

# Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

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*“You have  
brains in your  
head.*

*You have feet in  
your shoes.*

*You can steer  
yourself any  
direction you  
choose.”*

*Dr Seuss*

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## Form 2

What a positive week we have had! The whole class has received a commendation for their work in PSHEE, thinking about ‘What Makes Me Happy?’ There were endless ideas about this ranging from family, travel, to peace and quiet. We certainly are a very happy class!

In comprehension, we looked at a poem about ‘Trees’ and how kind they are and coincidentally, our Forest School session was also on the topic of ‘Trees’ This inspired us to compose our own nature poems which are turning out to be very thoughtful!



Report by Mrs Jones

## Form 6

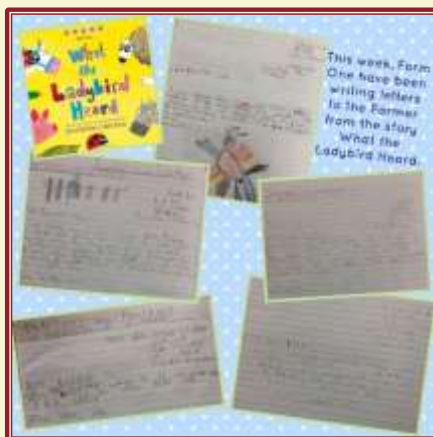
This week, as part of our art work, F6 have been working on creating their own Hoop-la game, which they hope to be sharing with some of the younger children in the near future. We have themed them to appeal to the younger children and made them at a level we think is appropriate for their development. We hope that, as well as being fun for them, it will help them to develop their gross motor skills by improving the accuracy of their throwing.

Report by Mr Shepcock



## Form 1

This week Form 1 have been very busy writing letters. We began by studying the features of a letter. Following this we planned and wrote our own letters to the farmer from *What a Ladybird Heard* and to the giant from *The Smartest Giant in Town*. Once we were confident enough we wrote letters to Julia Donaldson herself. These have now been posted and we are looking forward to getting a reply.



As part of our Geography topic, we studied our own address and then practised addressing envelopes. Inside the envelope was a surprise letter to our families. We took a trip to the post box and posted our letters in secret. Our families were thrilled to receive their surprise in the post.

Report by Mrs Houseman



## KG2

On Monday, Rachel from Coram Life Education came into KG2. She brought Harold the Giraffe to help us learn about our feelings, parts of our body and what they do. We also learnt about the importance of cleaning our teeth, exercise and rest.

On Wednesday, we had our fortnightly visit from Emma and Greta, our Forest School teachers. We learnt about trees this week. We collected wood for the fire, learning the names for the different layers of the fire (tinder, kindling and fuel), made medals out of wood, made faces out of clay to keep the trees company and generally had a great time exploring the fantastic copse area. We are counting down the days until our next session.

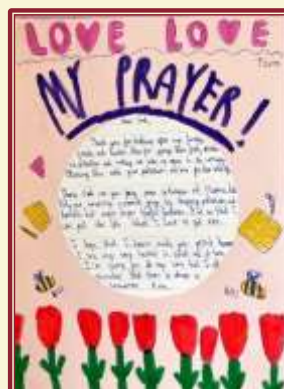
Report by Mrs Boulton



## Form 5

Form 5 have been learning about worship in RE. We have looked at prayers and discussed how even though we may not all believe in the same God or God at all, we all still have things that are important to us that we wish for. These are some of the prayers that the children have written.

Report by Miss Basger





## Form 3

It's been a busy week in Form 3. In English we have been working collaboratively to write our own narrative poems to perform.

In PSHEE we have been discussing Children's Mental Health Week. We discussed how we can look after ourselves and what we can do to look after our brains. This was led by Rachel from Coram Life Education.

In Art we created artwork inspired by Yayoi Kusama.

Report by Miss Wilkinson



## KG1

In PSHEE KG1 have been thinking a lot about feelings. We had a special visit from Harold the Giraffe and we talked about looking after ourselves and keeping healthy. The children drew wonderful pictures expressing how they were feeling on that day. I'm delighted to say that happy was the overwhelming response.

KG1 have also been supporting the Branwood book swap and have enjoyed reading their new books.

Report by Mrs Coffey



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## Extra- Curricular

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Super Well Done to Kyra who completed her stage 4 in swimming



Swimming  
Great job Noah for passing your Level 1 Foundation



Hooray! Player of the week for Isaac at Eccles RFC



Dance  
Well Done Alyssa on being highly commended for your Grade 1 Hip Hop and Street Dance Award



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## Sports

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### Netball

Our U9 netball team attended a mini tournament at Bridgewater school this week. They played so well together and have the potential to be a fantastic team! We came runners up and congratulations to Ella who was nominated for player of the match award medal! Well done all!



### Lacrosse

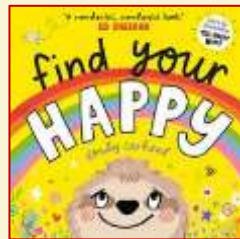
We competed in the Salford Schools Lacrosse tournament last week. The team were amazing, finishing in runners up position after a thrilling finale which went to golden goal. The game was only meant to last 9 minutes and ended up lasting 32 minutes! A massive well done to all the team!



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*Recommended  
Reading*

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Recommended:	Find Your Happy
Age Range:	3-5 Years
Author:	Emily Coxhead

A young sloth loves feeling happy - it's the most wonderful feeling. But he doesn't feel happy all the time. There are times when he gets angry, sad or scared.

When he has these negative feelings, there are things that he does to help brighten his day. When he's worried, he closes his eyes and takes deep breaths while counting to ten. When he's feeling blue and things aren't going quite right, he finds his mummy for a big snuggly hug to cheer him up.

With the help of his friends, this adorable sloth shows us the techniques he has learned to find his happy while navigating a spectrum of feelings throughout his everyday life.

Finding your happy isn't always as straightforward as it sounds, especially for little ones. This vibrant picture book, featuring cute animals and doodle-like illustrations, is a great introduction to feelings – identifying them and learning how to tackle them.



## 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☆ - Kara

KG2 – Noah & Sachin

Form 1 – The Whole Form

Form 2 – The Whole Form

Form 3 – Ava-Grace & Louis

Form 4 – Katy & Whole Form

Form 5 – Jawaid & Lana

Form 6 – Whole Form



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### *Eco-School*

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

Walk more

Not only is walking beneficial for our health, it is also better for the environment. Try to avoid any short, unnecessary car journeys and choose active travelling instead.

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### *On-Line Safety*

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#### **Here are some useful links for parents on online safety:**

<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/>

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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=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw](https://twitter.com/branwoodschoo?l=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw)

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

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