse riding and the boys were brilliant showing excellent listening skills and empathy to the horses. They did our Brantridge School proud.

In maths this week we have been learning about 2D shapes and exploring their features. We learnt what edges, vertices, polygons and non-polygons were and we learnt the importance of counting edges and vertices to help with identification. We were able to get very creative in our maths making robots and indigenous American rugs using 2D shapes.

In English we have been creating a class script for our play we have had some lovely creative idea and lovely descriptive language.

In art we looked at the significance of remembrance day and then made images for the school remembrance day. For Geography we have been learning about the different biomes around the world and in history we have compared the timelines for the Aztecs and the Mayans



## Saturn

We started our week by going on an Arctic adventure! We had to wrap up warm as we went through a sensory journey through the arctic. We used our senses to say what we could see, hear and feel and wrote our ideas on our mind maps which we then went on to write a free verse poem.

In maths we continued our learning of time focussing on telling time to the half hour.

In science, we were stranded on a desert island and had to say what we would miss, what one thing we would choose to take and then identify what we'd need to survive. We then wrote or drew our ideas, put them in a bottle and sent it out to sea!

In art, we used the art of Ted Harrison to inspire us and created our own version using ice paints.

We had our first visit to K2 gym for gymnastics which we were very excited about.

We have welcomed two new boys to Saturn so we have spent some time this week getting to know each other.





## The Firework Code

- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions for lighting them very carefully
- Light them at arm's length
- Stand well back
- Never go back to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks



We have been learning all about the firework code as this week we celebrate bonfire night and Diwali. We have also learnt about sparkler safety and then made an edible sparkler using melted chocolate, bread sticks and sprinkles which went down very well with most



## Follow Ben for a safe fireworks night



Don't forget your gloves.

Ben loves fireworks night. To make sure he stays safe every year, he follows the Firework Code.



# DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK  
TWO

**DINE**  
WITH MIQUILL  
Main Meal

**DINE**  
WITH MIQUILL  
Vegetarian Meal

**Dessert**  
STOP   
Sweet choices

**MONDAY**      **TUESDAY**      **WEDNESDAY**      **THURSDAY**      **FRIDAY**

**Meat Free Monday**

**Chicken Katsu**  
Chicken Thigh with Katsu Curry Sauce  
Rice & Broccoli

**Wraptastic**  
BBQ Pulled Pork  
Soft Flour Tortilla  
Guacamole  
Grated Cheddar  
Potato Wedges

**Chinese Chicken**  
Marinated Diced Chicken with Egg Fried Rice  
Peppers & Courgette

**Grab & Go**  
Beef Burger  
Or  
Crispy Bacon  
In a Bap  
Chunky Chips

**Quorn Bolognese**  
Pasta  
Garlic Bread & Green Salad

**Vegetarian Katsu**  
Breaded Sweet potato Steaks with Katsu Curry Sauce  
Rice & Broccoli

**Wraptastic**  
BBQ Quorn  
Soft Flour Tortilla  
Guacamole  
Grated Cheddar  
Potato Wedges

**Chinese Quorn**  
Marinated Diced Quorn with Egg Fried Rice  
Peppers & Courgette

**Grab & Go**  
Veggie Burger  
In a Bap  
Chunky Chips

**Marble Cake**  
Chocolate Custard

**Sticky Orange Cake**

**Medley of Melon**

**Coconut Flapjack**

**Ice Lolly**



JACKET POTATOES WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS & BAGUETTE/ WRAPS WITH VARIOUS FILLINGS ARE AVAILABLE DAILY.

This menu will commence: 13th September 11th October 15th November 13th December