

# Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

*“The philosophy  
of the school  
room in one  
generation will  
be the philosophy  
of government in  
the next.”*

**Abraham Lincoln**



## 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.

The school was suitably 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





## Form 4

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





## Form 2

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 5

Form Five have been very excitedly getting ready for the coronation of King Charles III. Some of the children have made cards to send 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



## Form 1

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



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## Extra-Curricular

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Well Done Thomas!

Congratulations to Thomas on achieving his Stage 4 in swimming

### Superstar Gymnast

Lucie from Form 5, has passed British GB Women's Artistic Gymnastics Compulsory 3. This is the highest elite pass way for GB gymnastics girls (there are also National, Regional, or Club level pass way). She placed 8<sup>th</sup> in Northwest which is brilliant because she was competing with lots of much older girls.



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## WOW Writing

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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!





### How to Plant a Seed

You will need:  
pot / soil  
small water  
can

First: get a pot ✓

Next: put in soil ✓

Then: put in a seed ✓

Will soon have small green sprout  
Knowledge to write instructions



THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2021  
LD TO WRITE A PERSUASIVE LETTER

To: Mr. White,  
Emerson Primary School,  
Claydon Road,  
Foston,  
NR2 5JH

7th May 2021

Dear Mr. White,

I am writing to you today to make the  
emerson give to all the other children of Foston you are  
a school to go to in all the things that I thought about. I  
will give the children who don't get to have the money  
they give on regularly to do so and would be able  
to get more books and other things and things that are  
helpful so you will see an improvement in your other lessons.

One of the reasons I think it should be so that we  
should have school uniforms and other things. I think school uniforms  
are not all that bad as well as the money and help everyone!  
It will also be able to help the school and help  
with the uniforms and other things.

Another reason is that you will have  
to write about why you are writing  
the money and the school are more than  
happy to do anything at all the things at all.



THURSDAY 4TH MAY 2021  
LD TO WRITE A PERSUASIVE LETTER

I am writing about how it should  
be.

Considering all the reasons above and the fact that the  
money is a more in a better opportunity and a money  
to help people. I do think that it is a very good idea  
for the school to go on a school trip to Longford House.  
You can see some great things at the park and  
to school.

Yours Sincerely,  
[Signature]





## 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



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*Eco-School*

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### Eco-Tip of the Week

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

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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>

