

# Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

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*“Believe you can  
and you are half  
way there.”*

***Theodore Roosevelt***

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## **Alumni Success**

Last week we were treated to a visit by one of our former pupils.

Shishir left Branwood in 2016 and came back to visit us. He wanted to see Mr Whittell and to thank him for ‘coming into his life at the right time’. What a very humble and lovely young man, who has just achieved 5 A\* at A-Level and is soon to be on his way to Trinity College, Cambridge to study medicine.

Well Done Shishir we are extremely proud of you and wish you every success.

Report by Mrs Holroyd





## KG2

KG2 have made a fantastic start to the school year. They have all settled in the new routine really well and it seems like months rather than almost two weeks since we came back from the summer break.

This week the children have been reading the books 'Stick Man' and 'Stanley's Stick' during their literacy lessons. Then when we went to our first Forest School session of the year, Emma had planned a whole session based on sticks - and even used the books that we have been reading! It was as if she knew what we were doing. We loved collecting sticks, and it was heartwarming to watch the children carry the larger sticks together as if they do it every day. They could make their own Stick Man or Stick Lady Love, paint, write and fish using sticks. Some children made up their own games whilst others enjoyed making potions using sticks, leaves, petals etc. KG2 enjoyed using their imagination to use sticks for many different purposes. What a fantastic week we have had in KG2.

Report by Mrs Boulton





## Form 5

Form 5 have been helping me celebrate Rosh Hashanah (Jewish new year). We have been sampling some traditional Rosh Hashanah snacks including delicious apple and honey, which is eaten to celebrate a sweet new year. Some of the children were really excited about this, as they remembered it from Form 4!

Report by Miss Basger



## Form 6

Now that they have fully settled in, Form 6 have been allocated their prefect responsibilities. They are as follows:

Class prefects:

KG1 - Lana & Tim

KG2 - Jawaid, Ayush & Daniel

F1 - Tara & Myla

F2 - Rezana, Lynott, Jude

F3 - Lucie & Logan

F4 - Oscar & Isaac

F5 - Anya & Theo

Morning snack & lunch registers for Mr Pattinson - Daniel & Jude

Holding of the main school hall doors - Theo & Ayush

Holding of the Upper School staircase area doors (internal) - Daniel & Lynott

Holding of the Upper School staircase area doors (external) - Lana & Tim

Setting up of benches - Myla & Jude

The children wanted me to pass on that they will give their all in these new roles and that they look forward to helping everyone as best they can.

We have high standards for our prefect service, but I know that the school is in good hands with this crew.

Report by Mr Sullivan



### Form 3

Form three has settled in really well and been working very hard. We have enjoyed looking at pointillism in art and the children were amazed by the way lots of little dots can make a picture. They have also shown their ability to recognise the continents and find them on a map. In maths they have used lots of different skills to add numbers in their heads, using a variety of strategies.

Report by Mr Knott

### KG1

KG1 have had a super start to their time at Branwood. This week many of the children stayed for lunch for the first time and really enjoyed Mr Pattinson's delicious lunches.

The children have been getting used to the school routines and have enjoyed 'loving to learn' with their new friends. They have been learning all about how special they are and have drawn pictures of themselves. They have also enjoyed their first P.E, Music and Spanish lessons this week. I am super proud of them all, Well done KG1.

Report by Mrs Coffey





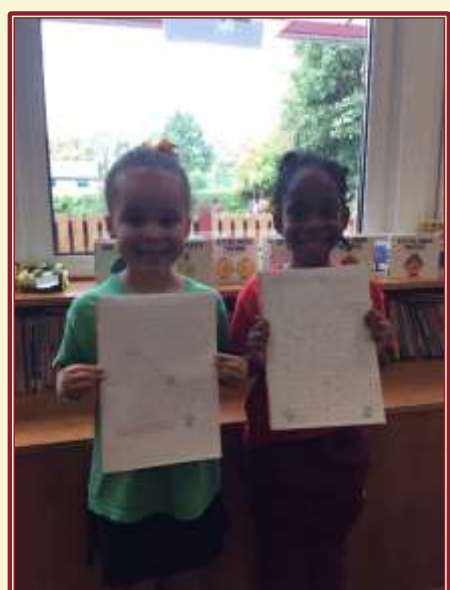


## Form 2

The class have settled so well into their new routines and are already working very hard. We have enjoyed writing and sharing information all about ourselves and have drawn some lovely colourful portraits. See if you can tell who is who when you visit the Form 2 cloakroom! We have also started our topic of Roger Hargreaves and are excited to do lots of Mr Men creative writing. Onyinyechi and Alyssa did some excellent writing about Mr Happy.

Our first Forest school of the year was on the theme of sticks. We loved being very imaginative and creative, including making wands and stick men!

Report by Mrs Jones





## Form 1

The class are at the end of our first full week and are continuing to settle well into their new routines. A particular highlight of the week was Forest School. We thoroughly enjoy Forest School. This week we made stick characters and toasted croissants - yum!

Report by Mrs Houseman



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### *Extra-Curricular*

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#### **LAMDA Success!**

Huge congratulations to Lottie, Charlotte & Grace who took their LAMDA examinations in the summer and all achieved Distinctions. Well done girls we are very proud of you



## Celebration Assembly

Our weekly assembly is our way to celebrate all the success of our pupils. These are the commendations for this week.

KG2 – Henry & Oliver

Form 1 – Jack & April

Form 2 – Alyssa & Onyinyechi

Form 3 – Bella & Lucy

Form 4 – Ava-Grace & Alysa

Form 5 – Charlotte & Theo

Form 6 – Lana & Theo



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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://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.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/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>

