



Open Class Morning

On Tue 27th January, we held an Open Class morning, during which parents were welcomed into school and were able to go into classes and see learning taking place. It's great when parents take opportunities such as this and get involved in school life. One parent said: "It's great to see how the Mathematics site works. More please!"

Assembly themes

We've spent some time this half-term in assemblies thinking about the common values of respect, tolerance, liberty and rule of law that we all share. We hope that we've helped the children see the things that we all have in common at Brunel. Next half-term, we'll be talking about having a 'growth mindset' in our assemblies. We'll be teaching the children that the brain can grow and that there are no limits to what can be achieved with effort, hard work and resilience.

Tuesday 10th February was Safer Internet Day 2015. This is a worldwide event designed to raise awareness of issues surrounding e-safety. In school, we have held assemblies to think about the issues around keeping safe online. In classes, children have been thinking about ways to make the internet a better place. Ask your child – see what he/she comes up with!

Y6 working with IntoUniversity

York Class recently spent a whole week out of school working with IntoUniversity. The work is designed to raise aspirations in pupils and give them a taste of what it might be like to go to university in the future. A great week was had.

Learning about space and the stars was the focus of the first two days and our pupils came back equipped to tell us all about the universe. This was expanded during a day of trips to the Science Museum and Natural History Museum. A session meeting some exotic creatures followed and they met a cockroach with two brains, a snake called Kellogg, a tarantula named Rosie (resplendent with pink hairs along her back) and a large African snail.

The week was rounded off with a trip to Imperial College in central London with a graduation ceremony included. Thanks for the opportunities and well done to York Class for being such eager students.



School Nurse

A warm Welcome to our new school nurse Kamila Ahonle who joins us after half-term. She will be available for drop-ins on alternate Wednesday mornings from 9am-10am, starting on Feb 25th. Check our school website for other drop-in dates.

Catch up with the latest news on our Facebook page.



Huge interest generated in Mathematics

We're really pleased with the response from children and parents since we re-launched Mathematics a few weeks ago. Children are hugely motivated to learn independently using the site and we are pleased that we are seeing improvement in the classroom performance of children who are regular users. We encourage children to practise regularly and keep a track of how they are doing.

It was great to see parents in school on Friday 6th February for the Mathematics workshop run by our Maths leader, Craig Mackey. Thanks for all the feedback. It's always really useful.

INSET Day tomorrow

Our best wishes for a restful half-term break to everyone. All the staff at Brunel will be working with other Ark schools tomorrow at one of our regular hub days, where we get together to share best practice and become better at what we do. See you in a week!

Unexplained goings on in the playground

We were surprised when we were shown a grainy video captured by a member of our cleaning staff of some strange goings-on in the playground last night. A strange figure went digging in our planters and retrieved some unidentified objects. A glowing cube was mounted on some garden blocks and a Harry Potter-like spell seemed to be cast upon one of the vehicles in the car park. We spent the day writing all about it. The mystery remains...



