



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we draw to the close of the first full week of the term it feels like both pupils and staff are gradually returning to routines after the summer break. Our weekly visits to the Gym at K2 in Crawley and the Dolphin Swimming Pool in Haywards Heath have re-started.

Each half term one of our classes go swimming and one go to the Gym, thus meaning that over the course of the year every pupil in the school has the opportunity to access the resources available as well as the high level of coaching. This is an excellent opportunity for our pupils to receive specialist support in those areas.

We hope to continue our Behaviour reward trips this year. Those of you who were part of the Brantridge family last year will remember that grades the pupils' receive with regards to their behaviour and attitudes at school over a half term gives access to this trip. Last year the vast majority of the pupils were able to take part in these trips. The venue each half term is chosen by our School Council.

Talking of which, the elections for the School Council took place today. Each class has a representative on the Council, and that person is chosen democratically by their classmates. Those pupils who wanted to be elected, today shared a brief verbal 'manifesto' articulating why their peers should vote for them. Who knows, we may have one of the leading politicians of tomorrow amongst us!

Next Friday, Miss Danielle Harry is attending a course on 'Careers Enterprise'. Increasingly in schools there is a helpful emphasis on encouraging pupils to consider what they will be doing both in the next stage of their schooling and also what careers to explore beyond school life. We look forward to her returning and disseminating the information to the rest of the staff as we seek to increasingly introduce this aspect into our curriculum.

I trust you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Principal

## **Neptune:**

This week we have been looking at place value and standard form in Maths which the boys have shown a sound understanding of. We had our first session of gym at K2. The boys really impressed me with how well they listened and followed instructions and their ability with some of the skills. In Music we have been looking at the song 'Seven Nation Army' and the boys have been working collaboratively, choosing instruments and listening to one another. Freddie Sweeting, who is in a band, has been in to support us this week and the boys have really enjoyed his input. We have continued reading 'A Monster Calls' in English and working on character profiles.

## **Titan:**

Titan have continued the term being complete superstars. The boys have been working hard develop their reading comprehension skills. They have produced wonderful lists of rules for competitions. In Maths, the boys have been learning about translation and reflection. The boys were brilliant representatives of the school while we were offsite at our swimming lesson this week. The boys have also learnt lots of new vocabulary during their SATs preparation lessons.

## **Mars:**

We have had a super week in Mars class! The boys have tried their best and have really tried to improve not only their work but their behaviour too.

In English we have been learning to use expanded noun phrases to improve our writing, next we used this knowledge help us to write some excellent character descriptions. We created our own super heroes and described them in fabulous detail, Next week we will start to write a setting description.

In Maths we have been learning about place value and have played fun games to help support our learning and progress understanding.

In history we have been learning about crime and punishment during the Anglo-Saxon era and comparing these gruesome ordeals to modern day punishments.

In RE we created a fun comic strip to demonstrate the birth of the Buddha.



### Pluto:

Pluto this week have jumped into their topic of Heroes with enthusiasm. For the topic they discussed who their heroes are and what makes people heroes. In English they looked at Superhero comic strips and discussed the features of these texts and the language used in them. They had fun writing sentences, with onomatopoeic words used to create and impact on the reader. In Maths they have been improving and developing their knowledge of place value and have enjoyed using practical equipment to represent numbers. We look forward to continuing our journey next week.

## Brantridge Weekly - Roll Of Honour!

### TOP OF THE LEAGUE



**1<sup>st</sup>** Felix, Taylor and Jayden

### TITAN

King of the Credits	Jayden
Star of the Week	Jayden

### MARS

King of the Credits	Felix/ Taylor
Star of the Week	Taylor

### SATURN

King of the Credits	Blake
Star of the Week	Kaylum

### MERCURY

King of the Credits	Jacob
Star of the Week	none

### JUPITER

King of the Credits	Tyler
Star of the Week	Toby

### NEPTUNE

King of the Credits	Joe
Star of the Week	Joe

### Pluto

King of the Credits	Tyler
Star of the Week	Tyler

## Therapies:

The whole school has been targeting ' **Stay on task**'.

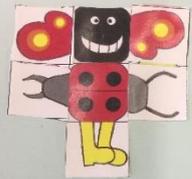
This target is to encourage our pupils to stay on task and to not get distracted by other things. For example our thoughts, other people or events. In addition 'Stay on task' relates to staying on topic, as some of our pupils find it difficult to stick to a topic of conversation.



Next week's Social Communication Programme target is: '**time to think**' This target aims to support our pupils and staff team to give each other time to think before giving an answer.

# Forest School

This week we've been on a Bug Hunt and found lots of different mini-beasts. We then went back into the classroom and designed our super hero mini-beast with lots of different powers like laser pincers!



Jess  
Jess slides like a  
glarry birdy and rats &  
rare, super suit.



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