

Weekly Bulletin – Friday 19th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This afternoon, Mrs Rebecca Williams our Interim Therapy Lead is training staff in the use of our 'Social Communication Programme' which we will be beginning to use from Monday onwards.

For many of our pupils, appropriate communication can be a real difficulty and challenges around using and understanding language and social communication skills are noted on their Statements or EHC Plans. The 'Social Communication Programme' aims to provide staff and pupils with a common language and expectation to be used across various contexts, to reduce ambiguity and increase opportunities for learning and for pupils to develop these skills. Each week a new phrase will be introduced.

The first one that we will be introducing on Monday is 'Sitting to Learn'. It will be explained to the pupils that this means:

- To look at the speaker.
- To recognise that the adult is about to give them instructions/ information.
- To be in the correct position for writing or typing.

We are very keen to involve you as parents in this project. In view of that we will include in the forthcoming newsletters the phrase which we will be introducing each week. Some weeks we may decide that we need to revisit some of them to embed the learning. Your child may also find it helpful if you were to use the same terminology at home.

Should you want to know more about our approach, please feel free to contact Mrs Williams. Her email address is: r.williams@brantridge-school.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts.

Interim Head Teacher

Teaching & Learning this week:

Saturn: In our Science lesson this week, we have looked at living things. We categorised them and we came up with criteria on how to group them. We then went for a stroll in forest school to see what living things we could find and talked about them.

Our Topic lesson on democracy was a success, as the boys held a debate on different ideas and we looked at what makes a country democratic. They had to come up with pros and cons of democracy and the end of the lesson found the boys writing a definition of democracy.



The boys found moss and fern; both living things and we looked for roots and spores on the back of the leaves.

Titan: We have had a lovely week in Titan. We have been developing mental strategies for mental multiplication and division; moving on later in the week to enable us to do written methods. In English, we have been learning to summarise key points within longer texts. The boys have used this to pick out ideas in order for them to debate topics. We have enjoyed some new games in PE. For topic we have been looking at how shopping has changed within our community over time. We have drawn and painted some wonderful pictures of Queen Elizabeth II.

Jupiter: Jupiter have has a fabulous week considering that Mr Elliot has been away from school, all of the boys have demonstrated resilience. In maths we continued our learning about fractions, in English we learned about possessive apostrophes and demonstrated this in our own writing. We have continued to enjoy our weekly gymnastic sessions at K2 where we have been improving our skills and flexibility.

Neptune: Neptune have had a very productive week. We have been looking at heroes and villains in English. We have created our own villains and created a back-story so people understand why they have become the villain. In maths we have been learning to round to significant figures to help with estimating. In PE we have played a variety of ball games with Mr Adams. In British values we have looked at values in morals. We started our e-safety online course. The boys did really well. In Art we completed a visual analysis of a Michael Craig-Martin picture. The boys have begun the design for their games controller, ready for making scale models next week.



Mercury: This week Mercury have been working on their descriptive writing in English. In Maths they have been learning about clockwise and anticlockwise and the names for the different types of angles. In PE they have continued learning and honing their skills at Petanque. In Art they have been making templates for their next sewing project - puppets and toys. In Science they took flowers to pieces to show their understanding of the different parts of the plant. In History they have been learning about King John building up to learning about the Magna Carta. In Drama they listened to and read an abridged version of Romeo and Juliet. In Music they learned about the white keys, flats and sharps and had a go at playing God Save The Queen. In British values they learned about how parliament is laid out and the conditions for passing laws.

Mars: We have continued our topic work on Animal Farm this week and have been beginning to compare the characters to famous historical figures. As well as this we have had great fun planning our own school revolution, we devised our own rule of law that we named Kidzania and had some good, lively debates deciding on our own new school rules, laws and consequences. In maths we have been learning about area and perimeter so have been looking at a range of rectilinear shapes including composite shape and working hard to find the perimeter and area. We then took our learning outside to measure real life areas such as the playground and football pitch before returning to class to work out the area and perimeter. We have also had great fun designing our own board games, we all chose to make our own version of Monopoly so we have been working very hard to make and decorate the game board, cards and pieces, we are still working on them and looking forward to playing our completed games!

Brantridge Weekly - Roll Of Honour !

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

1st Samuel 368 points

2nd Toby 355 points

3rd Jamie 354 points



TITAN

King of the Golds

Toby

Star of the Week

Jayden

SATURN

King of the Golds

Taylor,
Marcus and
Felix

Star of the Week

Tyler H

JUPITER

King of the Golds

Matthew
Louis

Star of the Week

Louis

Resident of the Week

Jack

MARS

King of the Golds

Josh

Star of the
Week

Josh

MERCURY

King of the Golds

Tyler B

Star of the
Week

Callum W

NEPTUNE

King of the Golds

Samuel

Star of the
Week

Joe

Forest School
Award

Callum W

Residential News from Galaxy, Orion and Milkyway.

Another positive week in residence, Clip and Climb was the trip for Tuesday night, there has been some cosy nights in watching dvd's as it has been so cold outside.

The reward trip was to see Jumanji at the cinema which the boys enjoyed a lot.

Behaviour has been of a very high standard.

Well done all!



Residential student of the week goes to: Jack C