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*"It is better to  
walk alone than  
with a crowd  
going in the  
wrong  
direction"*

**Herman Sui**

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Welcome to our latest edition of the newsletter designed to keep you informed and share our many successes.

## Winning Christmas Card Design

Every year pupils design Christmas Cards. Mr Whittell chooses a design to purchase on behalf of the school to send out to others schools and local community groups. This year he selected the design of Lucie in Form 5. Well done Lucie we look forward to seeing your card in print.



The money raised from the Christmas cards is used to purchase new playground equipment. The total raised this year was £220 and we hope to be ordering some new equipment very soon. Thank you to everybody who supported this fundraiser.

Any orders placed for cards should arrive in school at the beginning of December.

Report by Mrs Houseman



## Mrs Garrity

We would like to wish many congratulations to Mr & Mrs Garrity, their daughter Nuala Rose Garrity was born on 20<sup>th</sup> October weighing 4lb 3oz, Mrs Garrity is so pleased that she managed one full day off! Both are doing well and are now at home.



## Autumn Leaves

KG1 have been busy exploring Autumn leaves. The children became scientists, using magnifying glasses to observe the shape, colour and texture of the leaves. In class they produced beautiful leaf rubbings.

Report by Mrs Jeykishnan



## An exciting week in KG2

KG2 have been reading the book 'Bears in the Night,' this week and we were so inspired by the prepositions in the book, we went for a class adventure. We went **under** Mrs Dickinson's arm, **across** the crossing, **over** the grid, **between** the gates, **down** the step, **behind** the railings, **around** the goal post, **behind** the tree, **out** of the door, and **up** the step. We had great fun!



We have also been learning all about Guiseppe Arcimboldo. He is an Italian painter born in 1526/7 who created portrait heads made from objects such as leaves, flowers, fruit and vegetables. We looked at a variety of his paintings and were inspired to create our own faces using leaves. We are very proud of our creations and have them on display in the classroom.

Report by Mrs Boulton



## Art Masterclass – Form 6 Diwali Day

To start the day we watched a video of the story of Rama and Sita, which is the basis of the Diwali festival.

We moulded our own diya lamps out of clay. The shape of them was a bowl with a point coming out of the front. We enjoyed moulding them with our hands, putting the lights in the middle and then decorating them.

We also talked about Diwali and its origins (based on the story of Rama and Sita and the fight with the demon Ravanna). After this, we made a puppet show based on our version of the story, with backgrounds which we made and coloured ourselves. When we performed our shows, it was like a little theatre.

“We had lots of fun performing the story and our mini-theatre was amazing.”

“I really loved our Diwali day and I hope that we do another day full of interesting religious studies work again soon.”



“Overall, the day was amazing. I learned a lot about the Diwali festival and doing all the special crafts that came with it.”

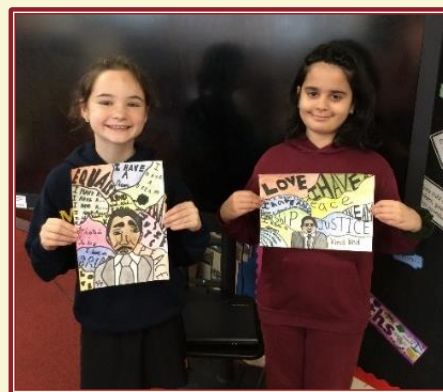
Report by Autumn, Elizabeth and Fifi Form 6



## Form 5

Form 5 have completed their art project on Dr Martin Luther King Jr. They have created some fabulous work and skilfully used watercolour paints. Myla and Rezana both painted beautiful pieces and they are delighted to share these with you.

Report by Miss Basger



## Brown Bear Toast

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you See?

The answer is, we see Brown Bear Toast looking at us! As part of their poetry topic, Form One have been studying the work of Bill Martin Jr. We enjoyed the pattern in the poem and spent some time performing it together.



Then, we created our own poems in the same style. Together we planned the structure of our own poems and thought carefully about the spellings. We ended the week by following a set of instructions to create Brown Bear Toast. What a delicious treat!

Report by Mrs Houseman



## School Parliament

The school parliament have carried out their eco-assessment of school and decided on the following priorities:

- Transport – looking at the different ways pupils travel to school to support the reduction of carbon emissions.
- School grounds – assessing the grounds and how we can support how eco-friendly these are.
- Biodiversity – aiming to boost the environment in which plants and animals can thrive on the school premises.

The pupils will now put together an action plan for the year with ideas based on their findings. We are so impressed with their work so far and are really looking forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on school.

Report by Mrs Garrity

## Getting Spooky in After School Care



The children in afterschool care have been getting creative with Halloween themed crafts and have made this fantastic display. They made ghosts and bats from paper and made double-sided pumpkins from paper plates. They also made spiders to take home.

Report by Mrs Pollitt



## Knights in Shining Armour

Form 2 have been learning all about becoming a knight and had fun acting out a play script linked to this. We then designed and made our own shields.

The class have also been studying Roger Hargreaves and his Mr Men stories. He children have had great fun designing and drawing their own Mr Men characters and these are forming a wonderful display in the school hall.

Report by Mrs Jones



## Dance yourself Dizzy

*Extra- Curricular*



A **HUGE** well done to Bethany who took part in a 2 hour sponsored Danceathon and raised an amazing £95 for Cash For Kids!!!

Well Done to Yahya who was named as man of the match on Saturday for his football team.





## Celebration Assembly

Our weekly assembly is our way to celebrate all the success of our pupils. These are the awards for last week.

KG1 – ☆Star of the week☆ - Adanna

KG2 – The Whole Class

Form 1 – Yusha & Nathan

Form 2 – Thomas & Lucy

Form 3 – Louis & Ava-Grace

Form 4 – Lamaisah

Form 5 – Timothy

Form 6 – Archie



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### Eco-School

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#### **Eco-Tip of the Week**

*This week the energy saving tip from the eco-council is:*

*Cutting just a minute off your shower time could save £207 a year in energy bills, and a further £105 a year in water bills if you have a meter – £312 a year for an average four person household.*

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### Social Media

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**Please see more of what we are up to on social media**

**Twitter** - [twitter.com/branwoodschoo?l=s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw](https://twitter.com/branwoodschoo?l=s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw)

**Instagram** - <https://instagram.com/branwoodschoo?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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