

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

*"If you think
education is
expensive, try
ignorance."*

Andy McIntyre

World Book Day

A lovely start to the new half term. The children were all bright and keen to be back to school.

They had an exciting day on Thursday celebrating World Book Day and really enjoyed celebrating books and reading. Mrs Houseman gave a special World Book Day assembly and the children learnt that the first books were around over 5000 years ago!

The children also learnt that Mr Whittell's favourite book is Middlemarch by George Eliot, which shows how far we have come, as George Eliot was a pseudonym used by Mary Ann Evans because at the time women were unable to publish books.

The afternoon was spent with the older children joining the younger children for reading sessions accompanied by toast and milkshake.





Science Masterclass

Branwood was proud to host a Form 3 and 4 All-Day Science Masterclass on Wednesday 1st March. Ashvika, Gloria, Jude and Theo H were selected to be the Branwood participants alongside nine other children from three other schools. Across the day, the children made their own non-Newtonian fluids (using custard powder), investigated the behaviour of flames, made raisins dance in lemonade (hilarious to watch) and inflated balloons by shaking fizzy drinks! It was a fantastic day from start to finish.



Form 6

This week Form 6 have begun their work on Shakespeare, prior to studying the play Romeo and Juliet. We used our well-honed research skills to find out about the life and works of the Bard to put the play into context.

We will continue to look at Shakespeare's world as we dig deeper into the play, broadening our overall understanding of the man and his era.

Report by Mr Shepcock





KG2

KG2 have been reading the book 'Mr Wolf's pancakes' this week. They have written about pancakes, learning about adjectives and have experimented with different fillings. The children all agreed that the best part of the literacy lessons this week was eating the pancakes!

Report by Mrs Boulton



Form 2

This week we started a new topic about scientists and inventors. We learnt about the life of Jane Colden, a famous botanist. We had lots of fun becoming botanists ourselves and doing some close studies of some of the plants growing around school. We loved celebrating World Book Day with some excellent efforts in costumes. We designed book jackets and wrote reviews about our favourite books. Form 4 came to visit us for some reading and treats!

Report by Mrs Jones



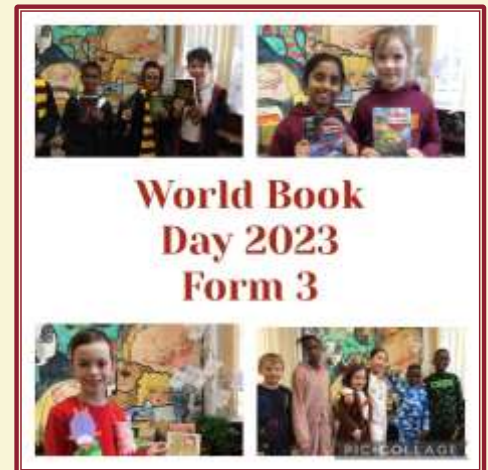


Form 3

This week Form 3 made dens and toasted marshmallows in our Forest School session. They all thoroughly enjoyed it and can't wait for the next session. The children enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day and spending time in Form 1 sharing stories and taking part in book related activities.

They also had their first swimming lesson which was really exciting too!

Report by Miss Wilkinson



Form 4

Form 4 were fortunate enough to enjoy two exciting events on one day. They began the day dressed up to mark our World Book Day celebrations. We enjoyed reading to Form 2 children as we snacked on toast, brioche and milkshakes. The children also began their swimming lessons with a trip to Worsley Leisure Centre. Alongside Form 3, they made quite a splash. I'm sure that we will see some of those jazzy pyjamas again when it comes to practising swimming in clothes!

Report by Mr Sullivan





Form 5

Form 5 had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day! It was exciting to dress up as some of our favourite book characters. We designed new front covers for some of our favourite books in class and we spent some time reading with the children in KG2.

Report by Miss Basger



Form 1

Form 1 had a great time celebrating World Book Day. In the afternoon, Form 3 joined us for 'bedtime stories'. As they read stories and took part in a book quiz they tucked into fresh toast and milkshakes. We really enjoyed singing along to the World Book Day Song. You can listen (and singalong) via this link [World Book Day Song](#).

Report by Mrs Houseman





KG1

KG1 have had a busy first week in school after the half term. Forest school was super fun, making rainbows and toasting buns over the fire.

KG1 had a fun packed World Book Day. The children tried to guess the Teachers behind the mask in the Masked Reader and thoroughly enjoyed Form 6 coming over to share stories with the children and drink pink milk!

Report by Mrs Coffey



Extra-Curricular

Debate Club

Debate club returned this week after a well-earned half term break. There were a few new faces and lots of familiar ones. Each week we debate various statements. Some are suggested by me and others by the children. This week the statements which were debated were:

- It is better to live in the countryside.
- Books should be realistic not fantastical.
- Children should only get pocket money if they do their chores.
- Everyone should have a balanced diet.

As always, the children continued to amaze me with their maturity, ability to articulate their ideas and respect which is always shown to others.

Well done Debate club, I am looking forward to next week's session.

Report by Mrs Boulton



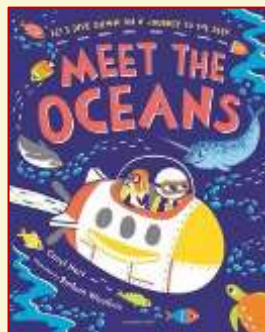
Player of the Week!
Well Done Isaac for getting
the trophy for player of the
week at the Deans Football
Club.



Brilliant!
Well done to Onyinyechi
who baked cupcakes for
the PTA's charity jar
scheme.
She raised an amazing
£90.66 for the Syria &
Turkey earthquake appeal.



*Recommended
Reading*



Recommended:	Meet the Oceans
Age Range:	4-8 Years
Author:	Caryl Hart

Young children will love diving into this vibrant picture book and embarking on a captivating exploration of the world's oceans. Each double-page spread focuses on a different body of water

and highlights some of the creatures and plants that lie beneath the waves. Discover the undersea caves of the Atlantic Ocean, visit the busy shipping lanes of the South China Sea and marvel at the spectacular Great Barrier Reef in the Coral Sea, which is so vast it can be seen from space. From friendly beluga whales and giant jellyfish to tropical islands and enormous icebergs, there is so much to see on this exciting underwater adventure.

Colourful illustrations fill every page and a world map at the end pinpoints the location of each ocean. A medley of blues contrast with hues of pink, yellow, green and orange, to create a dynamic sub-aquatic world, bustling with fabulous detail. The rhyming text provides pace and rhythm and is wonderful to read aloud. Fun and informative, this marvellous book provides young readers with a lively introduction to the importance of looking after the oceans.



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☆ - Bernice

KG2 – April & Spencer

Form 1 – Kaison Xavier

Form 2 – Beatrice, Lucy & Bethany

Form 3 – Elijah & Alysa

Form 4 – Ella & Lottie

Form 5 – Rezana & Anya

Form 6 – Rohan & Ella



Eco-School

Eco-Tip of the Week

A great way to cut down on waste is to take your children to refill/bulk stores with you. Did you know there's a refill store located on Monton Road?

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/>



Wellbeing

Here are some useful resources for parents on wellbeing :

[Place2Be Mental Health & Wellbeing for 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>

