



Friday 12th October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Thursday this week many of our pupils will be going on our end of half term behaviour reward trip. Those of you who regularly read this Bulletin will have heard us draw attention previously as to how this works. Essentially pupils have a grade for their engagement in each lesson. These scores are then added up on a daily basis, leading to these achievements being celebrated in 'breakfast' the next day, but also added up over the course of a half term, enabling those who have demonstrated appropriate levels of engagement to access these trips. I am delighted to say that a large number of our pupils will be attending the trip to **Jumpin** in Burgess Hill, which offers sessions in an inflatable theme park with bouncy castles, giant ball pit and bouncy slides.

I'm sure the boys will love it as it hasn't been open for long. The session that we have booked is a special needs session where the music is turned down and the capacity is reduced.

We have worked hard last academic year to support pupils improving their behaviour and their levels of engagement. We all appreciate that this is a complex task and I am grateful to the staff for the huge effort and flexibility they have shown in supporting the pupils in this area.

Let me share some data with you that we are pleased with:

	Number of incidents in 2016-17	Number of incidents in 2017-18	Percentage of decrease
Serious Incidents	1053	159	85%
Red (negative behaviours)	5483	3358	39%

Clearly, we want to continue to reduce the number of negative incidents and are regularly discussing as a team how we can do that. We want to ensure that we create a safe, happy environment where children can flourish and learn.

Thank you for your ongoing support in these matters.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

Neptune:

Neptune have had a really good week. The boys have continued their learning on place value in Maths. On Tuesday the boys had their first forest school session with the new Forest School leader Marc. Some of the boys made bows and arrows. In English the boys have been focussing on SPAG and we had a debate over whether children should be allowed social media. There was some interesting arguments for and against! In PSCHE we looked at the dangers and effects of smoking. In food tech the boys made scones. Overall we had a positive week. The boys are looking forward to the football tournament on Monday and the credit reward trip on Thursday next week.

Titan:

Titan have had another positive week. In English, the boys have been learning about biographies. Each boy has written a biography about a "hero" that they chose themselves. The boys have all done research and used headings and sub-headings to lay out their work. The Maths work this week has been based around graphs; the boys were able to answer some rather tricky, mastery level questions about line graphs and pictograms. This week the boys got the opportunity to use flippers in their swimming lesson, which they found to be a lot of fun.

Mars:

A good week in Mars class, we have been using our visit to the Clink Museum last week to inform our learning and have created some excellent work. This includes detailed recounts as well as wonderful persuasive letters to the king begging to be pardoned and let out of prison! All of these are on display in the classroom.

In maths we have been practicing column addition and then using the inverse action to check our answers, we found this quite challenging but we are getting there.

For art we have made the first prints of our super hero drawings and have learned lots about print making techniques.

In geography this week we have learned about human and physical geography. We can now name some of the different geography types and compare areas of North America to our local area.

Saturn/Mercury

The boys in Saturn and Mercury class have been learning about greater than and lesser than sign in maths this week. The boys seemed to enjoy learning about this, especially because it involved using crocodile signs. In English they completed a piece of writing, whereby they had to describe what they could see in the picture using adjectives. The boys came up with some fantastic and imaginative sentences to describe what they could see. We have also been working on our sounds and phonics this week, focusing specifically on the sounds th, sh and ch. The boys also completed a lesson on respecting others, not only in school but in their day to day lives. They learnt what respect is, who respect should be given to and the ways in which they can show respect. The pupils enjoyed playing board games with one another and discussing different scenarios and were able to give reasons for their opinions. The boys in Saturn and Mercury have had a very positive week in class, so hopefully this will continue on next week.

Jupiter: We went into the woods on Wednesday to see if we could find a good hiding place for our game or Pokémon characters: reflecting on our last science lesson where we learned about animals that use camouflage to hunt effectively or to hide from predators. We took photos of areas we liked and went to class to colour our characters in to match the camouflage of the surroundings. The results were superb, meaning we had to spend a really long time looking for them in the woods as our characters blended in to their backgrounds effortlessly. On Thursday, we designed and created a secret lair for our super heroes, using excellent imagination and descriptive words to support our ideas. Some of the boys showed some excellent resilience in class and are demonstrating some good progress as a result engaging in the learning and trying hard.

Pluto: Pluto have learnt in English about pronouns, adverbs, fronted adverbials and how to write direct speech. They then applied their new knowledge to their story writing. In Maths they have been learning different words for adding and how they can use different tools e.g. number line and 100's squares to help them. Pluto really enjoyed becoming Victorian Prisoners and acting out hard labour tasks as part of their History lessons. They then produced descriptive pieces of writing about how it would feel to be a Victorian prisoner. In Art they drew a hero logo then traced it onto cardboard and built up the image to create a calligraphy printing tool (pictures below). Overall they have had a good week with lots of fun and learning.



Brantridge Weekly - Roll Of Honour!

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

1st Felix, Jayden, Isaac and Christopher



TITAN

MARS

King of the Credits

Jayden

King of the Credits

Felix

Star of the Week

Treye

Star of the Week

Marcus

SATURN/MERCURY

PLUTO

King of the Credits

Aaron

King of the Credits

Tyler H

Star of the Week

Aaron

Star of the Week

Jacob

JUPITER

NEPTUNE

King of the Credits

Tyler B

King of the Credits

Jamie

Star of the Week

Alfie

Star of the Week

Matteo

Therapies:

The whole school has been targeting 'We Prefer Polite' this week with our Social Communication Programme.

This target encourages pupils to improve their use of social Language and appropriate manners. As adults we need to remember To model appropriate behaviours, use of words and provide Opportunities for our students to learn and to practice using good Manners. This target can be used to calmly discourage the use Of bad language, swear words and or inappropriate tone of voice. When our pupils say something impolite, we say back to them in a Calm voice – 'we prefer polite'.



Next week the Social Communication Programme target is: 'Make a good choice' - The target is to encourage pupils to make the best choice when faced with a decision. We will tell you more about this in next week's bulletin.

Forest School

It has been an exciting week in Forest School, with pupil help we set up a new base camp, a log of interest and we went 'back to basics' using the hand tools to make name medallions and other wooden items.



Just a reminder that Forest School takes place in all weathers so please send in labelled Wellington Boots and Coats.