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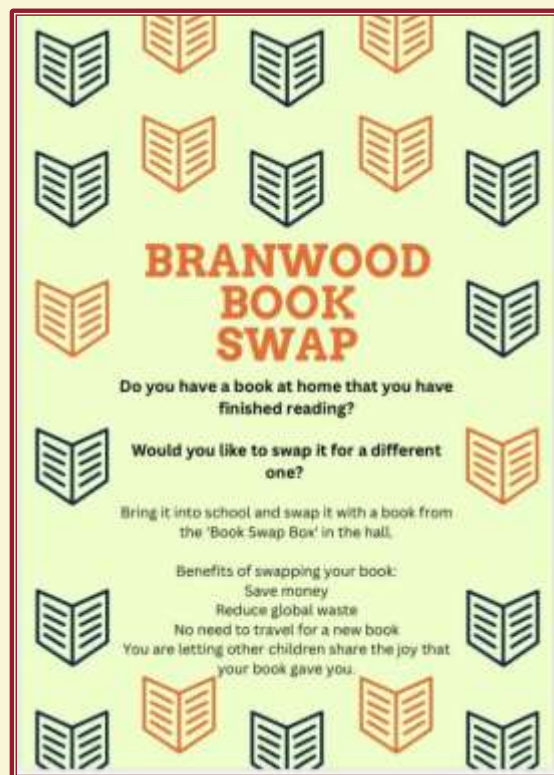
Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

*"If you can
dream it you
can do it."*

Walt Disney

Branwood Book Swap

We are pleased to be supporting a new initiative to increase reading for pleasure and reduce global waste, which compliments our Eco-School credentials.



Form 6

Form 6 have recently started their history work studying WW2. To start us off we did a front cover containing images linked to the war which we had researched. As we move on, we will add to our knowledge and understanding of the era, delving into different aspects of the war and what life was like for those who lived through it.

Form 6 have also been continuing to work with dominoes this week in maths. Our investigation this time revolved around working out how many dominoes and dots there would be in sets of dominoes that went up to double nine



(rather than the usual double six). Coming up with strategies to reach an accurate answer required a lot of debate and discussion. There was some trial and error and we had to show persistence throughout.

Report by Mr Shepcock



Form 6 - Music

As part of their songwriter topic Form 6 have written their own Eco song called 'Save the Planet'. The children worked hard with Mrs Cracknell and really enjoyed putting the song together. It's obviously a topic they feel passionate about, an example to us all.

Form 1

Form 1 have been busy studying the wonderful world of Julia Donaldson. After reading Stick Man, the children were keen to think of new adventures for him. They used the app, 2 Create a Story, to create a new scene for Stick Man. We were very impressed by the way pupils remembered to use capital letters, full stops and their spelling skills. These have been printed and displayed proudly in the cloakroom.

Report by Mrs Houseman





Form 2

This week we have been working hard in Maths, focussing on times tables and division with remainders. A commendation goes to Richard who always works with great dedication. He completed all the work and a tricky tension activity, applying his 7, 8 and 9 times tables. Well done!

We have also been enjoying our art topic about LS Lowry. We have produced effective backgrounds using Lowry's colours and have been focusing on buildings this week. Max received a commendation for his excellent work so far. Pictures will be shared when the projects are finished in a couple of weeks!

Report by Mrs Jones

KG2

KG2 have been discussing the effect of changing seasons on the natural world. We looked carefully at a Winter scene and tried our very best to recreate it. We are all very proud of our interpretations and that we concentrated hard to include every detail.

Report by Mrs Boulton





Form 3

In Monday's Geography lesson we completed a 'Japan trail' around the school to discover interesting facts about the country.

In Maths, we continued our work on measurement and have used a variety of cylinders and scales to measure the volume and capacity of different containers.

In English, we have enjoyed National Story Telling Week. We have told our own improvised stories and written a variety of imaginative tales.

For NSPCC Number day, we created some posters to show our knowledge about different numbers, displaying lots of number facts. We also took part in a Times Tables Rockstars competition (class v class).

Report by Miss Wilkinson



Form 5

Form 5 have been learning about the environment in their geography lessons. This week, we have looked at the topic of 'food miles' in order to see how far the food we have in our fridges and cupboards at home have travelled! We have looked at some of the benefits and drawbacks of importing food. The children in Form 5 had a vote and almost unanimously have decided that they think the benefits of importing food outweigh the drawbacks!

Report by Miss Basger





KG1

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, Mr Sheppeck our Form 6 teacher came to visit KG1. The children thoroughly enjoyed the story he told and drew some lovely pictures of The Hare and the Tortoise.

Report by Mrs Jeykishnan



Form 4

Continuing with their scientific studies on sound, this week Form 4 built and tested their very own string telephones. Being solid, the string was ideal for carrying the vibration of our voices from one paper cup to another. The children worked well in pairs and soon got over the disappointment of their phones being unable to download anything from the app store!

Report by Mr Sullivan



Music – IT

Form 3 and Form 4 have been working hard and thoroughly enjoying Music IT this week. They have been composing using our newly updated Music Box Software. Children have been selecting sounds and instruments to record and playback their own tunes! Composers of the future! Well done everybody.

Report by Mrs Cracknell





ISA North Region Cross Country

We had such a great day at Scarisbrick Hall School for the ISA North Region Cross Country Championships. There were around 200 competitors in each race and the course was a very challenging one. All the children from Branwood completed the courses successfully with some fantastic results.

Special congratulations go to Ella in Form 4 who finished her race in 6th place overall, who will now be invited to represent the North in the National finals!



ISA North U11's Soccer Tournament

What a fantastic day we had at the ISA North U11s tournament at Soccer Fives, Trafford. The boys played with amazing determination and positivity throughout with some smashing goals and saves made! We had a mixed bag of results with some wins, draws and losses. Well done boys, you made a great team!



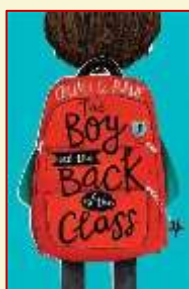
*Walk to School
Challenge*

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. Full details are available [here](#) and the children have been sent home with the templates for their design. The top three designs will be submitted into the competition. If you require any further information please contact Miss Wilkinson.

*Recommended
Reading*



Recommended:	The Boy at the back of the Class
Age Range:	9-11 years
Author:	Onjali Q Rauf

This is the story about how one ordinary nine-year-old child and three classmates are full of empathy for Ahmet, a boy that comes to their school as a refugee from Syria (he is the boy at the back of the class).

Through their sensitivity, curiosity, ingenuity, bravery and innocent niceness, they make a massive impact on Ahmet's life, friends, class, school, community and wider world. There's a lovely lack of stereotyping on gender and backstory for the narrator, which adds to the message of not judging people before you know them.

An inspiring and sweet tale that will help children think about what it is to be a good person whatever your circumstances (the narrator is from a poor

background with a single parent mum who struggles to make ends meet), and challenge prejudice and push for fairness, whenever possible.

Book Review - Vanessa – Form 3



Book:	Best Friends
Age range:	8-11 years
Author:	Jacqueline Wilson

Gemma and Alice were born on the same day and have been devoted best friends ever since.

Despite Gemma's larger-than-life personality and Alice's quieter, calmer character, the two are inseparable - until Alice has to move house, all the way to Scotland. Gemma is utterly distraught, particularly at the thought that Alice might find a new best friend. Is there anything Gem's brothers, or perhaps her grandad, can do to help?

Why did you choose this book?

I like to read new books. I decided to read this book to see what it is about. I have read other books by Jacqueline Wilson.

What do you like about this book?

I have not finished it but I like it so far.

Who is your favourite character?

My favourite character Alice because she is very neat and tidy.



How does this book make you feel?

It makes me feel excited to see what the end will be.

Why do you think people should read it?

I think other people should read it because if you have a best friend then you can face the difficulties that you might have. The book helps to teach you how to deal with problems.

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☆ - Aninoritse

KG2 – Mikael & Aria

Form 1 – Lyan & Xavier

Form 2 – Richard & Max

Form 3 – Alysa

Form 4 – Ella & Katy

Form 5 – Jude & Timothy

Form 6 – Autumn & Elizabeth



Eco-School

Eco-Tip of the Week

Invest in reusable bags.

Reusing of bags for regular purposes like groceries or shifting to cloth bags reduces a lot of waste and also saves a lot of maintenance cost and cutting down of trees. Even when plastic



bags are properly disposed of they end up in landfills. In landfills they use a lot of space and can take [400 years to degrade](#).

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://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
<https://www.common sense media.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=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw
Instagram - <https://instagram.com/branwoodschool?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>
Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/BranwoodPreparatorySchool>

