

# Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter.

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*“Education’s  
purpose is to  
replace an empty  
mind with an  
open one.”*

**Malcolm Forbes**

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## Form 5

Form 5 have been working hard this week, in preparation for assessment week! We have worked really hard, and it was nice to celebrate our hard work with a fun, sport-filled day on Friday! First, we watched the Form 6 vs Staff rounders game, some of the children were really happy to see Form 6 win, however, there were definitely some children cheering on the staff! We ended the day with house netball and house football! Well done to Roman Girls and Viking Boys for winning their tournaments!

Report by Miss Basger





## House Football

The boys in Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in an Inter-House Football tournament! All of the boys played brilliantly, and some fantastic goals were scored! Well done to Viking House for winning overall, a special mention also has to go to Roman House, as they won the same number of games but just lost out on goal difference. Thank you to Mr. Stockley for organising and running the event.



## KG1

The year has gone so fast and it's hard to believe the children will soon be moving on to KG2. This week KG1 have had a lovely first week back in school. They thoroughly enjoyed Forest School, this week they were having a bird tea party, making an extra large bird's nest that they could all sit in as well as making their own birds with cardboard and feathers. It was super fun.

In class the children have been working hard with phonics and maths and have been having lots of fun with water play outside in the lovely sunny weather.

A first this week! For the first time this year and in preparation for their transition to KG2 the children carried their own trays and chose where to sit when they went into the dining room for their lunch. All the children did it and no trays were dropped, the children made me very proud. Well Done KG1!

Report by Mrs Coffey





## Form 2

We loved forest school this week which had the theme of birds. We played a fun game called 'Eagle's Nest' and then took part in some other bird spotting activities. We also made clay models and built a giant nest. Well done to Ajae, Anaya, Eleanor and Aaliyah for their fantastic sea creature projects.

Report by Mrs Jones



## KG2

KG2 have had a very busy first week back after the half term break. The children have been learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly, telling the time, completing artwork for our jungle themed cloakroom display as well as preparing for our Father's Day assembly.

The week began with a reminder about the days of the week and the children successfully put these in order. Next, they learnt how to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. They enjoyed showing anyone they met in school just how clever they are by explaining where the hands on an analogue clock needed to be for o'clock and half past. Well done KG2.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School session this week. They enjoyed learning about birds, building small and large nests, making their own owl models and pretending to be Blackbirds searching for worms (pieces of string). As always, the children and the grown-ups had lots of fun.

Report by Mrs Boulton





## Form 4

Another day, another zany way to read in Form 4.

When Ananth told us that he loves to read on a drive, we didn't know that he meant his driveWAY! A much wiser book choice there too than the Mini Cooper handbook for sure.



Hardback, paperback, roof-rack(?!); Ella is also a fan of reading on top of her car and looks so engrossed here that I doubt she'd have noticed if her mum or dad had taken the car for a spin!



We've all heard of a reading light, but Sophia F ended up reading light-HEADED after defying gravity with her book exploits. One chilled out lady there!





Theo shocked us with this monster effort, featuring Godzilla. Radiation might have awoken this famous Japanese cinema beast, but Theo radiates a love of the written word. A Theo without a book is far scarier than this prehistoric fantasy beast, trust me!



Thomas came up with this ingenious way of reading, hands-free. I'm not quite sure how he turns the pages, but full marks for energy saving there buddy!



Finally this week, Sofia N's stretch of imagination is equal to her impressive leg stretching. If Mr Sullivan tried that deft move, the next book that he'd be reading would be First Aid For Dummies!





## Form 1

This week has been a very exciting week in Form 1. Before the half term we were learning about endangered animals. We looked into ways in which we can help. After a vote, the children decided to adopt a sea turtle. They spent the weekend doing jobs around the house to raise money. We've been patiently waiting all week for the arrival of our newest member and on Friday he arrived. Form 1 have decided to call him Turtie. Each night children will be invited to take him home and spend time with him.

This is the 10th year pupils in Form 1 have raised money for the WWF. We have raised a large sum over that time and have adopted a number of animals, including two pandas. In recent years it has been announced that thanks to the effort of people, such as the children of Branwood, panda numbers have steadily increased and they are no longer critically endangered. Together we make a difference.

Report by Mrs Houseman





### Amazing!

Momo & Ani competed in the Great Manchester Mini Run (2.5km) during the holidays. They are raising funds for The Inner City Mission - Back to School Campaign, being run by the Loveworld Church Manchester of which their family are members. 'Momo and Ani are very blessed to be in an amazing school and to have all they need and more, but they are learning that unfortunately not all children are in the same position as they are'. They have already raised an amazing £242 so far. Well done you two – that is amazing!



### Stars!

Well done to Tom & Ajae who won their first cup last weekend in the Salford District Football League Cup Final.



### Dancing Queen!

A HUGE well done to Russian who competed in two categories in the All England Freestyle Dance Championships over half term, representing Empowered Studios. She claimed first prize in both. Super Job!

## 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☆ - Noëlle

KG2 – Jack & Kyra

Form 1 – Whole Class

Form 2 – Ajae, Anaya, Eleanor & Aaliyah

Form 3 – Harriet & Vanessa

Form 4 – Thomas & Ananth

Form 5 – Ayush



### Eco-Tip of the Week

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#### *Eco-School*

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Glass bottles of milk are a more sustainable option when it comes to buying milk, with the rinse and return policy enabling the bottles to be used over and over again.





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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.commonsemmedia.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/branwoodschoo?lang=en](https://twitter.com/branwoodschoo?lang=en)

**Instagram** - <https://www.instagram.com/branwoodschoo/>

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

