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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

*"If you really
want to do
something, you
will find a way. If
you don't, you'll
find an excuse."*

Jim Rohn

Form 4

As Form 4 move on from exam week and start thinking about Christmas, we have begun to study Christmas journeys in Religious Education, beginning with finding out about Bethlehem. We learned that Bethlehem lay on an ancient trading route, was the birthplace of King David, and was even mentioned in the book of Genesis in the Bible. We discovered that modern Bethlehem is a place of pilgrimage and many Christians visit the Church of the Nativity, which was built over the cave where Jesus was believed to have been born. They were fascinated to find that this ancient town is such a busy and important place today.

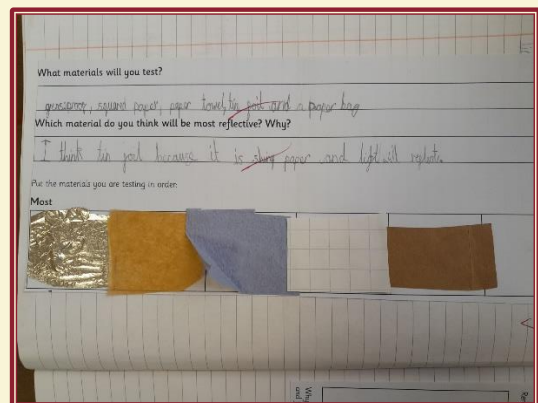
Report by Mr Booth

Form 3

Form 3 have had a super week. In forest school the children demonstrated great team work as they worked together to complete a scavenger hunt, they then went on to make a bug house, some even made a bug hotel, bird feeders and also bird's nests. These are to help look after the animals in our school grounds.

In Science this week the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a practical investigation to identify the material that was the most suitable to use as a reflector. They showed good prediction skills and communication, working in small groups to carry out the test. Well done Form 3.

Report by Mrs Christensen





KG2

Towards the end of last week, KG2 enjoyed learning about Diwali and Armistice Day.

This week, we have been learning about Space. We discussed the difference between fiction and non-fiction books, then researched some planets. Then we wrote fantastic sentences about the Earth and it's only star, the sun. In maths, we learnt the vocabulary of long, longer, short, shorter and applied this knowledge. We also started preparing our cloakroom display. It was Forest School Wednesday this week and we had lots of fun experiencing a plethora of activities based on the book 'The Gruffalo.' There is never a dull moment in KG2!

Report by Mrs Boulton

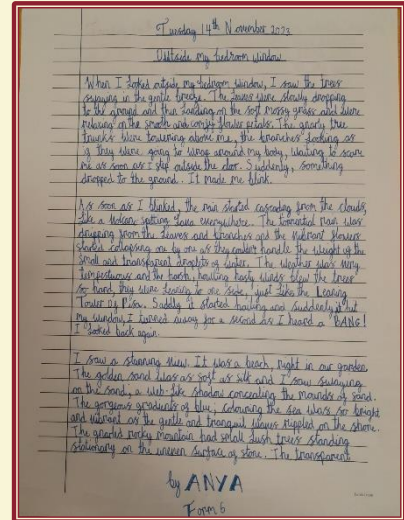
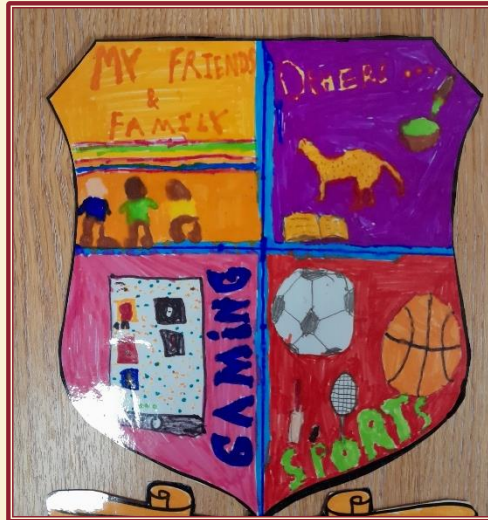




Form 6

Our multi-talented Form 6 children have spent the week making sure that our classroom showcases the best of us. From creative writing to art skills, our classroom is really looking the part ahead of our upcoming open days and parents' evening.

Report by Mr Sullivan



Form 1

In English, we have been studying the work of Clare Freeman. Form 1 thoroughly enjoyed listening to Aliens Love Underpants and were inspired to create their own aliens for our class display. This was followed with lessons on writing character descriptions. In maths, we have been studying place value, and had a very successful lesson on partitioning two-digit numbers. The weather has been wet this week but that did not dampen our spirits in Forest School. We donned our coats and wellies and got stuck in.

Report by Mrs Houseman

Form 2

The definite highlight for Form 2 this week has to be their fantastic assembly about our Castles topic. All members of 'Castle Branwood' worked so hard and performed amazingly, speaking loudly and clearly, learning their lines and actions to our songs. They are very proud of themselves and looking forward to taking the stage once again in a few weeks when they perform in our Lower School Nativity. Everyone has been awarded a commendation this week for all their hard in the assembly.

Report by Mrs Jones



KG1

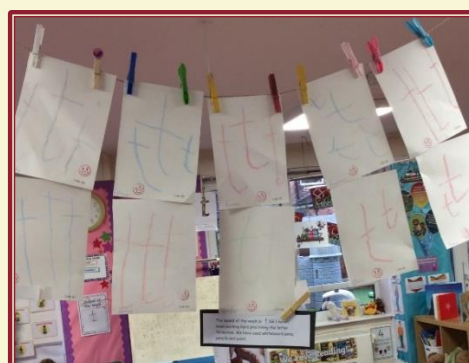
This week the children have been very busy learning all the songs for the Nativity. They are singing with gusto and their favourite song to sing is Bundle of Joy. They are looking forward to being on the stage, taking the part of the different animals and wearing their costumes.

In class the sound of the week is t. The children have been working hard to try and form the letter correctly and have found lots of objects with that sound.

In maths we have been matching the correct number of objects to the numeral and trying hard to form numerals correctly.

The children also enjoyed a very wet Forest School this week. It did not dampen their spirits though and armed with puddle suits and wellingtons they had a super time enjoying all things Gruffalo!

Report by Mrs Coffey





Form 5

Form 5 had a great Forest School session; even with the challenging weather situation. The children had a go at making a nature den for hedgehogs. Lottie said, "We found sticks and hammered them into the ground to make sturdy dens." Seb continued, "We dug ditches toward the den so the hedgehogs could crawl to the ditches and we also built a little nest inside and covered it with hay." Great fun was had by all!

Report by Miss Basger



Eco Tips

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Almost 8% of our electricity bill is spent running the dishwasher, typically costing between £40 to £80 (35 to 65kgCO₂e) a year to run a standard sized dishwasher. However, slimline dishwashers typically cost between £30 to £60 (25 to 50kgCO₂e) a year to run. The most efficient dishwashers on the market have an A rating, and cost around £25 less per year (20kgCO₂e) to run than the lowest rated dishwashers that you can buy of the same size, and they use less water.

Extra Curricular

WOW!

**Well Done Noelle – you
achieved your 5m
swimming certificate!
What a Star!**





Fundraising Star!
Well done to Jad who has supported Children In Need for the last two years. This year he saved money to buy wristbands for his KG2 classmates.
We are proud of you!



Player of the Week!
Well done to Haris who got player of the week for a top performance for his teams Deans's Sport's Under 8's.





Celebration Assembly

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

KG1 – Star of the week – Giorgio

KG2 – Lam & Esther

Form 1 – Ellis & Chibinyelum

Form 2 – Whole Class

Form 3 – Thomas & Monoyo

Form 4 – Amy-Marie & Eyad

Form 5 – Russian & Ahmed

Form 6 – Tara & Lynott

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