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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

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*“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**

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## Guitar Assembly

We were entertained by our guitarists in a special assembly. The talented pupils regaled us all with renditions of a number of tunes ranging from Deep Purple to classical. We were joined by our parents who all seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. Well done all of you it was fabulous!

Report by Mr Whittell



## KG2

This term we have been learning all about ourselves. The cloakroom display has been the topic of discussion regularly in the classroom as Mrs Dickinson has been displaying the children's (and our) baby photo's, images showing them growing up and with their family. It has been lovely to watch the children glow with pride when they see themselves and their family. We have also enjoyed the comments about us as babies and children, one comment in particular made us smile when a child said, 'Mrs Boulton is that when you first met Mrs Dickinson?' whilst pointing at a picture of me and my sister when I was in my teens!

In the classroom, there is a fantastic display of the children's feet and handprints. This was a fun display to create. Thank you Mrs Dickinson.

Report by Mrs Boulton



## Form 2

Form 2 really enjoyed their visit from local writer Rogan Mills. They loved listening to the various styles of stories he told and have been inspired to make up their own to tell their friends.

Linked to our Great Fire of London topic, the children created searching questions to ask during our hot seating activity. Ajae (Thomas Farroner), David (King Charles), Ivy (Sir Christopher Wren), Izzy (Samuel Pepys) and Anaya (Jane the maid) all performed wonderfully in the hot seat and answered questions 'fired' at them with confidence and quick thinking! They all received a commendation this week for their acting.

Report by Mrs Jones





## Form 3

In Form 3 we have been continuing to read our class text, Kensuke's Kingdom. This has inspired us to make predictions about what will happen next in the story and to write a diary entry in the role of the main character, Michael. In their PE lessons, Form 3 have been enjoying their swimming and practising different strokes. Some of the class progressed from the shallow pool into the deep pool. With Mr Stockley, they have been refining their knowledge of how to follow the rules of Handball.

Report by Miss Wilkinson



## Form 1

As part of their topic on Stories from other Cultures, Form One have been planning and writing their own stories in the style of Handa's Surprise. They have amazed us with their ideas, handwriting, spelling and effort. We have really enjoyed listening to their stories. Form One have also developed a love for playing Time Bingo, they are now reading time to 15 minutes with ease and are using this skill to read the time on the class clock.

Report by Mrs Houseman



## KG1



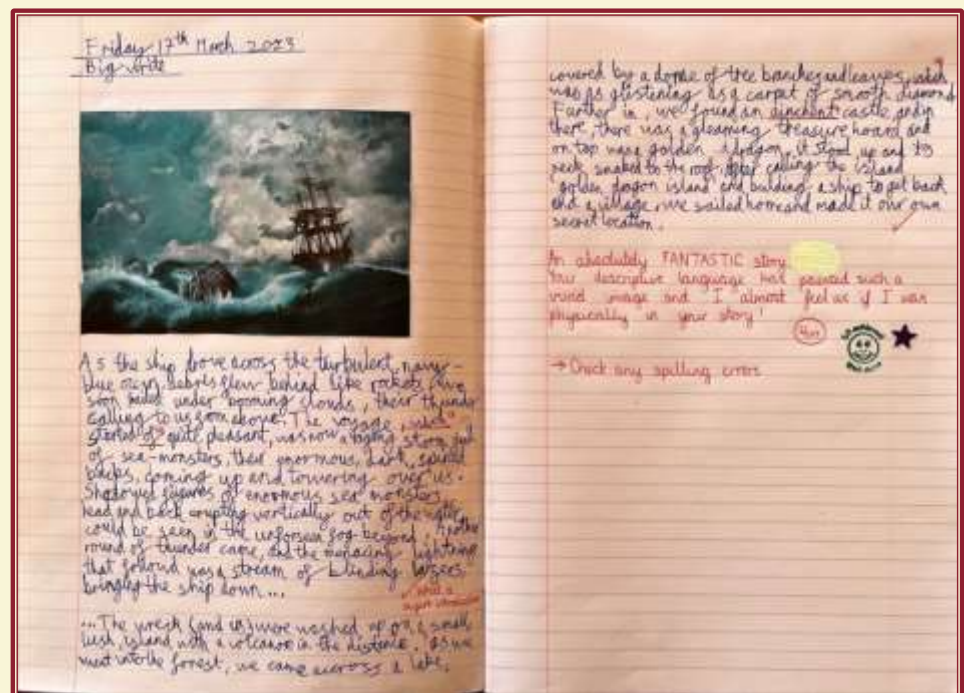
KG1 had a lovely week. The children have been listening to the beginning of the Easter story, hearing the story of Palm Sunday. They have made their own palms and drawn some super pictures too. The children have been busy in Phonics and our sound of the week this week was e. In maths we have been counting from a given number and matching numeral to quantity. KG1 are all looking forward to decorating their Easter bonnets.

Report by Mrs Coffey

## Form 5

Every week, Form 5 do a piece of independent writing, we call this 'Big Write'. Last week, the children were asked to write a story, inspired by a picture of a ship in a stormy sea. Theo wrote the most incredible short story; his writing was inspirational and a true pleasure to read!

Report by Miss Basger



## Extra-Curricular

## Netball

Our netballers have been busy attending a tournament at Bowden Prep and also playing a league match against St Marks at Eccles College. We had a mixed bag of results, but all our players tried their best, showcasing some impressive netball skills. Well done to all our children on both teams and a special mention to Ria our captain who was named the player of the team in



both outings, by different schools. We look forward to our games against Moorside and an ISA tournament at Beech Hall!



## 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 Tom and Ajae who won their match on Mothers' Day making both their mums proud.



### Medals Galore!

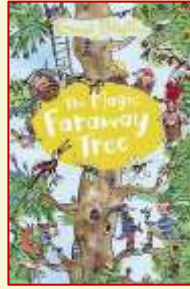
Competing against 1600 participants from the North West and Germany in a swimming gala, Ria managed to win 1 gold, 5 silver and 1 bronze medal in her events which were 50, 100 and 200 freestyle, 50 and 100 butterfly, 50 breaststroke and 200 IM.

Well Done Ria!

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*Recommended  
Reading*

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Recommended:	The Magic Faraway Tree
Age Range:	6-8 Years
Author:	Enid Blyton



When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, it proves to be the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree.

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*Book Review*

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By :	Mohammed Form 1
Age Range:	3-7 Years
Author:	Michael Rosen

It's never that easy going on a bear hunt, as these prospective hunters soon find out. Join a family of brave explorers as they tramp across a field of swishy swashy grass, splash splosh through a deep cold river and squelch squerch through thick oozy mud. But they'll never find a real bear...will they? Michael Rosen's reworking of this traditional camp song is a triumph. A rambunctious romp that begs to be chanted aloud and acted out, this modern classic will soon have children plodding through snowstorms and traipsing through forests. Rosen's narrative is just delightfully scary enough for young reader and will have little ones gripped from start to finish. Full of rhyming and repetition, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' is perfect circle time fare.

**Why did you choose this book?**

Because I love it, I want to go on a bear hunt.

**What do you like about this book?**

I like the last bit when they are hiding under the bed.

**Who is your favourite character?**

All of the family.

**How does this book make you feel?**

It makes me feel happy.

**Why do you think people should read it?**

Because it's funny and I love it. They will like it.

## 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☆ - Gene

KG2 – Stefania & Alyssa

Form 1 – Onyinyechi & Mohammed

Form 2 – Whole Class

Form 3 – Louis & Ava-Grace

Form 4 – Sofia N & Edward

Form 5 – Theo & Oscar

Form 6 – Ria & Lena



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### *Eco-School*

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

Collect rainwater: Water can be recycled too! Children often enjoy collecting rainwater. The next time it rains, place a pail or container outside and put a heavy rock or brick inside to prevent it from tipping over. When the rain is done, they will have a fresh supply of water to feed household plants.



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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.commonsensemedia.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](#)

**Please see more of what we are up to on social media**

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## *Social Media*

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**Twitter** - [twitter.com/branwoodschool?s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw](https://twitter.com/branwoodschool?s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw)

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

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