

Friday 3rd December, 2021.

Dates for your diary:

- Parent zoom consultations: 10th December 2021
- Christmas Lunch/Christmas Sweater Day: 15th December 2021
- Last day of term: 17th December 2021
- First day of Spring Term: 4th January

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately we have made the decision to postpone the open day. With the increase in COVID cases, particularly in the local area, we feel that it would be too risky for everyone to have all the families here. We want to do what is best for everyone and to keep everyone safe and well. We would still like to share your child's progress with you, so their class teacher will be in touch to organise a Zoom/ telephone call with you next Friday after the children have gone home. If you cannot make Friday then please arrange a convenient time for you both. We know that this will be disappointing for you all, as well as for us, but we have to do what we can to keep everyone safe. We were really looking forward to welcoming you all and we will find a time to invite families in as soon as it is safe to do so.

Best wishes,

Danielle Harry

It has been particularly encouraging over the past few weeks to receive so many supportive comments from parents and carers. These have been shared in numerous ways – sometimes verbally in annual reviews, sometimes in emails to staff, but most commonly recently has been the responses to the Consultation that has just ended with regards to the potential development of a secondary phase here at Brantridge.

The comments you have shared noting the progress your child has made since being at the school, or the positive impact made in attendance or wellbeing has been hugely encouraging. Some of you have commented in the improvements in the quality of your family life since your child has been here.

Thank you so much. Whilst we are always looking for ways to improve what we do, we do have an excellent staff team, who genuinely look to support the individual needs of each child. Those of you who have been here some time will know that right at the heart of our ethos is 'meeting the individual needs of all our children'. The outworking of this flows into every aspect of school life – the curriculum, individual learning styles, what specific support and environment each child needs to flourish with their wellbeing and development. The list is endless!

We are so glad that you recognise this and appreciate that positive feedback.

Thank you!

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts

Mercury

Mercury continued learning their timetables in maths. We learnt our 8x, 5x and 10x timetables this week. The boys listened to timetable songs for better memory recall and then applied skills into their work. Mercury continued to practice their daily activity work for maths and phonics. We focused on the BFG in English and pupils had to draw the first part of the story which was practical. The boys had then presented their creative story with their great imagination skills to the class. We will continue with this next week and eventually start writing about it. Social games have been good, bikes and scooters, clip and climb which the boys enjoyed as well as outdoor learning. Dancing to videos has been really engaging and fun for the boys to take part in mornings occasionally. Pupils developed their skills in reading eggs/reading a book and was rewarded for doing so for encouragement.

Pluto

This week Pluto have been learning how to tell the time in maths. They have been matching clock faces with the correct time and drawing hands on the clock. For English they became Arctic Explorers and to get into role they watched a video of the people on an expedition to the Arctic. They then plan and wrote a diary entry for a day on the expedition. They wrote about being pulled across the arctic ice by sled dogs in past tense, using time conjunctions, and using personal pronouns and described how it felt. For History they created an Aztec menu for a dinner party and learned that the Aztecs created popcorn and ate insects. In PE they continued to develop their skills to play hockey.



Mars

This week in Mars Class we have begun to do some assessments, we have worked very hard to demonstrate our knowledge and learning. We have completed Maths so next week we will be tackling English.

In our DT lessons, we have been continuing to work on our moving animals and this week we painted our strengthened forms ready for the mechanisms. In RE we looked at art in different religions and created images using colour as symbolism.

In maths we have been categorising 2d shapes and next week we will be moving on to 3d shapes and creating Christmas decorations.



Jupiter:

We've had a busy week in Jupiter. This week we have been focusing on getting our Maths, Reading and English assessments done – whilst having some fun brain breaks in between! At the beginning of the week, we learnt more about time, creating headbands and guessing the time on each other's heads using knowledge we have about quarter past, half past and quarter to. We also enjoyed our weekly outdoor activities of golf and outdoor learning with Donna.

For our PSHE lesson this week, we are focusing on being kind to one another and have created a kindness bucket. For our kindness bucket, we each write down something nice about another member of our class and then read it at the end of the lesson.

In English, we have started to create fact files on Rainforest animals to compare against the differences between the animals in the Rainforest to the ones in the Arctic. We are going to finish these off next week.

Saturn

Saturn have had a great week this week. We have introduced the reading shed into our garden where boys can now have a quiet place to read there much loved books.

In maths, we have been looking at how to put different coins together to create different amounts. In English, Saturn have worked really hard on their assessments to see just how well they've progressed.

Saturn really enjoyed gym at the K2 leisure centre where they were able to run and jump as much and as far as they could.

As a treat, this has all ended with a fantastic Food Tech session where the boys made jam tarts. Yummy!

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Galaxy:

A cracking start to our assessments this week. It always surprises me and makes me so proud how engaged and willing the boys are to engage in, what can be a rather stressful tasks. We are starting to enjoy more offsite activities as the term is progressing and the behaviour and attitude towards these activities and the general public have been simply marvellous- a real credit to the school and themselves.

We continue to explore maps skills including compass details, co-ordinates as well as weather patterns that link to directional airflow or typical weathers. A superb den was built in the woods using this information to inform the orientation of the entrance as well as what walls needed to be reinforced against the prevailing winds.

Some more wonderful learning! Well done!!!

Titan

Our week in Titan has been full of new learning and applying learning as we are approaching the end of this long term.

In Maths, we have looked at word problems involving addition and subtraction, as well as multiplication and division which the children have found rather challenging, especially when it came to using written methods for multiplication and division and in particular column multiplication and bus stop method for division.

In English we watched Lily and the Snowman film clip – we all loved watching it. The children had to write a set of instructions on how to build a snowman, then the following day, they had to write a letter – imagining they are the Snowman – to Lily and tell her how he, or she (we debated whether the snowman is a boy or a girl) feels when Lily puts him in the freezer at the end of every winter. The children all loved the activities and engagement was amazing.

In PE the children did outdoor games and in PSHCE we talked about risks and making our own decisions, rather than following peers.

Neptune

We are into December now and Christmas is fast approaching. The elf on the shelf has come to our classroom and the boys are enjoying hunting him down every morning before they start the day.

We have continued to work on time, moving on to telling the time up to five minute intervals. They have been enthusiastic learners with this topic. They have had their very own wrist watches, and had clock headbands; all of which have helped keep their engagement levels up. We have nearly completed our booklets on the arctic. The boys are very proud of their work, as am I. The books will make a lovely addition to the biome models they made earlier in the term. In history, we looked at the different levels of Maya society. We had some excellent class discussion around this and they demonstrated excellent thinking and listening skills. The boys are on the final part of their painting project. They have put so much effort into this and the end result is going to be spectacular. Horse riding continues to be a highlight of the week. We are working on developing trotting skills. They are also mastering their skills in directing their horses, using words and through using the reins

Outdoor Learning

Tree dressing is celebrated in different cultures all over the world. It's a tradition that brings people closer to trees and highlights the important role they play in our lives. It's also a great way of saying thank you to trees for all the benefits they provide. To celebrate this we have been writing why we are thankful for trees on ribbons and then tying them to a tree. With it being quite cold in outdoor learning with ice and even snow on the ground the boys have also enjoyed a warming hot chocolate during their session



DINE

WITH MIQUILL

**WEEK
ONE**

DINE
WITH MIQUILL
Main Meal

DINE
WITH MIQUILL
Vegetarian Meal

Dessert
STOP 

Sweet choices

MONDAY

Meat Free Monday

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Roasted Vegetable
Jambalaya
Garlic Bread
Cauliflower

Fruity Flapjack

TUESDAY

Sausage & Mash
Pork Sausages with
Creamy Mash, Peas,
& Gravy

Quorn Sausage & Mash
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Creamy Mash, Peas,
& Gravy

Carrot Cake

WEDNESDAY

Roast Chicken
Chicken Thigh
Crispy Roast
Potatoes,
Carrots & Parsnips
Gravy

Tomato Pasta
Penne pasta with Rich
Tomato Sauce
Carrots & Parsnips

Apple Crumble
Pouring Cream

THURSDAY

Chicken Tikka Masala
Chicken Tikka Curry
Rice &
Spicy Cabbage & Peas
& Papadums

Chana Masala
Chickpea & Tomato
Curry
with Rice &
Spicy Cabbage & Peas
& Papadums

Berry Cheesecake

FRIDAY

Grab & Go
Crispy Fish Fingers
Or
Crispy Bacon
In a Roll
Chunky Chips

Grab & Go
Vegetable Nuggets
In a Roll
Chunky Chips

Oaty Cookie

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

This menu will commence: 5th September 4th October 8th November 5th December

