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"The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.



King Charles III Coronation Celebration

What a wonderful time we all had on Friday celebrating the Coronation. Despite the changeable weather the children were able to enjoy a picnic lunch and then music and games outside in the afternoon.

Abraham Lincoln

The school was suitable attired for the celebration and in true Branwood tradition we celebrated in style. They also all received a commemorative badge. We even had a very important visitor, which delighted the children.

Thank you to Miss Basger for organising the day for us all.

Report by Mrs Holroyd













This week, in honour of National Space Week, our stellar Form 4 performed their space-themed class assembly. The children took a captivated audience on the journey around the Solar System and beyond. From the hellishly hot conditions of Mercury and Venus, to the frozen satellites of Saturn, the children appraised our cosmic neighbourhood for the chances of harbouring extra-terrestrial life. They even told us about the possibilities of the multiverse and performed the famous The Big Bang Theory TV series theme to cap off a terrific show. Mr Sullivan and all of the F4 parents were proud of each and every one.

Form 6

As well as starting our Bikeability, swimming and forest school sessions this week, Form 6 have tried to fit in preparing for our class assembly next Tuesday. This is just one of things we are planning to share with our parents and the rest of the school.





KG2



On Tuesday KG2 had their first trip out of school. As part of our topic, animals changing and growing, we visited Knowsley Safari Park. We left Branwood once we were all ready and got onto our coach. Once we had our seatbelts on, and Mrs Boulton had counted us a hundred times, we were off. When we arrived we went to our classroom session which was all about habitats. We learnt what a habitat is and discussed where different animals live. We compared an ostrich egg to the chick eggs which we hatched a couple of weeks ago and learnt about the different feathers birds have. After this session, it was time for lunch as we eagerly awaited the sea lion display. We all thoroughly enjoyed meeting the sea lions, watching how they communicated and the tricks that they could do. Then it was time for our tour. We enjoyed (most of us) Mrs Boulton's commentary as we drove around the park. We were lucky enough to see a pride of lions sunbathing at the side of the road. We also saw zebras, rhinos, deer, gazelles, buffalo and many more. Finally, we drove home whilst some children slept and others chatted about their amazing day at the safari park. Lots of fantastic memories were made that day and we will be talking about it for many days to come.

Report by Mrs Boulton



KG1

KG 1 have had a very busy week this week celebrating the King's Coronation. The children have made beautiful crowns and have really enjoyed pretend play in KG 1's very own royal castle. They have also found out facts about the coronation and have enjoyed looking at pictures of the Royal Family, the Crown Jewels and the Gold State Coach.

The children are also delighted that the Sunflower seeds they planted are growing well. They will be taking them home to plant out in their gardens. We are eager to find out who will grow the tallest sunflower.

Report by Mrs Coffey







We have continued to enjoy our topic on Seas and Oceans by writing our own Rainbow Fish stories, concentrating on using effective adjectives and adverbs.

Our Maths work this week has been about handling data. We learnt about Carroll diagrams and produced our own bar charts. Everyone worked hard and produced impressive work. In particular Mrs Jones has been impressed with Eleanor and Aurora for the great effort and concentration they have put into all their work this week. They have received commendations for this.

Forest school was all about ponds and water this week. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and learnt lots about nature and water. We had fun creating froggy friends, fishing rods and nature wands!

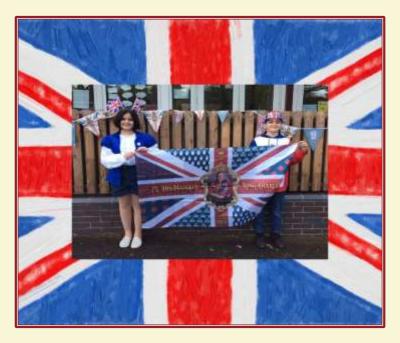
Report by Mrs Jones





Form Five have been very excitedly getting ready for the coronation of King Charles III. Some of the children have made cards to sent#d to Buckingham Palace; we have enjoyed a picnic outside; and celebrated with the whole school at a dance party! Rezana and Jawaid were definitely ready to party! Look at that fabulous headgear!

Report by Miss Basger



Form 3

In Form 3 this week we have started looking at Greek Myths and have enjoyed discussing the morals of the different stories and discovering the beliefs in ancient Greece.

In our Maths lessons we have been converting analogue time to digital time and have been measuring the duration of time for different events.

Report by Miss Wilkinson



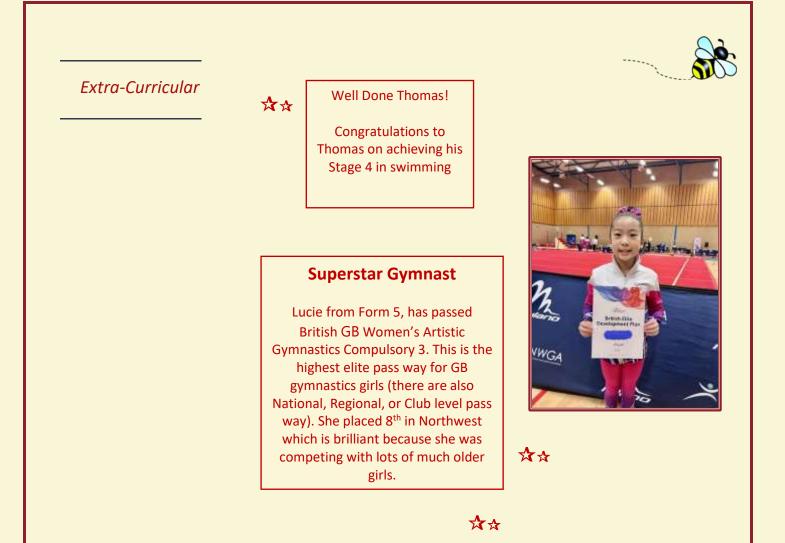
This week Form 1 have been busy learning about the life of King Charles III and what will happen during his coronation. They each created their very own crown and spent the day being kings and queens. Friday was a wonderful day, full of smiles and laughter. We thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon tea that Mr Pattinson and his team provided for us. And both Miss Macdonald and I had a whale of a time partying with Form One.

In maths, we had great fun measuring everyday objects. We measured in the classroom using cm and half cm and then we went outside and used the larger tape measures to measure in cm and m.

In geography, we continued to learn about the rainforest. This week we focused on the layers in the rainforest and the animals who live in each layer. Form 1 were also taught a very fun song about the layers in the rainforest - we now find ourselves randomly humming it!

Report by Mrs Houseman





WOW Writing

This week's writing comes from KG1 (3-4 year olds) and Form 5 (9-10 year olds).

In KG1 the task was to write a set of instructions for planting a seed. The focus was on using finger spaces, good letter formation and to use their phonetical knowledge to sound out each word. I think you will agree that this is outstanding writing for such a young writer.

In Form 5 the task was to write a persuasive letter. The idea was to convince Mr Whittell that Form 5 should go on a trip to Disneyland Paris. The focus was on using persuasive language, put forward a strong argument for and taking great care with punctuation and spelling. I really hope that they do manage to convince Mr Whittell!

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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☆ - Jad KG2 – The Whole Class Form 1 – Mohammed & Yusha Form 2 – Eleanor & Aurora Form 3 – Charlie & Luke Form 4 – Sophia & Theo Form 5 – Lana Form 6 – Fifi & Kitty



Eco-Tip of the Week

Eco-School

Did you know streaming your favourite programmes in standard definition (SD) rather than high definition (HD) can reduce your carbon footprint?

Here are some useful links for parents on online safety:

On-Line 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/

Here are some useful resources for parents on wellbeing :

Wellbeing

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

Place2Be Mental Health & Wellbeing for parents

Social Media

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

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

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