

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

“Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.”

Thomas Edison

KG1

Autumn adventures were highlights for KG1.

The children had a super time being scientists, using the magnifying glasses to take a closer look at the different types of leaves they had collected on their Autumn walk. They used their motor skills to do some leaf rubbings with wax crayons and were really surprised to see how much of the leaves textures were shown in the rubbings.

In Forest School last week they had a magical experience. Who knew that conkers could be turned into soap? Conker medals were made as were conker snails. The children had lots of fun playing a parachute game with Autumn leaves, mixing up conker stew and bashing conkers with mallets to find out how to make the conker soap!

The children attended their very first assembly celebrating the Harvest Festival. I was very proud of their singing and how sensible they were in the hall.

KG1 have come to the end of their first half term at Branwood. I am so proud of all their endeavours. They have had lots of new things to learn including Spanish, P.E, and Music, and have learnt many new skills in Phonics, Reading and Maths. They have adapted to many new routines, met lots of new people and been busy making new friends. They have been happy and enthusiastic about all their learning and have made me smile every day.

They have epitomised our class motto of 'we love to learn and learn to love'. Well done KG1.

A special shout out to all the Parents who have been so supportive this half term, thank you.

Report by Mrs Coffey





KG2

What a fantastic end to the first half term of KG2. The children have continued to work hard and try their best despite being tired.

During our literacy sessions we have been reading 'Bears in the night' and we have enjoyed concentrating on prepositions and light and dark. We went on a 'preposition' walk, concentrating on what we can go around, or up, or out of. It was such fun, especially when we walked in front of Mrs Dickinson and behind the tree. We also discussed light and dark, drawing some super pictures, showing that we have good understanding of the concept.

During our maths lessons, we focused on counting this week and we are becoming experts now.

The children have enjoyed looking at their Guiseppi Arcimboldo leaf face pictures on display. I am sure you will agree what super stars we have in our class.

Report by Mrs Boulton

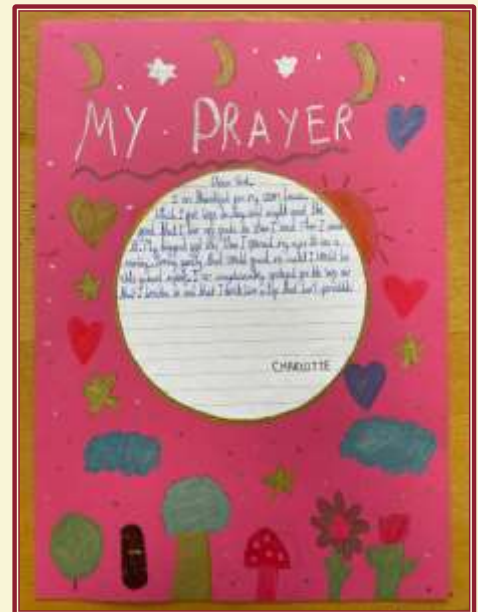




Form 5

Form five have been writing their own prayers in RE. We discussed that not everybody has a God, which is fine, we accept everybody in this classroom, regardless of whom or what they believe in. Some of the children chose to write prayers to their God and some chose to write thank you messages but all of the children chose to say thank you for the things they are grateful for.

Report by Miss Basger



Form 3

Form 3 have been fantastic this term and I have really enjoyed teaching them. On Friday we designed Pointillism pictures in the style of George Seurat. We have learnt what life was like for Tudor children and the differences between rich and poor families. We have written Haikus in English using the correct syllable pattern and themes.

I have had such a lovely time teaching them this term and would like to nominate the whole class for commendations as I can't pick just two!

Report by Mr Knott



Form 4

Form 4 has really enjoyed finding out where their food comes from. We looked at different types of farms in the UK while exploring the process of growing and importing bananas from the Caribbean. We also discovered how pasta is made from Durum wheat grown in Italy. Please support your child by showing them food packaging over the holidays so they can find the country of origin of the food they eat.

Report by Mr Booth



Form 2

Continuing our study of author Roger Hargreaves, we now have a lovely cloakroom display. We have painted a character each and did some fantastic first person writing for our characters to introduce themselves. We have also created some very imaginative new characters and used our creative writing skills to write our own books about them. Finally we are really looking forward to making our own felt toys using sewing skills.

Report by Mrs Jones





Form 6

Earlier this half term, Myla from Form 6 set up a dance club that runs each Monday lunchtime. The club is open to children from upper school and the current troupe are working on a performance based around the song Ways to Be Wicked from The Descendants movie. The plan is to perform this for the whole school in a few weeks' time, so watch this space! Anya has particularly impressed Myla this week, so Myla made sure that she was recognised with a trophy. Well done to all of our dancers.

Report by Mr Sullivan



Form 1

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the first half-term. Form 1 are now into the swing of their new routines and are amazing us daily with the improvements they are making in their work. This week we would like to put the spotlight on their topic homework. Each weekend they choose a task to do linked to our Dinosaurs topic and the quality of the work they produce is outstanding. We can see the time, effort and personal pride that goes into each piece.

In the classroom, they had great fun during our poetry topic on 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' They performed the poem and created their own versions. We ended the topic with making our own Brown Bear Toast - yum! There were lots of chocolatey faces! In maths, we were studying capacity and got into the spooky mood by measuring liquids to create our own potions.

Report by Mrs Houseman





The Book Fair

This week we received the first delivery of books bought using the money raised from the Book Fair. This included dictionaries, atlases, class reader sets, books to support well-being, and books to develop knowledge and understanding of different cultures. Thank you again for your support during our book fair.



Pupil Parliament

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Meet the Pupil Parliament Team: Prime Minister Jawaid, Deputy Prime Minister Logan, Deputy Prime Minister Oscar, Russian, Seb, Ava-Grace, Dean, Isabella, Rayyan, Yusha, Alyssa, Chibinyelum and Zoe.

This week the team have decided on their three focus areas for this year's Eco School Award. We will be focusing on School Grounds, Litter and Energy. The team also worked together to create a Pupil Wellbeing Survey. Once finalised, these will be distributed to the pupils in school to see how our children at Branwood feel about their school. This will help the team decide on ways in which they can help.

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 – Naomi & Xenofon

KG2 – Kara, Adanna & Jaoa

Form 1 – Rafferty & April

Form 2 – Chloe & Isla

Form 3 – Whole Class

Form 4 – Thomas & Louis

Form 5 – Francesca & Lottie

Form 6 – Lucie & Ayush

Eco School

Eco Tips

Turn your lights off when you're not using them or when you leave a room. This will save you around £20 a year on your annual energy bills.

Replacing all the lights in your home with LED bulbs could help you save even more.

Source: Energy Saving Trust

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