



## Weekly Bulletin – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all!

It was good to see so many of you at our end of term celebration and I hope that you and your family had an enjoyable Christmas break.

You will remember that last term, there were various meetings about the proposed transfer of Brantridge School to be part of the Orchard Hill College and Academy Trust. I am pleased to inform you that the process was completed at the end of 2017 and from 1<sup>st</sup> January this year our school is part of that academy, along with the two other schools that were previously part of the Radius Trust – St Dominic's School and Grafham Grange School. I am confident that as a school we will benefit greatly from being part of this wider family of schools.

We are trying to gather the views of various stakeholders, regarding what people feel we do well here at Brantridge and what things could be improved. In view of this we are asking pupils, staff and parents to complete a questionnaire next week. Attached to this newsletter is a questionnaire for parents and carers, which we would be grateful if you could return to us by Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January. You can print off a copy and complete it by hand and either post it back to the school or send it in with your son. Alternatively, you can fill it in electronically and email it back to us at [schooloffice@brantridge-school.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@brantridge-school.co.uk)

Please can I encourage you to respond, we want to ensure that we provide the best provision we can for our children and your views are important to us.

Finally, a reminder to those of you with children in Year 7 and Year 8 that on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10am we have a meeting to discuss Transition arrangements. This is an opportunity to discuss what the school, the Local Authority and families need to do to prepare our pupils in moving to their next school.

Yours sincerely,

Dafydd Roberts.

Interim Head Teacher



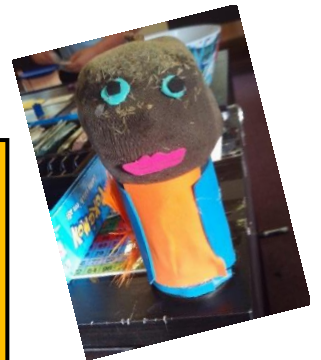
## Teaching & Learning this week:

### Saturn:

We have had a great half week! The boys came back ready to learn and have already shown some great independent skills and resilience. In Maths, we have been revisiting place value and number and I am pleased to say that the boys have remembered a lot! In English, the boys have been practising their handwriting skills and also refreshed their memory on what a sentence is, verbs, nouns, adjective and adverbs.

### Titan:

We have had a wonderful start to the new term. The boys have written all about their holidays and created resolutions for themselves which they hope to meet by the end of the year. In Maths, they have tried hard to solve problems based around negative numbers. They have completed work based around methods of communication and in Science we have explored various light sources.



**Jupiter:** A really positive start to the new year has been made in Jupiter class in 2018. The level of focus and positivity towards learning and the high expectations we have in class and around school has been superb. The boys have been fully engaged in exploring how fractions work and what the different parts of a fraction are called as well as learning what they represent. While exploring states of matter in science we made parachutes and went out with them in the wind to see how the wind effects the parachutes. This stimulated thoughts about how particles are ordered within the different states we spoke about. British values is our topic for this term and we started having a think about what democracy means and how it affects us and what it means to Great Britain. A really good start, well done boys.





## Neptune:

We are very near the end of the Boy in Striped Pyjamas and the boys are hoping to watch the film next week, tissues are at the ready. In maths we have been looking at ratio and proportion and begun to do Christmas maths. In food technology we made mini chocolate cheesecakes, they looked delicious. In PE, Tristan from St.Dominic's who is a past pupil came to join us, we played dodgeball. In topic we have been learning about the industrial revolution and this week the boys had a go at inventing their own product which would be revolutionary. The boys had some fantastic ideas, including I-fix which covers cracks in I-phones and a paperchain 3000, which instantly makes paperchains.

## Mercury:

This week Mercury have been getting back into the swing of things reading and practising their alphabet and days of the week. They have been working on their precision using hama beads in hand gym and learning how to sew in DT. In PCHSE pupils have been learning about British Values and making their own family shields to show the things that are important to them. In Geography they have been learning the names of the countries that make up the United Kingdom and created some good display work.



## Mars:

We have had a very positive first week back in school after the Christmas break.

We have completed some written work describing what we did on our holidays and shared these with the group.

In maths we have been learning about coordinates and translations and we have created some problems for our peers to solve which was great fun and challenging!

This half term we will be swimming at the Dolphin Centre and we had our first visit on Wednesday, what a great way to burn off some of those extra Christmas pounds! We practised different strokes including back and breast stroke which we all enjoyed- after this we played games on the large floats- we are looking to our next session.

In art lessons we are learning about British artists and this week we are learning about David Hockney and creating swimming pool paintings in his style to go in our class gallery



## Brantridge Weekly - Roll Of Honour !

### TOP OF THE LEAGUE

**1<sup>st</sup> Jacob, Taylor, Danny, Toby, Marcus, Jayden and Treye.**

All having achieved 115 points.



TITAN		MARS	
King of the Golds	Jayden, Toby, Treye	King of the Golds	Alfie
Star of the Week	Billy	Star of the Week	Bailey
SATURN		MERCURY	
King of the Golds	Taylor, Jacob, Marcus	King of the Golds	Tyler
Star of the Week	Jacob	Star of the Week	Nathan
JUPITER		NEPTUNE	
King of the Golds	Christopher	King of the Golds	Jamie
Star of the Week	Matthew	Star of the Week	Joe
Resident of the Week	Justin	Forest School Award	Justin



## Super Brantridge Stars – Most Gold's this week :





## **Residential News from Galaxy, Orion and Milkyway.**

It's been a short week returning to school after our holidays. Lots of lovely stories about some fabulous Christmas presents and wonderful celebration meals.

There was a trip to airhop again on Thursday, much enjoyed by all who went...Justin spent the evening doing back flips...requiring great courage!



**Residential student of the week is Justin S!**



## Forest School

**A massive thank you to everyone for the huge support at the Open Day at the end of last term...the boys worked really hard on producing enough reindeer, elves and wreaths to sell at the fayre:**





**Before:**



**After:**



**We raised £151 for Forest School equipment, which is a fantastic achievement and we also contributed some prizes for the raffle!**

**Forest school star of the term went to Jack C.**

**Forest school star of the week this week went to Justin S for his work making a bow!**





## Application form: Challenging behaviour parents and carers workshops

This form is for parents/carers who would like to be considered for a place on one of our Challenging behaviour workshops.

Please let us know which date you are interested in attending and how many places you would like (up to a maximum of 2). Tick:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan at ~~The~~ Moor Lane Centre, Chessington

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb at Express ~~CiC~~, Surbiton

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at York House, Twickenham

Name (parent/carer):

Email:

Telephone:

Name (2nd place):

Address:

Postcode:

Name of child:

Child's date of birth:

Child's age:

It would be helpful for us to know some details about your child's Challenging Behaviour. Please provide some brief details about what you would like to talk to us about:

Please return this form by post or email to [beth.hitchens@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:beth.hitchens@achievingforchildren.org.uk), The Moor Lane Centre, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2AA

Once you have returned this form to us we will reply to you as soon as possible to let you know whether we are able to offer you a space.

