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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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## Form 4

Form 4 have made an excellent start to their Science topic on States of Matter.

After learning about the properties of solids, liquids and gases, we then investigated a very special material called Oobleck. Made by mixing cornflour and water, oobleck is a very special material as it is a **non-Newtonian** fluid. That is, it acts like a liquid when being poured, but like a solid when a force is acting on it. The children found it a fascinating material as you can grab it and then it will ooze out of your hands.

Report by Mr Booth





## KG2

KG2 had another fantastic time at Forest School this week. The theme was harvest and we enjoyed making our own scarecrows and experiencing lots of activities using vegetables.

In class we have also been thinking about harvest by creating displays, making apple pictures and reading our book of the week, 'The Enormous Turnip.' We created our own books, with a front cover, writing the story and illustrating it beautifully.

In maths, we have been learning about symmetry, creating our own pictures. Our symmetrical butterflies look lovely on our 'Out of this world' display.

Report by Mrs Boulton

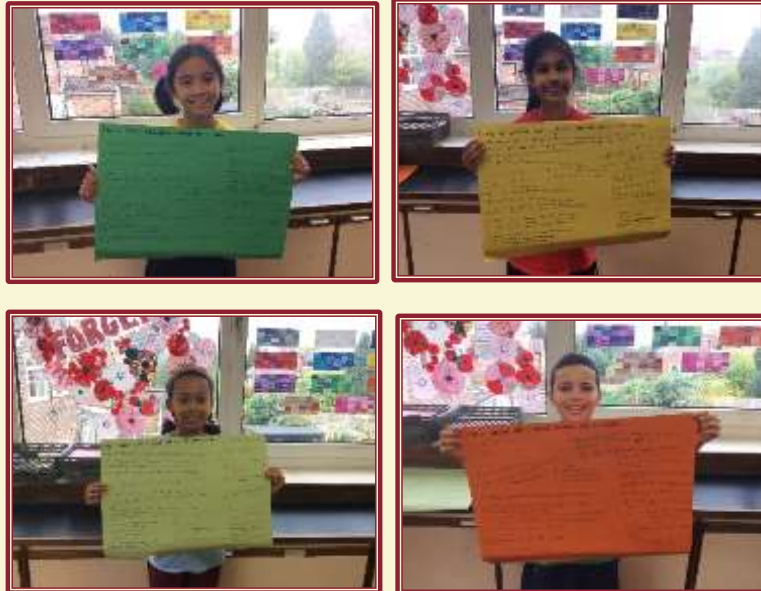




## Form 5

Form 5 have been learning how to use fronted adverbials, in English lessons this week. The children have combined their skills in relative clauses and figurative language to display their new talents in using fronted adverbials.

Report by Miss Basger



## Form 6

Over the past couple of Thursdays, Form 6 have been showcasing their creative writing skills. We have looked at two videos of a beach, with contrasting weather; one serene, one experiencing a storm. The children analysed the sights and sounds, as well as describing the smell, touch and taste that we would expect to sense in these settings. Some amazing vocabulary has been used!

Report by Mr Sullivan

## Form 3

Form 3 have had a fantastic time. The children who attended the Anderton centre took part in a range of activities, including tree climbing and kayaking. I have been told they were very well behaved and a credit to the school.

This week they have enjoyed learning about the different clothes the Tudors wore and how the rich used clothes to show how wealthy they were. They have also been investigating magnets, learning about how different poles can attract or repel.

Report by Mr Knott



## KG1

This week all of KG1 had their first full taste of Forest School, everyone had a wonderful time. The theme this week was Harvest. The children collected fruit and vegetables, pushed wheelbarrows, enjoyed fruit and vegetable printing and made their own Scarecrows. At the end of Forest school the children had a closing campfire and enjoyed hot chocolate and toasted bread.

In class the children have been listening to Harvest stories such as Handa's Surprise and Oliver's Vegetables and making Harvest Baskets. A lovely week in KG 1 for all the children.

Report by Mrs Coffey



## Form 2

In PSHE lessons this week we have been thinking about what makes a good friend. We all came up with excellent ideas and we discovered that everyone in Form 2 are all very good friends to one another. We produced some lovely art work and adjectives to describe our friends and what makes them special!





In Forest school this week, although it was pouring with rain we didn't mind at all! We loved making bird feeders and scarecrows, peeling carrots and making vegetable stew in the mud kitchen!

Report by Mrs Jones





## Form 1

As part of our dinosaur topic, we have learnt about Mary Anning. Mary was born in 1799 in Lyme Regis. Her father sold fossils to tourists. When Mary was 12, her brother Joseph dug up the skull of an ichthyosaurus (which means 'fish lizard'). The skull was more than a metre long. Later, Mary found the rest of the skeleton. She sold it for £23 (around £1,400 today). Mary was the first person to find a whole Ichthyosaurus skeleton.

Sadly, many professionals refused to acknowledge Mary's discoveries and she wasn't given the credit she deserved. It is only since her death at 47, that her work has been celebrated. Form One really enjoyed this lesson as it made them realise that dinosaurs actually roamed the land that we live on and that they can visit the Jurassic Coast in Devon and have a try at fossil hunting.

Report by Mrs Houseman

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### *Extra-Curricular*

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#### **Football Mad!**

Well done to Ajae who was awarded man of the match on Saturday with his new team R-kix. Ajae was scouted and asked to train with Manchester United before the summer and has been invited back this term.

He now plays 6 days a week and is football obsessed!



## School Parliament

Our School Parliament met on Wednesday break time. Led by our Prime Minister Juwaid and his Deputy Prime Ministers, Oscar and Logan, the group got to work quickly on setting out their expectations and visions for the future. This week's meeting focused on 'Are we happy at school?' and 'What are our expectations of the School Parliament?'.

The team decided that members our School Parliament should be committed, team players, respectful, a voice for their peers, and should listen to each other.

Next week, our PM and his Deputies will be stopping in each classroom to do a well-being check on pupils. They would like to see the worry box return and would like to see more games being offered at lunch times.

Our School Parliament are keen and I am sure that they will achieve great things this year.

Report by Mrs Houseman

## 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 – Preston and Leagsaidh

KG2 – Ani & Freddie

Form 1 – Zoe & Sachin

Form 2 – Lyan & Chloe

Form 3 – Beatrice & Isabelle

Form 4 – Mason & Jude

Form 5 – Gloria & Sophia L

Form 6 – Jawaid & Tara

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/branwoodschoo?l=s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKI2GQtX563BSw](https://twitter.com/branwoodschoo?l=s=11&t=Q7kv7YPQmKI2GQtX563BSw)

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

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