

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

*"I like a teacher
who gives you
something to
take home to
think about
besides
homework."*

Lily Tomlin

KG1

KG1 were budding Ornithologists at Forest School this week. KG1 were bird spotting, making bird feeders and building nests. Everyone had a great time and looked cosy and warm in their new puddle suits donated by the PTA.

Report by Mrs Jeykishnan

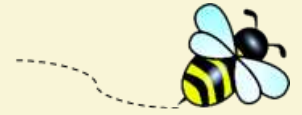


Form 1

This week Form 1 have been learning about money, they have been working on being able to recognise individual coins and make totals. They had great fun visiting the 'shop' and finding two different ways to make a total. To make this even more challenging, they had to find the amount of two items before finding different ways to make that total. This meant using larger numbers up to £1.

Report by Mrs Houseman





Form 6

Form 6 have been using dominoes to investigate the use and application of their maths knowledge to different situations. We played several different games with them which tested our mental recall and the effectiveness of our number strategies. Making it competitive added an exciting edge!

In our PHSE lesson, we have been looking at habits and addictions. An extremely enlightening discussion about our own habits and addictions followed and we discussed whether we thought that habits and addictions could be good or bad things. We agreed that getting into good habits and not allowing habits to control us was the positive thing to try to do.

Report by Mr Shepcock



Form 4

In Science this week, Form 4 investigated how to manipulate the pitch of a sound. The children cut paper straws into different lengths in order to test their predictions and made their own Andean-style panpipes afterwards. Form 4 proved that short straws made high pitched sounds and long ones made low pitched sounds.

Report by Mr Sullivan





KG2

It has been a lovely week in KG2. Each week we learn a new poem and this week it was 'Lunchtime.' We also read either one or two books, making sure that we know the story and can retell it. The books of the week were 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' and 'Ketchup on your cornflakes?' The children really enjoyed listening to both stories.

We talked about sandwiches and what a delicious sandwich would have in it and what an awful one would have in it. There were some super ideas. It was discussed how we would make a jam sandwich and the order in which we would carry out each instruction. Then we made our own jam sandwiches. Finally, we tasted different types of bread and talked about the taste, aroma and texture of each. What a wonderful week!

Report by Mrs Boulton



Form 3

In maths we have been using scales to measure and compare the mass of different objects.

In English we have enjoyed counting syllables and generating vocabulary to help us write Haiku poems.

In Forest School we made nests and tested their efficiency using eggs.





Form 2

We really enjoyed Forest School this week as we became bird spotters. We had lots of fun finding lots of different common birds, the ones we also find in our own gardens. Then we made feeding stations for them. We could see and hear lots of real birds while we were doing this. They were probably waiting to have a lovely feed when it was quieter after school.

Report by Mrs Jones

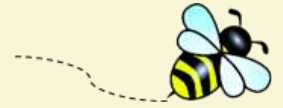


Form 5

Well done to Tara, Lucie, Rezana and Anya, all of whom were awarded their bronze merit award. These girls have worked so hard, every single day since they started Form 5 and these awards are truly deserved! Keep up the good work, girls; I am sure silver won't be too far away!

Report by Miss Basger





Salford Schools Cross Country

It was a chilly start to Saturday morning at Buille Hill Park, but things soon warmed up for our competitors in the Salford School's Cross Country, with a great turn out of over 150 children in each race! A massive well done to Ava-Grace, Louis, Jude, Elijah, Theo, Thomas, Gloria and Myla who all ran with great stamina and determination, with a few personal bests beaten along the way. Congratulations to Myla for coming in the top 20 in the YR5/6 girls' race!



☆Well done to Chibinyelum in KG2 – all her hard work at dance school paid off and she was star of the week - Great Job ☆

☆Star Struck☆
Ivy was chosen to take part in Madame Butterfly at the Opera House last night



WOW – Poster Competition

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. The theme for next year is The British Nature Walk. Full details are available [here](#) . The children will be given a design template to use and all entries need to be returned to school **no later than 26th February**. The top three designs will be submitted into the competition. Here are a few tips :

- Be big, bold and colourful!
- Diversity and originality are key to standing out from the crowd!
- WOW badges are only 3cm, so simple designs without small details in them work best!
- Trademarks, logos, images of Strider will not qualify for the competition.
- Winning designs will be digitally recreated, so pupils can use pencil, crayons or pens

If you require any further information please contact Miss Wilkinson.

*Recommended
Reading*



Book:	Chrissie the Wish Fairy
Age Range:	6-8 years
Author:	Daisy Meadows

Chrissie the Wish Fairy has a very important job - each year, she comes to the human world to hide her three magical wish items so that Christmas wishes come true. She loves her visits, but this year it's not entirely fun - she has to protect her magic objects from the goblins! Jack Frost is eager to get his hands on the items and make some wishes himself. Can Rachel and Kirsty come to Chrissie's aid before it's too late?

Book Review by Ivy – Form 2

Why did you choose this book?

I have the rainbow magic books at home and I would like to read the full collection.

What do you like about this book?

It is really long, takes a long time to read and there are lots of illustrations

Who is your favourite character?

Chrissie because she is a fairy and I like fairies. She's a Christmas fairy and I like Christmas.

How does this book make you feel?

It makes me feel good.

Why do you think people should read it?

There are funny and cute pictures and I really did enjoy it. It is one book with three tales. My favourite tale was number three. It is interesting.



Celebration Assembly

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

KG1 – ☆Star of the week☆ - Noelle

KG2 – Chibinyelum and Jack

Form 1 – Yusha & Onyinyechi

Form 2 – Haris, Ajae, Beatrice, Aurora & Monoyo

Form 3 – Yahya & Eyad

Form 4 – Sophia F & Ahmed

Form 5 – Anya & Rezana

Form 6 – Matilda & Archie



Eco-School

Eco-Tip of the Week

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

Clothes shopping

Try taking a hiatus from fast fashion for a few months and consider investing in organic and/or sustainable garments or buying second hand items from websites and shops. Globally, an estimated [92 million tonnes of textiles waste](#) is produced every year and that number is expected to soar up to 134 million tonnes a year by 2030.

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.commonsensemedia.org/articles/social-media>
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Social Media

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

Twitter - twitter.com/branwoodschool?s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKI2GQtX563BSw
Instagram - <https://instagram.com/branwoodschool?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/BranwoodPreparatorySchool>

