

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

*“Start where you
are. Use what
you have. Do
what you can.”*

Arthur Ashe



Remembrance Day

The whole school community came together this morning at 11.00am to observe a minutes' silence. Mrs Cracknell and her trumpeters ended the silence with 'The Last Post'.

Form 5

Form 5 had a nice little break from their exam timetable this week, when they started a new unit in their ICT lessons. The children are going to be learning all about coding, up until the Christmas holidays. Today, the children learnt about what a computer bug is and how to debug a programme; they also learnt that the term 'bug' came from a malfunctioning calculator at Harvard University in the 1940s; one of the leading engineers, Admiral Grace Hopper, investigated and found an actual moth, which was trapped and disrupting the electronics! Here are some of the children working on some of the activities!

Report by Miss Basger





KG2

This week KG2 have been writing firework poems, thinking about safety around fireworks and learning about Diwali. They have impressed us with their ideas describing the sights and sounds of a firework display. In maths the children have learnt about one more and one less. They have also created poppies as part of our discussion about Remembrance. Finally, the children have completed their entry for our calligraphy competition and these will be placed on display in school soon. Such a busy week in KG2.

Report by Mrs Boulton



Form 4

Notwithstanding the rigors of exam week, Form 4 have begun their new Science topic: 'Electricity'. This week we looked at different household appliances, grouping them based on whether they are mains- or battery-powered. We then used a Venn diagram to present their findings. Next week we will move on to identifying circuit components and building working circuits. I hope that the children will find this an interesting and exciting topic.

Report by Mr Booth

Form 1

As part of our science topics, animals including humans, Form 1 were given the task to classify a group of animals. It was a funny moment when some of them realised they are indeed animals themselves! We looked at mammals, amphibians, birds, reptiles, insects and fish.

In the classroom, we have been learning about Diwali and have produced some lovely diyas. We found the story of Rama and Sita very interesting and had great fun trying to create rangoli patterns for display. For any member of our community celebrating Diwali this weekend, Form 1 would like to say दिवाली की शुभकामनाएं

Report by Mrs Houseman



Form 6

It has been a very exam-intensive week for the Form 6 children this week. They have maintained their steely approach to exam technique and remain firmly on course. Even with all of this going on, Form 6 still managed to find the time to contemplate the sacrifices made by all those that have died in the line of duty. Isaac and Myla embodied our respect perfectly through their accomplished rendition of The Last Post as we marked the minute's silence.

Report by Mr Sullivan





Form 3

Form 3 have had a wonderful week working extremely hard during our exams. The children have shown great determination and a super attitude each day as they have completed each paper.

We are extremely proud of Aurora as she is now a World Champion, winning the gold medal in Ju jitsu, after taking part in the World Championships in the UAE. Aurora has demonstrated a superb work ethic and resilience as she has trained so hard for this wonderful event. Well done Aurora.

Report by Mrs Christensen



Form 2

All of the class have been working extremely hard this week during our internal examination week. Everyone has been trying their best and the results so far have been very pleasing!

We have also been very excited and enthusiastic during our rehearsals for our class assembly to be held on Tuesday morning next week. We have all been given our roles for the Nativity and are already well on our way to learning our lines and the words to the songs!

All of Form 2 have been commended this week because of all their great work and efforts in both the exams and the rehearsals. Well done to all!

Report by Mrs Jones





KG1

This week in KG 1 the children have been thinking about two very different festivals.

The Festival of Diwali takes place this weekend. It is a Festival of light and is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs across the world. The children enjoyed making Diwali lamps with clay, listening to Diwali stories and making Diwali cards. In KG1 our very own Mrs Jeykishnan celebrates Diwali and she brought in some cakes and chocolates for the staff and children to enjoy, thank you Mrs Jeykishnan.

This week the children also learnt about the importance of remembrance during the month of November. We talked about how important it is to remember those we have loved and lost. The children have made poppies to place on our remembrance tree and have begun some super poppy paintings linked to the art work of Claude Monet.

The children have also been very kind friends to our new class member Giorgio, welcoming him to our Branwood family.

Report by Mrs Coffey





Football

Our U11 football team played an extremely exciting cup match at Peel Hall Primary on Wednesday, with the result decided in the last 5 minutes - 4-3 to Peel Hall. This was unfortunate for the boys as the way they played together was excellent and they had lots of opportunities for even more goals! Well done to all the boys concerned. You should be very proud of yourselves!



Extra Curricular

International Success!

Once again Aurora and Rivers triumphed in a recent event in Dubai. They both came away with gold medals!

A HUGE well done to you both.

Aurora is off to Germany this weekend to compete in another competition so good luck Aurora.





A Star in the Making

It was opening night for Beatrice last night in the production of Matilda.

She was amazing!

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 – Teddy & Hamzah

KG2 – Ivy & Yasin

Form 1 – Whole Class

Form 2 – Whole Class

Form 3 – Whole Class

Form 4 – Whole Class

Form 5 – Sophia F & Isabel

Form 6 – Whole Class

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