

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

*“Learn from
yesterday, live for
today, hope for
tomorrow.”*

Albert Einstein

Branwood’s Own Eurovision

Well the European flags were flying and many countries were represented as Branwood celebrated Eurovision. Each class performed a song in the language and colours of the Eurovision country they had chosen to represent. The children looked amazing in their flag themed colours and sounded absolutely brilliant singing songs in different languages! Great fun was had by all and it was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate different nations in Europe! What a spectacle it was – we were all thoroughly entertained and it was all agreed that Form 1 were very worthy winners.

Thank you once again to Miss Basger for organising this.

Report by Mrs Holroyd





Form 4

Form 4 have spent the week showing their reading mettle as part of our newly-launched class reading challenge. The children have been challenged to read as often as they can and to have their photograph taken reading a book in as creative a way as possible. From picking up a book in a strange or exotic location to reading in the company of a trusty, furry friend, you'll have to keep your eyes peeled in future editions of the Bee to see what our Form 4 bookworms can put together as the weeks roll by!

Report by Mr Sullivan



KG1

Mrs Coffey was delighted this week to talk to all the KG 1 Parents at Parents Evening. She told them how proud she was of the children and how hard they have all worked this year. Well done KG 1.

In class this week the children have continued working on numbers to 20 and identifying how many objects are in a set. They have been introduced to the sound 'ff' in Phonics and have been writing words with this sound.

KG 1 have also been practising their song for the special Eurovision assembly. On Friday they really enjoyed listening to the other classes perform their songs and had lots of fun. It was another happy week in KG 1.

Report by Mrs Coffey



Form 2

This week we finished our own Rainbow Fish stories, focusing on using effective adjectives and adverbs in our creative writing. We then showcased our fantastic handwriting, redrafting them ready for a class display to go alongside some excellent artwork linked to our stories.

We were so excited to represent France in a special Eurovision style assembly and came to school dressed in French colours and even berets! The children all sang 'Frere Jacques' in a 'round' including a beautiful violin opener by Ivy. It was 'tres bon!'

Report by Mrs Jones



Form 5 & Form 6

Forms 5 and 6 had a rather exciting Friday! We've been privileged to experience a forensic science day with John Bates; an actual forensic scientist! The children have looked at evidence that is usually left at a crime scene, in order to figure out who kidnapped Lenny the caretaker! They then took part in their very own trial.

Report by Miss Basger





KG2

Each week two children in KG2 are Special Superstars. They can sit on a special chair, lead the line, help with the date and bring in their special toys to show the class. They are then invited to do a Superstar talk, explaining what they have brought into school, why it is special and how it works. Once each child has finished their talk, they invite the rest of the class to ask questions. The children put their hand up and the superstar chooses who they would like to speak. The children are really good at asking questions, using the appropriate language. We cannot wait to see what the next two Special Superstars will bring in to show.

Form 3

This week, Form 3 ventured out on their class trip to the Old Hall at Tatton Park to get a better idea about Tudor life. The children enjoyed learning about Tudor weapons and armoury, as well as trying their hand at threshing and whittling wheat to make flour.

Need repairs to your home on a budget? Look no further than our newly skilled Form 3 children, who can build walls with wicker wattling and are also experts at daubing dung and mud onto any unwanted holes. A great time was had by all and I'm (fairly) sure that everyone washed their hands thoroughly before they hugged their parents upon their return to school.

Report by Mr Sullivan



Form 1

Science was a highlight of our week. As part of our topic on materials we experimented with various materials to create a home for the 3 Little Pigs. After handling the materials, we put together a design and then set to building our masterpieces. The lesson ended with a visit from Mr Wolf (Mrs Houseman's hairdryer with googly eyes and ears made from card). The big bad wolf then set about trying to blow each house off the table. Many houses crumbled under the pressure but thankfully three designs were not defeated. Congratulations to our design champions Alyssa, Caleb & Kaison (joint project) and Chloe.

Report by Mrs Houseman



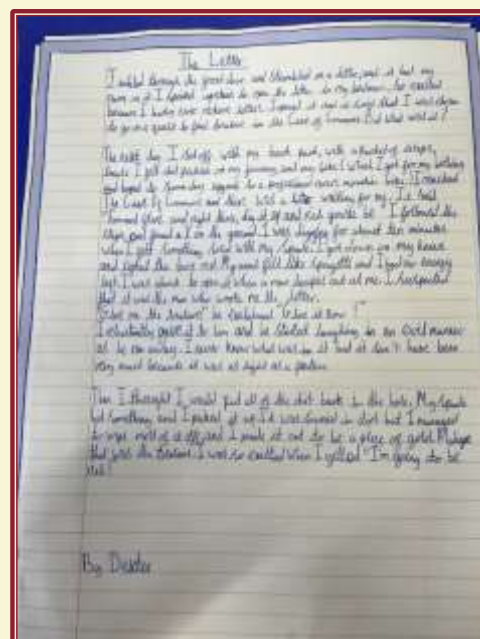
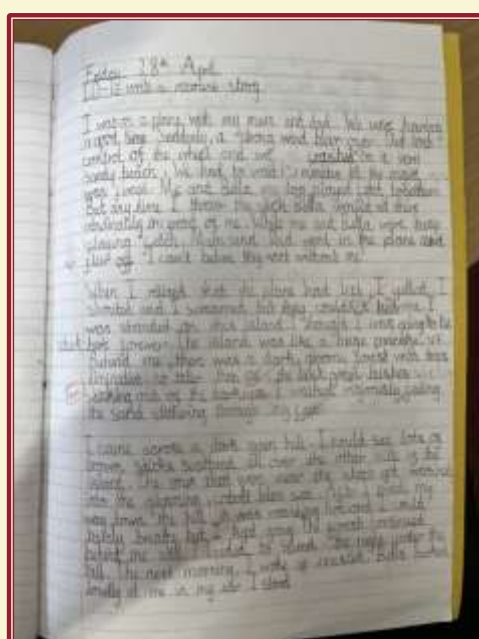


WOW Writing

This week we are showcasing pieces from Form 3 (7-8 year olds) and Form 6 (10-11 year olds).

In Form 3, the task was to recount a story. The focus was on presentation, punctuation and being detailed in their retelling. This piece was chosen for its detailed recount, neat handwriting and use of punctuation.

In Form 6, the task was to write about a strange letter that had suddenly appeared. The focus was making it exciting in order to capture the audience's attention. This piece was chosen because of the interesting language used and the way the writer has created excitement.



Eco-School

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?

Here are some useful links for parents on online safety:

On-Line Safety

[National Online Safety | Keeping Children Safe Online in Education](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/)

<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/branwoodschoo?qs=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw](https://twitter.com/branwoodschoo?qs=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw)

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