

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

“The purpose of education, is to create in a person the ability to look at the world for himself, to make his own decisions.”

James Baldwin

Form 6

Form 6 have completed the hoop-la games they have been designing and making in their Art lessons.

They spent the afternoon engaging the children in KG2 with their games and they all really enjoyed themselves.

Report by Mr Shepcock



Form 1

What a busy few weeks it has been in Form One. To end our topic on letter writing, we wrote and sent letters to Julia Donaldson. They were very well written, with good use of full stops, capital letters and careful spellings. Each child thought of an interesting question to ask her. We are now eagerly awaiting her response.

We enjoyed our last forest school session of this half-term. The children have endured all types of weather but have still thoroughly enjoyed exploring our outdoors area.

Report by Mrs Houseman



KG2

KG2's book of the week was 'Goldilocks and the three bears.' They have sung the song 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the Bears,' acted out the story and written about it.

The children have shown us just how much they are trying to write sentences independently, think about what they are writing and read it through to check it makes sense. We are ever so proud of all the children and look forward to seeing what they can do this half term.

Report by Mrs Boulton





Form 2

We have been very creative this week. We made some lovely 'Owl always love you cards' for our parents (also linked to our literacy topic about owls).



We have also completed our art topic on LS Lowry and have produced some excellent industrial landscapes using perspective.

Here are a few examples by Max, Ajae and Izzy.



Report by Mrs Jones

Form 3

This week we have been solving subtraction and addition word problems in our Maths lessons. We also wrote our own problems for a partner to solve. In our Geography lesson, we looked at how children in Japanese schools prepare for earthquakes and tsunamis, researching why Japan is prone to earthquakes and how the country has adapted. In our English lessons, we have focused on grammar and using fronted adverbials to improve our writing.

Report by Miss Wilkinson



KG1

KG1 have been Branwood Busy Bees this half term and have enjoyed all their learning. They are looking forward to the half term and spending time with their families.

Next half term KG1 will be looking for Signs of Spring, learning about new life, animal babies and the Easter story. They are also looking forward to more adventures in Forest school.

Report by Mrs Coffey

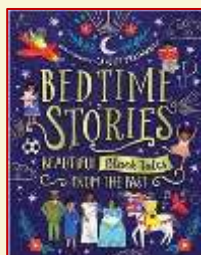
Extra-Curricular

The B Factor

You've heard of the X Factor well upper school choir ended the half term with a bit of fun. They took part in our B Factor competition where children can sing and dance to their own routines. We had many talented entries, however the choir voted 'Alvin and the Chipmunks' as the winning act, aka Tara, Myla and Lana! They sang a mash-up of songs that were edited together by Myla. A great time was had by all and the winning act performed in assembly!



Recommended Reading



Recommended:	Bedtime Stories – Beautiful Black Tales from the past
Age Range:	9-11 Years
Author:	Various



This exciting collection features informative, interesting and inspirational stories from the lives of Black figures in history – from Roman times to the present day. Many of the stories might surprise you as they showcase remarkable people whose names have too often been omitted from mainstream history.

Despite often having to struggle against prejudice and racism, characters like footballer and soldier Walter Tull and nurse Mary Seacole fought hard to be the very best and to set an example for others.

Each story is just the right length to be read at bedtime and all are written and illustrated by Black creators from around the world. With their unfussy text, they are also ideal for young, independent readers who are sure to revisit them time and again.

Beautifully presented as a hardback gift book with bright illustrations and decorated pages, this would be a great addition to any home or school library and can be enjoyed by all children.

Book Review



Review by:	Isaac – KG2
Book:	Mr Mischief a spot of trouble
Age Range:	3-7 years
Author:	Roger Hargreaves

When Mr Mischief catches the measles, he is told to stay in bed. Being, Mr Mischief, he decides to use the measles to cause even more trouble.

Why did you choose this book?

Because it's funny and my brother is reading Mr Men in class.

What do you like about this book?

The story. It is good.

Who is your favourite character?

Mr. Tickle because he tickles everybody.

How does this book make you feel?

It makes me feel funny.

Why do you think people should read it?

Because it's funny and it makes me laugh.



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☆ - Lam

KG2 – Alyssa & Ellis

Form 1 – Alyssa & Caleb

Form 2 – Charles, Max & Isabelle

Form 3 – Thomas & Mason

Form 4 – The Whole Form

Form 5 – Lucie & Daniel

Form 6 – Elizabeth & Anjelica

Music Assembly

We held a music assembly in school to which parents were invited. The children all performed brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.



Eco-School

Eco-Tip of the Week

Grow your own

Growing and harvesting food is both rewarding and educational. Dedicate a patch of grounds for growing food learning about the importance of where our food comes from. Check out [Food For Life's Get Growing page](#) for more information and resources, e.g. seasonal planting guides.



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/>

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

