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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

*"It is time for
parents to
teach young
people early on
that in diversity
there is beauty
and there is
strength."*

Maya Angelou

Animal Antics for Red Nose Day

We were so excited to welcome the BBC Newsround film crew into school last week to film our Animal Antics Red Nose Day fundraising event. Lots of the children arrived early and were all dressed in animal themed costumes, they looked amazing and the feed went out live on Newsround at 7.45am. The children all had a fabulous and exciting day and with the support of our parents we raised an incredible £979.50.

Report by Mrs Holroyd



Mother's Day Assembly

KG2 and Form 1 shared a very emotional Mother's Day Assembly with Mums, Grandmas and lots of other special people in their lives. What made our assembly even more special was the fact that the children wrote the script themselves, so the messages were very heart-warming and personal (especially about trampoline practice). All our special guests were given artwork, cards and flowers. There was hardly a dry eye in the house but there was also great joy in the assembly hall.

A big thank you to the PTA for providing refreshments and Mrs Houseman, Mrs Boulton, Mrs Dickinson and Miss Macdonald for all their hard work.

As a school we couldn't be any prouder of our amazing children!

Report by Mr Whittell



Form 6

As part of our History work Form 6 were fortunate enough to tap into some first-hand memories when they visited one of our local care homes, Arden Court. The residents were all keen to share their memories of growing up either during or just after the war and the amazing changes that had occurred over the course of their lives. The children were fascinated, listening to the wonderful anecdotes and learning about the differences they would have encountered if they had experienced it themselves.

A worthwhile occasion on so many levels for all the participants, it was topped off with the children enjoying homemade cakes and sausage rolls provided by Tom, one of the residents.

A wonderful visit all round - despite the weather.

Report by Mr Sheppeck

Since reporting we have had an email from Arden Court 'Just a quick note to say yesterday was brilliant, the residents had a really great time and have been talking about it this morning .The pupils from your school were polite caring and thoughtful, an absolute credit to the school, teachers , parents and the pupils themselves. It was a pleasure to have them in the home.'

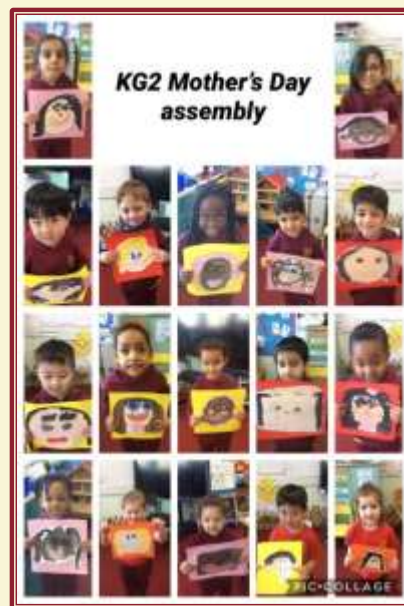




KG2

The children really did do us proud this week when they took part in our Mother's Day assembly. They joined Form 1 to celebrate just how wonderful our mums are. Each child had painted a picture of their mum, thought very hard about why they are special and practised singing some songs. They showed the audience these pictures and read out the reason why their mum is special in the assembly on Wednesday. There was not a dry eye in the room! Well done KG2.

Report by Mrs Boulton



Form 2

We have really been enjoying our topic on The Great Fire of London. We studied some art work from the time and created our own impressions of the fire. Both Lucy and Ayana received commendations for their great efforts and attention to detail. Forest School was very exciting as the children got to make their own fires. They also created some lovely nature cards and gifts for Mother's Day.

Report by Mrs Jones





Form 3

In Forest School last week, Form 3 had the opportunity to use flint and make their own fires. They needed to check the wind direction and remember how to be safe around fires. In our History lesson we discussed how people in the Stone Age relied heavily on fire for survival and how they developed the technology many years ago to create their own fires.

In our Maths lessons we have been finding fractions of numbers. We particularly enjoyed using chocolates to learn in a practical way.

Report by Miss Wilkinson



Form 4

The first impression given by any written piece of writing is how neatly presented it is. To this end, we have been working on improving our cursive writing for the past few weeks. I am happy to report that the children are making excellent progress and are - quite rightly - all very proud of themselves.

Report by Mr Sullivan





Science Club

This week, our science club children explored electromagnetism. We mapped out mazes and used magnets to guide our metal counters from the start to the finish. It's not as easy as it sounds, but the children certainly did an a-maze-ing job.

Report by Mr Sullivan



F3 Science

Form 3 investigated rock samples with Mr Sullivan this week. Using sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks, the children investigated the rocks' densities (did they sink or float) and whether they were permeable (absorb water) or impermeable (do not absorb water). The class did extremely well. In fact they rock!

Report by Mr Sullivan





Form 1

At the start of the week, Form One were treated to a workshop with author Sean Perkins. Following this workshop, the pupils were inspired to write their own space poems. We were thrilled with their neat handwriting, spelling, ideas, their understanding of poetry and most impressive was their enthusiasm. We are very proud of our Form One Superstars!

Report by Mrs Houseman



KG1

KG1 were very lucky this week to work with a visiting author, Sean Perkins. The children enjoyed listening to his super story, Oscar and Ben, the birthday party. The children worked with Sean to create an imaginary creature and then following Sean's lead became illustrators themselves, drawing their interpretation of the creature. They did an amazing job. Sean couldn't believe how well behaved the children were and how responsive they were. I was super proud of them. Well done KG1.

Report by Mrs Coffey





Form 5

Form 5 have started their new topic of South America! We have designed our cover pages and learnt about the 12 countries of South America and their capitals! Did you know, Bolivia has two capital cities? La Paz and Sucre!

Report by Miss Basger



Eco School Initiative

The Eco Council have signed up for the Big Battery Hunt.

Please collect as many batteries as you can and send them into school for recycling.

We have a chance to win £3,500 towards a school garden



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Extra-Curricular

Netball

Our Netball team played a very exciting league game against St Augustine's. The team worked brilliantly together and won 6-4. Rohan was named player of the match. Well done to you all! We are looking forward to our next game at Eccles College on Wednesday.



Football

Our footballers competed in an ISA football tournament at The Grange. They played together so well, showing great teamwork, skills and determination against some very high standard teams. Well done to them all, in particular to Lynott who was very brave after receiving a bad ankle injury and also to Edward who was awarded player of the day for our team. Thanks to The Grange for hosting such a great event.



Well Done to Sophia who has just moved up to Stage 7 in swimming.

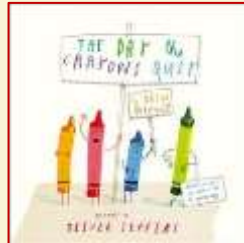


A HUGE well done to Ella who competed in the ISA Cross Country finals and placed 37th – Amazing She also passed her ballet exam last week





*Recommended
Reading*



Recommended:	The Day the Crayons quit
Age Range:	3-7 Years
Author:	Drew Daywalt

Award-winning illustrator and artist Oliver Jeffers has teamed up with film writer and director Drew Daywalt to create this gorgeously colourful picture book. Duncan just wants to do some colouring - but when he opens his box of crayons, he finds a whole bundle of letters of complaint. The crayons aren't happy: Beige is sick and tired of playing second fiddle to Brown; Blue is exhausted after colouring in so many oceans, lakes and rivers; Orange and Yellow can't agree on who is really the colour of the sun; and Peach has a rather embarrassing problem. Can Duncan come up with a solution to keep the crayons happy - before they quit colouring for good? This sumptuous book is a real work of art: each beautifully-designed spread features an entertaining handwritten letter from one of the crayons, accompanied with delightfully scribbly illustrations from Jeffers. The volume of text may make this a little challenging for younger readers to tackle alone, but this is a perfect book to share, with enough wit and lively imagination to entertain parents just as much as children. A powerful tribute to creativity, this book will leave children looking at their box of crayons in a completely different way.

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☆ - Freddie

KG2 – Whole Class

Form 1 – Chloe & Nathan

Form 2 – Lucy & Ayana

Form 3 – Dean & Amy-Marie

Form 4 – Hiba and Lamaisah

Form 5 – Tara & Lynott

Form 6 – Dexter & Mariam



Eco-School

Eco-Tip of the Week

Now that the weather is improving, get outside into nature whenever possible. Appreciate the outdoors and the importance of taking care of nature.

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>

