

# Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

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*"There's more  
treasure in  
books than in  
all the pirates'  
loot on Treasure  
Island."*

**Walt Disney**

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## Holi Celebration

What a wonderful assembly we had last week. The PTA encouraged the children and staff to dress in bright colours and have wild hair, in a celebration of the Hindu festival of Holi, the Festival of Colour. The whole school was ablaze with colour and we were also entertained in assembly by Varsha who performed a traditional dance.



## Form 6

The F6 art topic for this half term is combining a study of the life and works of Vincent Van Gogh with an understanding of how mosaics are made. To start the process of creating our own mosaic version of a Van Gogh artwork, we began to appreciate how mosaics get designed. Producing a simple sketch and thinking about blocks of colour within it to represent the tiles created these initial images - our mosaic fish!

Report by Mr Sheppeck





## KG2

KG2 have enjoyed learning about the signs of Spring. They did not agree that the snow that we saw was part of the list! On Wednesday, everybody dressed up in bright colours and crazy hair to celebrate Holi. The story this week was called 'Wakey wakey' and it was about different animals waking up after hibernating. The children enjoyed learning about which animals hibernate and which do not. They also enjoyed looking at some daffodils, then drawing and labelling their pictures. Finally, they looked carefully at the flowers, completing some amazing observational drawings ready for a Spring display.

Report by Mrs Boulton



## Form 2

Anaya, Sidharth, Eleanor and Charles have all received commendations this week for their excellent projects and presentations about famous people. Sidharth, Charles and Eleanor chose Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison and Stephen Hawking respectively, which also tied in nicely with our current Science topic about scientists and inventors. Anaya shared her Emmeline Pankhurst project with the class on Wednesday when aptly, it was International Women's Day. Well done to all of you for your hard work and your clear and confident speaking!

Report by Mrs Jones





### Form 3

This week Form 3 have been planning their writing for the Lowry's Creative Writing contest, including looking at using ambitious vocabulary and the features that make good story openers. Also, in Maths, we have been continuing to look at division and how our times table knowledge can help us. On Wednesday, we celebrated International Women's Day and thought about inspirational women around the world and in our own lives.

The photo is of the children in their Spanish lesson singing a song about the months of the year.

Report by Miss Wilkinson



### Form 4

Form 4 have been busy building over the past few weeks. We have just finished our Romans topic in History and the children were asked to end the topic by creating a 3D example of Roman architecture. Every single submission was absolutely wonderful and both Mr. Sullivan and I were so proud of the class and amazed at the talent. All of the children were rewarded with 3 merits for their efforts and the winners were Katy, Lamaisah, Sebastian, and Ella. Well done to all of Form 4 for their brilliant dedication to the task.

Report by Miss Basger





## Form 1

This week has been another busy one for Form 1. We have planted beans, pansies and cress as part of our topic on plants. We are enjoying our Ancient Egypt topic and had great fun exploring mummification. As Holi is a festival of colour, we drew around our bodies on large sheets and covered them in a brightly coloured powder. There has also been lots of practising for our upcoming Mother's Day assembly, we are very excited.

Report by Mrs Houseman



## KG1

KG 1 had a very busy week. The children celebrated Holi by dressing in very colourful clothes and they watched a special programme all about Holi. In the programme children made Rangoli patterns on paper plates. "Can we do that?" KG1 asked. WE DID! KG1 then had so much fun squirting paint onto paper plates and mixing the colours to make their own abstract Rangoli patterns.

KG1 have also been very busy looking for signs of Spring although the weather was not Springlike last week!

Report by Mrs Coffey





## Form 5

Form 5 have spent some time looking at International Women's Day, a part of Women's History Month, this week. Everybody chose a famous woman, whom they find inspirational, we put the names in a box and each child drew out a name. The children then researched their inspiring woman and made a fact file about them. Here are Lana and Jawaid with their finished posters, on Malala Yousafzai and Michelle Obama, respectively.

Report by Miss Basger



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### *Walk to School Challenge*

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## WOW – Walk to School Challenge

We are very proud to announce the following winners of the February Shakespeare badge. These children recorded at least one active journey per week.

Thank you to all of you for helping to reduce our emissions.

Form 1	Kyra, Layla, Ellis & Noah
Form 2	Caleb, Isla, Onyinyechi & Alyssa
Form 3	Vanessa, Yahya, Ashvika, Charlie, Eyad, Ava-Grace, Louis, William, Jude, Elijah & Alfie
Form 4	Rivers, Sophia L, Thomas, Russian, Francesca, Sofia, Sebastian, Charlotte, Ahmed, Grace, Theo, Edward, Sophia F & Gloria
Form 5	Jude & Mila
Form 6	Ria, Rayhaan, Kitty & Tamsin





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*Extra-Curricular*

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Brilliant!  
Well done to Isabel who  
has achieved her Stage 7 in  
swimming.



## 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☆ - Esther

KG2 – Saad & Edward

Form 1 – Yusha & Lyan

Form 2 – Anaya, Sidharth, Eleanor & Charles

Form 3 – Jude & Alfie

Form 4 – Katy & Jacob

Form 5 – Ayush & Jawaid

Form 6 – Rayhaan & Yitian





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## *Eco-School*

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

Cook and bake from scratch. Not only is this a fun activity it can also help reduce food waste and extra packaging.

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## *On-Line Safety*

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### **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/>

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## *Wellbeing*

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### **Here are some useful resources for parents on wellbeing :**

[Place2Be Mental Health & Wellbeing for 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/branwoodschool?s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw](https://twitter.com/branwoodschool?s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw)

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

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

