

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”

Anthony J. D'Angelo

Patterdale Trip Form 6

What a fabulous week Form 6 have had at Patterdale. They have experienced new things and really enjoyed having new adventures and making some lasting memories with their friends. They have participated in gorge walking, archery, bushcraft, rock climbing and canoeing, to name but a few of the exciting experiences they have had. I am sure that they were all exhausted when they got home on Friday. Thank you to Mr Sheppeck and Mrs Jones for looking after them so well.

Report by Mrs Holroyd





KG2

What a fantastic week we have had in KG2! We welcomed a new friend into our class and showed him just how wonderful Branwood is. We also started our topic on animals, growing and changing. On Wednesday we enjoyed forest school. With the theme being all about bees. We pretended to be bees and flew around the Branwood copse finding pollen for a hive, made our own bees using playdoh and wood, and so much more. Finally, we had pancakes with honey, around the campfire, as we pretended to be baby bees!

On Thursday we came to school to find 8 of our eggs had hatched. We thought that this may have happened as we noticed two eggs pipping as we left school on Wednesday. We are looking forward to watching our chicks grow over the next week. Amongst the excitement we still managed to write a book review and an animal fact file during our literacy lessons and learn about capacity during our maths lessons. I think we need a good rest now!

Report by Mrs Boulton



Form 4

As part of learning about dental hygiene and tooth decay, Form 4 investigated the effect of different liquids upon boiled eggs. Egg shells are made of a similar material to tooth enamel, so luckily we didn't all have to donate teeth of our own! We placed individual eggs into six separate cups, each containing one liquid from: lemonade, water, vinegar, cola, orange juice and milk. We monitored the cups every day over the course of the week and were amazed to see that some of the shells began to decay into the liquids. Surprisingly, the eggs that decayed most were those in the vinegar and orange juice, whereas the eggs in the milk and the water were not changed at all.

The investigation might have been a bit smelly (especially the milk) but we enjoyed studying the effects over time. No more arguing with mum and dad about brushing before bed now class?



Report by Mr Sullivan



Form 3

This week Form 3 have been very busy. At the start of the week, we enjoyed learning ball skills with Moku who came to teach us Handball. We made the most of the glorious sun and completed our Maths work outside, working collaboratively to solve addition word problems. During Forest school, we learnt all about Bees and their importance. We even got to try some honey on our pancakes. In our English lessons we are continuing to read Kensuke's Kingdom and analysing the writer's vocabulary choices and descriptive techniques.

Report by Miss Wilkinson





Form 1

How is it the final term already? Form 1 continue to amaze us with their hard work and caring natures. This weekend Muslims around the world will be celebrating Eid, those pupils in Form 1 who celebrate have been sharing their experiences with their friends. We had great fun working on a collaborative piece of art and are now looking forward to Monday's assembly on Eid.

Eid Mubarak from all of Form 1.

Report by Mrs Houseman



Form 5

Form 5 had their first forest school session on Wednesday and they absolutely loved it! Emma and Greta were amazing teachers and showed the children all of the fun of outdoor activities; whilst also showing them how to remain safe when learning outdoors. It was lovely to see the class embrace the outdoor environment, some of the children even held some millipedes and worms! Some of the activities that the class participated in were: bumble bee mobile making; mud kitchen; tree nut painting and that's only a few of the things that were on offer! The session ended with hot chocolate and honey toast, made by Emma on the campfire!

Report by Miss Basger



Extra-Curricular

Well Done Aaliyah!

Aaliyah received gold and Bronze award in her Islamic Studies.

Aaliyah has memorised over 20 Arabic verses and is now onto reading the Quran - Muslims holy book soon.

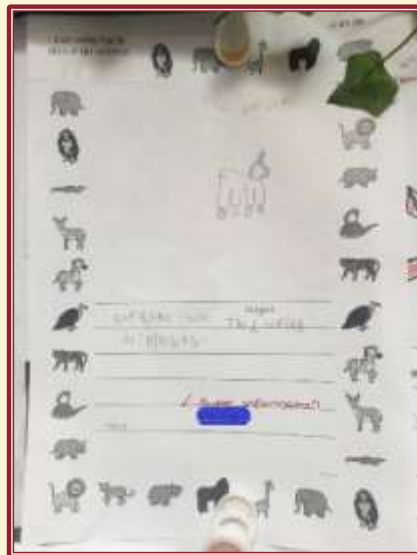
She has achieved this during the month of Ramadan just in time to celebrate on Eid 22nd April 2023.



WOW Writing

At Branwood, we are always amazed by the work that our children do. Over the coming weeks we will be sharing some examples of the outstanding work we see.

This week we are showcasing pieces of work from our KG2 class (5 year olds) and Form Four class (9 year olds).



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 – Ben & Ellis

Form 1 – Onyinyechi & Isla

Form 2 – Beatrice, Sidarth, Isabelle, Anaya, Sahib & Ayana

Form 3 – William & Ashvika

Form 4 – Sebastian & Isabel

Form 5 – Whole Class

Form 6 – Whole Class



Eco-School

Eco-Tip of the Week

Reduce food waste. Freezing food before its 'use by' date will extend its useful life, but you need to check the label carefully for any additional information – and, of course, not all foods can be frozen successfully at home. For those that can, there may be special instructions for storage, such as 'freeze on day of purchase' or 'consume within 3 months', or for how to prepare them afterwards – 'defrost overnight in a refrigerator' or 'cook from frozen', for example.



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](#)

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

Social Media

Twitter - twitter.com/branwoodschool?s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw

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

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

