

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN



Friday 1st July, 2022.

Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 19th July: Moving Up day
- Friday 22nd July: Last day of Term/Open Day/Sports Day

Dear Parents/Carers,

When pupils in Neptune, Mars and Jupiter classes returned on Tuesday morning after their long weekend, they were able to access the new gardens that have been created behind their classrooms. These areas will be a huge asset to us as it will mean that children can use them for movement breaks, short play times as well as using them as learning areas. New doors were created at the back of Mars and Jupiter classes to enable pupils to access these gardens. Currently they are simply astro turfed spaces, but we are purchasing appropriate furniture so that the benefits can be maximised. We look forward to showing you these new areas during our Open day.

On Thursday Mars class had a very exciting end to their music lessons for this term with a visit from West Sussex Music and Littlegreen School. We have been learning the songs throughout our weekly Zoom sessions and it was wonderful to finish off the term with a face to face music session putting all of our skills and new knowledge into practice. We sang and learned keys, notes and rhythm using body percussion, keyboards, drums, guitars and xylophones. All of the boys who took part were fully engaged and their enthusiasm was a real credit to the school and their hard work throughout the term. It was great to see our friends from Little Green School who made the journey up from Chichester to join us.

You will have had a Parentmail earlier in the week regarding a fire that happened inside an oven in one of our Food Tech rooms. Thankfully no one was hurt and there was no damage to the room. The fire brigade came out and the pupils throughout the school responded very maturely. The cause of the fire was swiftly identified and conversations are taking place regarding learning that has come from the incident.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts.

Therapies

'NAME IT TO TAME IT'

Naming a child's feelings is validating and helps them find solutions and build empathy. In school this is something we as a staff team are trying to do all of the time. It helps students to build their emotional vocabulary and ability to communicate their feelings and self-regulate, I'm sure it's something you often do as parents too.

However did you know that research (including brain imaging) shows that doing this actually activates the thinking part of the brain in the person who is experiencing the heightened emotion and reduces activity in the feeling brain. This slows down the emotional reaction and helps them feel calmer. Dr Dan Siegel, author of *The Whole Brain Child* calls this process 'Name it to Tame it' suggesting it is one of the first steps in learning how to manage emotions.



Great tips for doing more naming of feelings include:

- Voicing out loud how you are feeling when you are upset or annoyed about something.
- Describing what emotions you notice your child is feeling; 'I can see how upset you are and can understand why- I'd be upset too if someone told me we couldn't go swimming any more'.
- Asking them to reflect on how they think others are feeling eg a friend or sibling.

Take Care, Lucy, Art Therapist

Brantridge Pride Day - Friday 8th July 2022

Pupils and staff are invited to wear something rainbow-coloured (or colourful) this Friday.

This Friday, pupils will be learning about the differences between people and celebrating those differences. Younger pupils will be learning about the different kinds of family set-ups which includes families with two mums and families with two dads, for example. Older pupils will learn more about what LGBTQ+ is about. There will be an emphasis on showing tolerance and respect to people who are different to you.

At lunchtime, pupils will be given the option of having lunch together outside (weather permitting) followed by a short, outside disco for anyone who wants to join in. The dress code of rainbow-colours is entirely optional.

Best wishes Cath Mattison



The 'Idiom of the Week' for the week beginning Monday 4th July is:
'Ants in your Pants' meaning 'Can't keep still' e.g. "You keep fidgeting, you must have ants in your pants."

I wonder if your child would remember what 'ants in your pants' means if you used this idiom at home...

Nova

It has been wonderful to be back in school and back in the mighty Nova class. I have been so impressed with the progress the boys have made in their times tables and reading over the past month or so and I look forward to developing that further and pushing them on.

We have been comparing 2D and 3D shapes this week, as well as identifying vertical and horizontal lines, and parallel and perpendicular. We have been drawing the 2D shapes and then trying to make their 3D equivalents either in the sand pit or using kinetic sand which was great fun.

In English we have been developing our story plans as a whole class. We originally planned to play the "1 word each" game, but this readily transpired into the boys developing their own plots and characters and offering wonderful sentences using connectives and expanded nouns! Great fun and great work!

Pluto

A short and busy week in Pluto. Pluto in maths have continued to learn about money. They have been learning how to add amounts of money together and subtract money to find change. They have been enjoying spending money at a pretend shop. In English Pluto as a class we wrote an adventure 5 sentence story about an explorer finding treasure on a tropical Island. They came up with some amazing adjectives. In Science we learnt how fossils are formed in sedimentary rocks and then made our own fossils using salt dough. In Religious education we learnt about the places of worship for Buddhists. They designed and coloured a temple.



Mars.

A great week in Mars Class- we have been re-telling the story of the 3 brothers in English and then writing a narrative from the point of view of the 4th brother, thinking about what we would wish for. We also made comparisons to J. K Rowling's Harry Potter series and discussed how authors are influenced by each other.

In maths we have been re-capping and learning new knowledge about angles- we played games where we acted as the points of a compass and gave out instructions to team mates.

On Thursday we took part in the West Sussex music workshop where we were joined by Little Green school- all of Mars class took part and were a real credit.

This week saw our class gardens finally opened and we have had so much fun playing together outside- building dens and working as a fantastic team!

Pictures on Tapestry to view.

Jupiter:

Jupiter class have had a productive week this week, Finishing 'Around The World In 80 Days' and writing fact-files on Phileas Fogg's adventures.

In Maths the boys have conducted their own studies into everything from favourite foods to pets, and have learned how to compile that data into Bar and Pie charts. The boys have made fantastic use of their new garden playing sports, building Dens and decorating the wall together. They have made some excellent Rocky Road and have made their own Ancient Egyptian Canopic Jars to paint and decorate.

Saturn

What a truly, disgusting day we had :D We have been reading the Lighthouse Keepers lunch. In the story, Mr Grinling's wife makes his lunch and sends it down a zip line to him at his lighthouse, every day. Each day the seagulls steal his lunch so they come up with an ingenious plan! After a few failed attempts to put the seagulls off they finally succeed when they make mustard sandwiches! Using this as inspiration the boys were given a choice of disgusting ingredients to use for their sandwich. It was a very funny lesson, that the boys all engaged in so well! They couldn't wait to get writing their lists of what to include!

In science we have continued our learning about every day materials and hypothesised whether all building materials were absorbent. We explored the school grounds to look at different building materials and extended our thinking around whether all hard materials were not absorbent. We then performed a simple test to find out, we tested plaster, metal, rock, wood, stone and plastic.

In computing we learned what Information technology is. We thought about what IT we use in school and at home and thoroughly enjoyed hunting the room and sorting items into IT and Not IT.

Horse riding was a massive success too, the boys really do listen so well to the instructors and are an absolute pleasure to watch. They are so calm!



Titan

Although a short week for the pupils, we had a lot to pack in and the learning has been a little bit challenging at times; it is probably because the end of term, as well as the academic year is approaching fast and everyone is tired. We have tried to give the boys a few more movement breaks lately, as well as keeping the lessons a bit shorter to help them stay focused.

In English, as looked at two escapees stories from East Germany in the 70s and the pupils loved to read about how people escape communist half of the country; then they had to pretend they were reports and had to come up with questions to ask the escapees working in groups.

In maths we have continued to look at area and perimeter; the pupils had to work in groups to solve some puzzles together, for e.g. to fit in cut out shapes to make a whole shape, as well as trying to match different cut outs with the same area or perimeter – I know it sounds complicated, but the pupils worked well together and listened to one another to complete the challenges.

Galaxy

This week in Galaxy we have seen a number of pupils take a keen interest in learning about history and RE. This has included visits to our Local Church which the pupils have found very informative. Everyone is working hard together to ensure there is as much access as possible to the exciting end of term activities. The staff team are also continuing to prepare the pupils for the changes and upgrades that will take place to the Galaxy environment over the Summer, which will greatly increase their access to learning, new technology and social opportunities.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Neptune

This week in Neptune we have focused on character description in English. The boys have thoroughly enjoyed describing themselves and characters they have learnt about from the book 'Around the World in 80 Days'. In maths we have continued to look at money and have been pricing up menus and ingredients for making pizzas on Friday. On Tuesday the boys spent time at Clip and Climb where they worked really hard to improve their previous scores, times and achievements.

We have continued to do obstacle courses and listening tasks throughout the day, the boys really enjoy this! A couple of them have taken it upon themselves to lead these activities showing great initiative and leadership skills. We are looking forward to having more opportunities to enjoy a walk or some sensory activities.

We have also taken the time to enjoy our new garden, we have planted seeds which the boys are excited to watch grow. We have also enjoyed some new equipment and are anxious for the rest to arrive.

We have had a brilliant week, well done!

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DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK ONE

DINE

Main Meal



Sweet Options

MONDAY

Meat Free Monday
Macaroni
Cheese
With Garlic Bread
Peas

Fruit Yoghurt

TUESDAY

Beef Burger
Served in a Soft Bun with Spicy potato Wedges and Coleslaw

Fresh Fruit Salad

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon
with Roasted Potatoes and Gravy
Broccoli & Carrots

Rice Pudding

THURSDAY

Chicken Korma
Mild and creamy Chicken Curry with Rice

Strawberry Jelly

FRIDAY

Grab & Go
Fish Fingers
Or
Crispy Bacon
In A Roll
Chips

Ice Lolly

Jacket Potatoes, Baguettes & wraps Also Available

