

Friday 8th 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,

Next week marks the beginning of our activities fortnight. We have planned this to give the pupils a range of experiences and to end the school year on a high. You will have had permissions sent home if they are participating on offsite activities. Please ensure these are returned.

On Monday, we have a careers day. The pupils will learn about a range of different careers and routes into these careers. We are lucky to have some people coming in to share their experiences with the boys as well as the youngest 3 classes visiting Little street where they get to dress up and role play different jobs.

On Tuesday, we are having a STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) day. In the morning, we have workshops from Sublime science. In the other sessions, pupils will be exploring gears and levers and building a car.

On Wednesday, we are having an art day. We have a cartoonist workshop in the morning and other art related activities during the day such as sun prints and work related to the book Dot.

On Thursday we have Skip2bfit in to help us learn about fitness with a 2 minute skipping challenge and Albion in the Community are in on Thursday, Friday and Monday to do a range of inclusive sports with the pupils including blind goal ball, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball. On Monday, Titan and Mars are visiting Warnham nature reserve.

On Tuesday 19th, we are having a moving up day where the pupils meet their new teachers and pupils in their class if there is a change. We will inform the pupils and families of these on the Friday before.

On Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st, we have inflatables on site, which were very popular last year. Also on the Wednesday, Saturn and Pluto are visiting Arundel Wetland centre. On Thursday, many pupils are visiting Hove lagoon for raft building and wind surfing.

On Friday 22nd, we will be having an open day and sports day. Families are invited to join us from 10am. You will receive a letter including more details and a link to a Google form to register your availability.

If you have any more questions about any of these activities please contact your child's teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Danielle Harry

Therapies

Happy Brantridge Pride!

Today, pupils are learning about the differences between people and celebrating those differences. Younger pupils are learning about the different kinds of family set-ups which includes families with two mums and families with two dads, for example. Older pupils are learning what LGBTQ+ is about. There is an emphasis on respect and tolerance.

Staff are not telling pupils what to think but are encouraging an open-minded approach. The message is very much about showing respect to others with words and actions even if they are different to you in race, colour, sexuality, gender, age or in any other way.

The therapists at school are supporting this by discussing with pupils respectful versus disrespectful language and behaviours and the impact this has on other people. I wonder if your child can give you examples of how to show respect to others.....

Best wishes

Cath Mattison
Clinical Lead,
Speech and Language Therapist



The 'Idiom of the Week' for the week beginning Monday 11th July is:

'Keep an open mind'

meaning 'a willingness to give someone or something fair and thorough consideration before making a judgement or decision.'



Nova

Another incredible week in Nova class. The focus and engagement has been superb, not too many ants in the pants! I am so proud of the strategies they are developing in their times tables- at times doing 2 or 3 steps independently in order to work out sums, the answer to which they did not know.

In English we have been exploring expanded nouns and how to make objects sound even more interesting. On our learning walk the boys expanded nouns such as “the massive, mile long field”, “the field with lots of purple flowers”, “the rough, parallel track”. We continued to develop our knowledge, skills and understanding in parallel and perpendicular lines, identifying them during our learning walk and visits to the park to consolidate understanding and stimulate links with everyday life.

We trundled through the woods to the lake to feed the ducks which was great fun- the boys loved feeding the ducks and interacted wonderfully together.

Pluto

Pluto this week finished writing their 5 sentence adventure stories. They came up with their own adventure characters, problem and solution to their stories. In maths Pluto combined their ability to recognise coins to collect data using a tally chart. They were all given a pile of coins to sort how many of each coin they had. They recorded the data in the table using tallies before finally, using the data to create a block chart. In geography the pupils learnt about the water cycle and could label the different processes involved. In Religious education Pluto learnt about the Buddhist festival of Wesak that is celebrated in May on the full moon. They created lanterns that Buddhist make during the festival. Pluto enjoyed their trip to Tilgate Park where they all behaved well and enjoyed playing in the big play park.



Mars.

Mars boys have worked really hard this week on social development and friendships. We have practised team work and giving and following instructions through games and activities.

In English we have written narrative character descriptions where we used figurative features including simile, repetition and alliteration. We also researched animals from each continent then chose one to write a rhyming poem about which we then performed for the group.

On Monday as a treat we went out to Washbrooks farm for the afternoon where we got to played lots of games and got to meet the animals.

In maths we have been practicing measuring angles with protractors- we did this inside on the tables with tape and then outside on the patio using giant tools. We also played angle Simon says which was lots of fun and consolidated our learning.

In art we added the second colour to our prints, we hope to get these finished off this week. Pictures on Tapestry to view.

Jupiter:

Jupiter started the week learning about America's Independence Day and came up their own declarations of independence.

In science this week the boys loved using the microscopes and collected various items to observe. They explored the different lenses to see as much detail as possible on their items.

In maths we have been looking at word problems using the boys' multiplication, adding and subtracting knowledge. We have also looked at finding the volume of cuboids with the help of interlocking cubes.

Jupiter's top chefs went on a trip to Lidl this week and bought ingredients for a recipe of their choice that they then cooked. They showed great independence and asked for support when they felt they needed it.

Saturn

This week we have had a great week of social play to help welcome an assessment boy into the group. We have seen some fantastic child-led learning. Some children have created their own seashores, shops and dens with force fields which has produced some wonderful language and vocabulary. Some children have created wonderful art work in the outdoor area which had such a calming effect on the boys. Horse riding was a big success again as is the outdoor learning provision. We have also begun some practice for sports day. The boys have really been a lot more settled and calm this week which has been lovely to see.

Titan

We are getting nearer and nearer to the end of term which is fair to say that we are all looking forward to for a well-deserved break.

We have done some writing in English this week, which has been a very successful outcome considering we are approaching the end of term and the pupils are very tired. They all used fantastic describing and great conjunctions, as well as fabulous punctuation to complete their writing.

In maths, we have focused on recalling prior learning like: column addition and subtraction, bus stop method, column multiplication in real word problems, missing number calculations and perimeter of compound shapes.

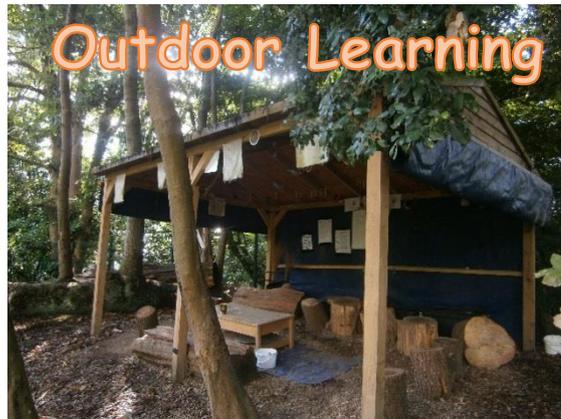
The pupils enjoyed a reward trip to Tilgate park on Wednesday afternoon, which was very welcomed by all.

Galaxy

A really great week for Galaxy this week. Our resident car washer returned to work and cleaned a number of staff member's cars. A few of the boys developed and used their own quiet space in Galaxy. Galaxy boys have also been able to utilise a tent that has been put up in the Orchard for some well needed R&R. We discussed the physics behind why a tent can stand, the weather that might affect camping, and the boys learned how to set-up and care for a tent. We are looking forward to a fortnight of activities, including supporting a few of our boys in moving up to year 7. Lastly, it is worth mentioning the teamwork and care that the boys have shown each other this week, looking out for one another, and offering support. Well done all.

Neptune

This week in Neptune we have spent time together working in groups and pairs to complete tasks. We have enjoyed sensory walks, trips to the park, relay races and of course clip and climb on Tuesday. During our daily starter we have been looking at stories to support us in learning about respect and tolerance. In English the boys have been focusing on planning and starting to write adventure stories inspired by our work on Gulliver's Travels and Around the World in 80 Days. The boys have come up with some fabulous ideas and story starters. In maths the boys have used mental and written methods to solve problems involving money while learning how to use a calculator to check their answers. The problems have focused on daily activities and responsibilities. We have also had a chance to get creative in art designing T-shirts. The boys have had a productive week and look forward to summer.



To follow on from last week's simple trail making, the boys have been following an aerial map of the school and the grounds to find various coordinate points. Once located they then punch their checkpoint card and carry on until they found all 7 points



BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK TWO

DINE

Main Meal



Sweet Options

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat Free Monday Vegetable Bolognaise With Wholemeal Pasta	BBQ Pulled Pork Served In a wrap With Crispy Midi Potatoes and Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken Thigh With Crispy Roasties, Gravy Carrots Cauliflower	Chilli Con Carnie Traditional Beef Chilli Con Conie with Garlic Bread & Rice	Grab & Go Grilled Sausage Or Bacon In a baguette

Jacket Potatoes, Baguettes & Wraps are also available

Melon And Pineapple Medley	Yoghurt	Rice Pudding	Cheese Cake	Ice cream Tub
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