

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN

Friday, 6th January 2023

Dates for your diary:

INSET day: Monday 30th January 2023

Half Term: Monday 13th - Friday 17th February 2023

End of Term: Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family had a good break.

In keeping with our goal of making learning as practical as possible it has been good that three classes have already been on off-site visits to the Brighton Museum to learn about, amongst other things mummification! This is part of their topic work on Ancient Egypt. We have had other classes begin their off-site swimming and gymnastics.

By Monday we will have each class's timetable and planning overview on our website. We hope that this helps you have a greater understanding of what your child is focusing on in their learning.

In terms of enabling you as parents to have as much information as possible about your child's learning, please continue this year to engage with 'Tapestry' - the online learning journal. Thank you for the immensely positive feedback we have had from so many of you about this last year. Any issues with accessing this, please contact Danielle Harry d.harry@brantridge-school.co.uk

Being Friday today, you should be receiving an email regarding your child's first week back in school. Along with that you will also be sent your child's targets for the term. These targets are drawn from your child's EHCP and are therefore personalised to them. If the target lends itself to it, please do try to work on that target in the coming weeks at home. We note regularly in the Bulletin, the immeasurable value of school and parents working hand in hand to support a child's progress.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts
Principal

Therapies and Interventions

Happy New Year!

We begin this term with the introduction of some new initiatives, one of which is 'Wobbly Wednesday'. WW is all about accepting our mistakes.

On Wednesdays, class staff will **make a deliberate mistake** and voice how they feel, that *it's not the end of the world* and what they have learnt as a result of the error...

or **tell pupils about a mistake they have made in the past**. Then comment on how they felt at the time, how they recovered from the error and what they have learnt from the experience.

The aims of Wobbly Wednesday are:

- To enable pupils to see staff as vulnerable and imperfect which is important in building trusting relationships.
- To help pupils understand that we all make mistakes sometimes and that this is okay.
- To enable pupils to learn that mistakes are an important part of the learning process.
- To promote and support emotional regulation when mistakes occur.

Here are some examples of deliberate mistakes you could make at home:

- Drop a pen.
- Spill your drink.
- Put your coat on inside out.

Best wishes

Cath Mattison, Head of Therapies, SALT.

'Idiom of the Week'

The 'Idiom of the Week' for this week has been:

'Miss the boat'

e.g. "I tried to buy tickets to the pantomime but unfortunately I missed the boat. They were sold out." I wonder if your child can remember what this idiom means...

The 'Idiom of the Week' for the week beginning 9th January is:

'It's not rocket science!'

Meaning something is easy to understand or do.



Zephaniah

Welcome back and happy New Year! Zephaniah Class have been really busy this week- even though it is slightly shorty, we have packed a lot into our first WOW week.

Our history topic is the Magna Carta so far we have put King John on trial to decide whether he was a good king or a terrible one as history chroniclers state.

We learned about the Magna Carta, why it was introduced, what it meant to the people of 1215 and how it has been a document of influence throughout the world. On Thursday, we held a mock trial. First, we learned lots of facts about the judicial system, we discussed crime including deciding the level of severity of different crimes, crime statistics and who makes the laws and how. After break we held the trial- the defendant was accused of cybercrime- bullying. After hearing the evidence, the jury deliberated and found them not guilty due to having reasonable doubt. We did then decide what the punishment would have been had they been found guilty. All boys engaged brilliantly and learned so much.

On Friday, we learned about Islamic art and created geometric patterns to copy onto clay tiles- all available on Tapestry!

Jupiter

It has been great to hear what lovely holidays Jupiter boys have had.

We have a positive start to our WOW week.

Jupiter have started getting information together for Maya information leaflets.

The boys have been working hard of negative numbers - Addition and Subtraction.

We have been having positive engagement in making Central America, locating where Maya lived.

To end the week, Jupiter have been making hats similar to Maya.

We found out that taller the hat the more important we are

Saturn

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. The boys have returned to school happily and have enjoyed exploring the environment in child-led learning, utilising their interests to engage them in their learning.

Our first session of swimming was a tremendous success, even those that were initially nervous about it, enjoyed it very much. They all listened to instructions well and are keen to go back next week.

Titan

What a wonderful first week I had in Titan class getting to know the students. We started our studies on the *Mayan Civilization* and made some lovely *Mayan masks*.

We also enjoyed watching the traditional *Mayan football, Pok ta Pok*. Students also enjoyed this week's outdoor learning building camps. We also had lots of social interactions to get to know each other, for example played board games and football.

Nova

An incredibly positive start to the new year in Nova class. The attitude towards each other, staff and the learning expectations was exceptional and the excitement to be in class, learning and all together again was palpable.

We begin our main topic of Ancient Egypt this term. We have been dressing up as Cleopatra, building pyramids to inform our maths, English and science and learning about how life was 5000 years ago.

Our trip to the Egyptian exhibit at the Brighton Museum was fantastic. We learned so much about the era and all the famous things we associate with it, especially how and why Mummies were created. Well done boys. Keep up the good work.

Pluto

This week we have been busy finding out lots of amazing facts about our new topic 'The Egyptians'. We have used a variety of resources to help develop our skills and knowledge. Going on our trip to Brighton Museum was such fun as we saw and handled real life examples of Egyptian artefacts that were over 5000 years old!!! Prior to our trip we had thought of some interesting questions about our visit and what we were going to see. After our trip we were able to answer many of these questions.

Our social communication session was useful as we participated in a fun listening game, reminded ourselves of what ABC green means, used the puppets Sam and Sally to help discuss our feelings and used a range of strategies to help keep us in the 'green zone'. Also, we explored the meaning of our idiom of the week 'Miss the Boat'.

Galaxy



Welcome back everyone and a Happy New Year. Galaxy boys wasted no time getting down and muddy with our resident Wild Teacher, Donna. The boys had a great time. Galaxy also welcomed a new boy to 'Our Family'. Welcome Brock.



Earth

We have had a wonderful start to the Spring Term in Earth Class. We have done our KWL grid for our new topic of Ancient Egypt and had a fantastic time on our trip, learning all about mummification!

In maths, we have been revisiting our place value learning from the Autumn Term.

Neptune

We have had a lovely first week back after Christmas, the boys have done really well to get back into their school routine. We have some new friendships growing in class which is great to see. The boys have enjoyed being introduced to their new geography topic 'Amazing Americas'. We have also begun to read Kensuke's Kingdom which is our new class book, we look forward to seeing whether our current predictions for the story become true.

The Neptune boys also enjoyed their first session of gymnastics today – they did great! Lots of jumping and running around – some boys even conquered their fear of heights which was AMAZING!

Orwell Class

This week Orwell class began the first of 2 "Wow Weeks" where we sample different aspects of this terms curriculum in an active and lively way, We began the week learning about the Magna Carta which became an exercise in designing our own Year 7 charters and role playing the parts of characters who had used the famous document to bring King John into line. On Wednesday we focused on the structure of medieval society through the board game, Medievalopoly.

The Orwell boys were played this game well, sticking to the rules and working hard to become the richest land baron on the board. We have also reflected on the impact of the Magna Carta through the enactment of a mock court case.

A video of this courtroom drama will be available on Tapestry.

We are looking forward to our to the site of the signing of the Magna Carta on Monday and Tuesday's map reading exercise on the South Downs.

Pictures are available on Tapestry.

Outdoor Learning



The boys were welcomed back to outdoor learning after their Christmas Break, with a quick reminder of rules and boundaries then they were able to have some free play using all the different pieces of equipment available. We saw a lot of teamwork taking place



Jupiter class
bonding on the
slack line

BRANTRIDGE BULLETIN

Stir.

W/C 9/11/23

week: 01

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Meat Free Monday Veggie Bolognese With Wholegrain Penne Pasta	Sausage & Mash Potatoes	Chicken & Tomato Pasta Bake	Mild Chilli Beef & Rice	Bacon Baguette
Garlic Bread	Peas	Green Beans	Sweetcorn	Packet of Crisp
Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans will be Available Daily				
Baguettes/Wraps with Cheese, Egg Mayo or Ham are Available Daily				
Chefs Special	Chefs Special	Chefs Special	Chefs Special	Chefs Special

menu

let's eat, together
www.stirfood.co.uk