



Friday 9th November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

This morning Mr Gio de Lucia led our assembly and spoke about the significance of this coming Sunday, marking 100 years since the end of World War 1. As a nation we rightly giving this occasion a high profile and we are seeking to do the same here at our school. Mr de Lucia talked to the children about the sacrifices made and the importance of remembering those who had given their lives for our nation.

Also, this morning Mr de Lucia took two of our older pupils to lay a poppy wreath at the Staplefield village memorial. Alongside, pupils from the local primary school – St Mark's school, the pupils participated in this important act of remembrance. Some of our pupils have also been creating their own poppies in very artistic ways and those pupils were clearly engaged with that.

On Wednesday we had our Attendance Tea. This was an opportunity for those pupils who had achieved 100% Attendance throughout October to mark that achievement together. The children involved enjoyed this and I am encouraged that so many pupils have managed to attend each session throughout the last month.

This is probably a good opportunity for me to draw your attention to various events involving our pupils next week. You will remember that I mentioned that some of our pupils participated in a football tournament recently. This Monday sees another tournament and an opportunity for another group of pupils to take part. Again, this is organised by Brighton & hove albion Football club and is a great opportunity for our pupils to experience participation in a structured tournament.

Friday 16th is 'Children in Need' day. In order to raise money for this we will have a non-uniform day with pupils being asked to voluntarily donate a £1 to this exceptional cause.

Also please continue to raise funds for the sponsored circuits with the Long jumper, funds are due in on the 19th November.

Finally can I remind you that the following Friday, 23rd November the school will be closed for INSET.

I trust you have a good weekend,

Dafydd Roberts

Principal

Neptune:

We have had a fantastic week in Neptune. The boys have been really respectful and have communicated with each other well. In maths, some of the boys have been learning multiplication and some of the pupils are working on linear sequences. In science the boys have been looking at microscopes and examining different specimens like plant cells. In geography we have been looking at different types of maps. The boys were amazing at our first swimming session and all pushed themselves to improve their technique.

Titan:

Titan have worked very hard this week in all subjects. They have built on their understanding of apostrophes as well as the use of pronouns. In Maths, the Titan boys have worked hard on their time telling skills. They have enjoyed some team and competitive games in PE. For Art this week, the class produced some beautiful poppies of varying designs.

Mars: Great to have Mars Class back together!

We have been learning column multiplication in Maths and using a thesaurus to find synonyms in English. We have made lots of poppies for the school display using recycled plastic bottles. The pupils really enjoyed this and they produced poppies of a really impressive standard. Well done boys!

Mercury

Mercury have had a good week this week. In English we have been looking at recounts and what to include in them. The boys did this very well. In Maths the pupils have been learning to do addition. They have been using addition to add three figure digits together and to solve maths worded problems. The boys seemed to be able to do this quite easily and enjoyed the complexity of adding up with bigger numbers. The boys also took part in the attendance tea during the week and seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a good afternoon.

Pluto:

We have had an up and down week in Pluto but ended positively by completing our information leaflets about local heroes for English. They enjoyed planning what they were going to write and then writing the final copy on the leaflet template. In Maths we have been focusing on subtraction this week and have been using the column method and word problems. In RE we enjoyed learning about the festival of Diwali and creating Rangoli patterns.

Jupiter: As the autumn internationals start, so do Jupiter's rugby lessons. The boys engaged so enthusiastically in their first lesson, showing a level of skill and fitness I don't think they knew they had. Working brilliantly as a team, supporting and communicating effectively, responding to instructions and changing conditions. It was great fun. We explored why shadows occur and what makes them happen. We went and drew around our shadows then laid down in the outline, only to discover that the shadows were over 3 times our actual height. Many discussions were had as to why this might be and the plot thickened further when we realised that our shadows had moved in the time we were outside! We also learned the grizzly truth behind bonfire night and what happened to those men behind the infamous gunpowder plot.

Saturn

Saturn boys this week have focused on finding halves and quarters of shapes and numbers in Maths. They all enjoyed the design a pizza activity in their books. In English, they have written a short chronological story using pictures as prompts and they all did fantastically well, especially as we teamed up with Jupiter for the Big Write session. In our topic this week, we looked at Guy Fawkes and the boys made a fireworks piece in their Art work using straws and different coloured paints. They also showed a good understanding of the Guy Fawkes story as they had to summarise how it all started. In Science we looked at healthy eating and why is important for our bodies. The boys had to sort out foods into different categories that covered the 5 areas of a healthy plate.

Brantridge Weekly - Roll Of Honour!

TOP OF THE LEAGUE



Jayden, Billy and Jamie

TITAN

MARS

King of the Credits

Jayden

King of the Credits

Oliver

Star of the Week

Billy

Star of the Week

Felix

SATURN

PLUTO

King of the Credits

Blake

King of the Credits

William

Star of the Week

Kaylum

Star of the Week

Jacob

JUPITER

NEPTUNE

King of the Credits

Tyler B

King of the Credits

Jamie

Star of the Week

Toby

Star of the Week

Joe

MERCURY

King of the Credits

Aaron

Star of the Week

N/A

Therapies:

The Social communication target for this week is '**reword with respect**'. This target is to allow pupils the opportunity to change an inappropriate message or response to one that is more socially acceptable.

This can relate to the vocabulary used, their tone of voice or volume.



'I' statements

'You' statements such as 'it's your fault I got it wrong', 'you are making me angry' 'you are doing it on purpose' 'you need to leave me alone' are very blaming and result in the communication partner feeling angry, frustrated or defensive.

By changing the statement to an 'I' statements then you are more likely to engage the communication partner in helping you to try and solve the problem with you. A good "I" statement takes responsibility for your own feelings, whilst tactfully describing a problem. The sentences need to be said in a calm and clear way to have the most impact.

An I statement follows the format of:

"I feel **emotion word** when/because **explanation.**"

For example

'It's your fault I got it wrong'

- 'I feel **upset** because **this work is too hard for me and I got it wrong.**'

'You are making me angry'

- 'I feel **angry** when I have to do handwriting because I'm not very good at it.'

Next week the Social Communication Target will be '**A Joke Too Far.**' This looks at knowing when a joke is funny and knowing when to stop if it starts to hurt another person's feelings.

Forest School

A slightly warmer Forest School this week with the boys enjoying themselves bow making, raking, den building, charcoal painting pond digging, whittling and fire building with a hot chocolate reward!

