

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

*“Practice isn't the
thing you do once
you're good. It's
the thing you do
that makes you
good.”*

Malcolm Gladwell

Form 3 – Residential Trip

Form 3 set off yesterday for their first school residential trip to The Anderton Centre. The children were all really excited, even though some of the bags were nearly as big as they were!

They had an action packed afternoon of tree climbing and archery – watch out Robin Hood! and are looking forward to the activities today. They are all still smiling despite a 5.30am wake-up call. Be prepared for some very tired children and staff to return later today.

Report by Mr Sullivan & Mrs Holroyd





KG2

KG2 have had another fantastic week and have worked incredibly hard. Our book of the week was 'Leaf man.' During literacy they have been learning about the seasons, having a walk around the copse and playground looking for seasonal changes and taking part in lots of discussions. The children have drawn some super pictures to represent each season and collected leaves ready to make some leaf faces.

In maths they enjoyed ordering numbers to 10 or 20. They also showed just how fantastic they are at cutting.

During our PSHEE sessions, the children have been talking about their feelings. The children are very good at expressing how they are feeling and how we can help them if they are not feeling very happy. Well done KG2, you are all superstars.

Report by Mrs Boulton





Form 5

Form 5 have been learning about figurative language this week; specifically, similes, metaphors and personification. In the introduction lesson, the children were given the opportunity to write some WOW sentences on their whiteboards and I was blown away by some of their figurative language skills!

Report by Miss Basger



KG1

KG1 have had a very happy and busy week at Branwood. Everyone was together for the first time and all the children have enjoyed seeing all their friends. The children have begun their Phase 1 Phonics and have enjoyed using the Interactive board to support their learning.

This week the children have been learning about shape, colour and texture and have enjoyed lots of creative work.

Report by Mrs Coffey





Form 2

This week we have been continuing our art topic about the Dutch artist Piet Mondrian. We have enjoyed learning about his style and techniques and have produced some excellent pieces based on 'Composition' and 'Boogie Woogie Broadway'. Here is our lovely classroom display.

Our commendations this week go to Nathan for his amazing maths work- he has completed all our extension activities with enthusiasm and confidence. Also, this week we welcomed a new member of the Form- Imad. He has also received a commendation for settling in so well, using lovely manners and having a great attitude to everything! Well done boys!

Report by Mrs Jones





Form 1

It has been another busy week in the Form One classroom. In maths, we are studying addition and subtraction skills. In English, we are learning to write labels, lists and captions. We enjoyed combining our art skills and English skills in our science lesson to draw and label the parts of our bodies. We challenged ourselves to use the words jaw and shin. Our drawings are now proudly displayed in our classroom.

Report by Mrs Houseman



Other News

House Captains

Congratulations to all these children who have been chosen as captains and vice-captains of their respective houses.





Extra-Curricular



Martial Arts Triumph!

A huge well done to Rivers & Aurora who triumphed in the recent European BJJ Event.

These are definitely two to watch!

☆HUGE Congratulations to you both! ☆



Well Done!

Onyinyechi completed her stage 3 swimming over the weekend and is now moving to stage 4. She is very proud of her achievement and has set a target to complete stage 4 by the end of the year.

We know you will do this!



Celebration Assembly

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

KG1 – Stars of the week – Daisy & Oliver

KG2 – Phoebe & Fatimah

Form 1 – Layla & Vihangi

Form 2 – Nathan & Imad

Form 3 – Logan & Anya

Form 4 – Vanessa & Luke

Form 5 – Rivers & Vibha

Form 6 – Anya & Logan

On-Line Safety

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.commonsensemedia.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?l=s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKl2GQtX563BSw

Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/branwoodschoo?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

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

