



Form 1

This week Form 1 have been busy in all areas of the curriculum. We started our new English topic, the Wonderful World of Julia Donaldson. The Gruffalo has proven to be a big hit in our classroom; there has been lots of laughter and interesting writing. In maths, we have explored 2D and 3D shapes, focusing on their individual properties. On Wednesday, we had our first Forest School session of the new year and despite the pouring rain, we had a great time exploring the outdoors. In Geography, we looked at how the world is split into seven large areas of land known as continents. We spent the lesson singing the 'continents song' and creating our own maps. It has been a great start to the new year.

Congratulations to Xavier, Chloe, Alyssa and Yusha who were each commended for their outstanding homework projects.

Report by Mrs Houseman



KG2

KG2 were certainly in for a treat on Wednesday morning as they put on their wellies and puddle suits ready for Forest School. The first surprise (particularly for Mrs Boulton) was the dry weather as rain was forecast! The children enjoyed sitting round a campfire and exploring the copse area of school with their friends. Some even had a go in the hammock!

We are looking forward to the next session where we will be wearing our new Branwood puddle suits.

Report by Mrs Boulton





Form 5

In Form 5 this week, we have been looking at news articles from the past 2 weeks. We have done some great, yet challenging, comprehension work and the children have created their own newspaper reports on a piece of news they have researched.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Daniel to our class!

Report by Miss Basger



Form 4

In Form 4 this week, we have been looking at how to add fractions, including those of different denominations. It's tricky stuff sometimes, but they have been very impressive indeed.

Report by Mr Sullivan

Extra- Curricular



Well done to Aaliyah in Form 2 who only started gymnastics a few weeks ago but is doing really well and won Star of the Week last week for listening skills and improvement!



Splash!
Edisemor in KG2 was busy over the holidays and achieved her level 2 swimming skills certificate – Well Done!



Netballer of the week for improved shooting skills

Kitty – Form 6



*Walk to School
Challenge*

WOW – Walk to School Challenge

As part of the WOW initiative the children are being given the opportunity to take part in a competition to design a badge for next year's campaign. Full details will be sent home soon.

PTA News

Forest School Puddle Suits

We are so excited to share that the Puddle Suits for KG1 and KG2 kindly purchased by the PTA have arrived. Thank you to the two wonderful models who proudly tried them on for us and a very BIG thank you to the PTA. We can't wait to wear them at our next Forest School session.



*Recommended
Reading*



New Release:	I Love Chinese New Year
Age Range:	3-5 years
Author:	Eva Wong Nava

Mai-Anne is so excited – it's the night before Chinese New Year and she can't wait to see her family. First, her grandmother, her Nai Nai, arrives, and admires the red lanterns and the green bamboo sticks Mai-Anne helped her parents put up around their house. They eat the most important dinner of the year – noodles for a long life, dumplings for special blessings and nian gao, which means 'climb to success'. Then Mai-Anne and Nai Nai settle down together and Nai Nia tells her the story of the Great Race, when twelve animals raced to cross the most heavenly of rivers. Rat came first and Pig last, but each has their individual strengths. Once Uncle Eric arrives, they can perform their family Dragon Dance and eat the lucky sweet tangerines.

This warm, family-focused story is a gentle introduction to the traditions of Chinese New Year for those who don't celebrate it, and for those who do, it will remind them how special it is. The lively illustrations are vibrantly

colourful and full of energy, and there are a couple of pages at the back with lucky facts about Chinese New Year and the Dragon Dance.



Celebration Assembly

KG1 – ☆Star of the week☆ - Kushal

KG2 – Zioraifechi & Kyra

Form 1 – Mohammed & Alyssa

Form 2 – Sahib & Sidharth

Form 3 – William & Amy-Marie

Form 4 – Gloria & Rivers

Form 5 – Daniel & Isaac

Form 6 – Whole Class

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



Eco-School

Eco-Tip of the Week

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

If you can use your microwave instead of the oven to cook certain foods, do. They use less energy than ovens because they only heat the food, not the air around it.

On-Line Safety

Here are some useful links for parents on online safety:

[National Online Safety | Keeping Children Safe Online in Education](https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers)
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/social-media>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

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

Social Media

Twitter - twitter.com/branwoodschoo?s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw

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

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/BranwoodPreparatorySchool>

