

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

*"If you want the
rainbow you have
to put up with
the rain."*

Dolly Parton

Open Day Guides

We held two Open Days this week to give prospective parents the opportunity to look around our school and experience it during a normal school day. Both days were extremely well attended.

Our Form 6 children acted as our tour guides around the main school building and as always presented themselves and our school in the best light. The feedback from the prospective parents was excellent and they all really enjoyed chatting to you all about your school.

Thank you Form 6 for being so wonderful and demonstrating all that is good about our school. We are all very proud of you.

Report by Mrs Holroyd

Form 5

Form 5 have been feeling festive and preparing for the upcoming Christmas season! We have decorated the tree this week. The children are welcome to bring their own bauble to add to the tree; Charlotte already has done! We will be exploring winter and Christmas, as a theme in our writing lessons, next week!

Report by Miss Basger





Form 4

Form 4 are really enjoying their class novel, *The Butterfly Lion* by Michael Morpurgo. After a boy runs away from school (not advised!), he is befriended by an old lady who tells him the story of her friend Bertie who lived as a boy on a compound in the South African veld, near a water hole. We have been describing this scene in our English lessons, including some of the animals that they might have seen there. Maybe someone will really want a hippopotamus for Christmas!

Report by Mr Booth

KG2

This week KG2 have been learning about cold lands during their literacy lessons. They have researched, discussed and written about animals who live in either the Arctic or Antarctic. In maths they have been using the language tall, taller, tallest, short, shorter, shortest.

The children have also worked hard helping Mrs Dickinson create a magical cloakroom display ready for an important visitor at the Christmas Fair. We had our first Special Super Stars this week. Two children brought in their toys to talk about in front of the class. They certainly set the bar high for the next pair! Well done.

A busy week in KG2 as usual. Great job everyone.

Report by Mrs Bolton



Form 6

This week Form 6 showcased not only our school, but also their super speaking and listening skills in their roles as our Open Day tour guides. While explaining all of the need-to-know information about the school to our visitors, our children spoke from the heart about their love at being a part of the Branwood family. We have already shown the children our appreciation



in cupcake-form but wanted to commend them again here for being such terrific ambassadors.

Report by Mr Sullivan

KG1

Another busy week for KG1 this week. The children are getting very excited for their Nativity performances and have been rehearsing with the rest of Lower school this week.

Mrs Boulton came to visit KG 1 this week to see how busy we are. The children were working hard on Phonics matching objects to their initial sound and trying very hard with letter formation.

In maths we have been matching Numicon to the relevant numeral and matching the correct number of objects to the numeral.

Report by Mrs Coffey



Form 1

Form 1 went on a very exciting trip this week. After Christmas, we will be studying the work of Julia Donaldson. This year marks the 30th anniversary of Julia and Axel releasing their first book, A Squash and Squeeze. Form 1 visited the special exhibition and had great fun exploring artwork and interactive displays. We were then treated to a story in Stick Man's tree house with Emma our guide. She then took Form 1 up to the studios to take part in a drama workshop. We had great fun using our bodies to create shapes and becoming members of the Zog Academy.

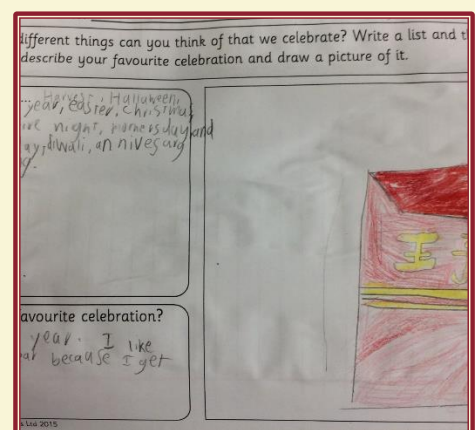
Report by Mrs Houseman



Form 2

Form 2 have been thinking about diversity in our PSHE lessons. We discussed what things are the same about each of us and what things are unique. They really enjoyed doing some lovely personal artwork on what makes them special individuals.

Report by Mrs Jones



Eco Tips

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It costs less to set your heating to come on when you need it and just in the rooms that you are using, rather than keeping it on low all day.



Extra Curricular

Tapathon Success

Grace danced in the Children in Need Tapathon on Sunday at the Trafford Centre as part of Miss Joanne's Dance School. Over 33 million was raised for CIN with the help of all these wonderful dancing groups tapping across the UK!

Well Done!



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 – Daisy & Ronnie

KG2 – Noelle & Aninoritse

Form 1 – Whole Class

Form 2 – Yeva & Nathan

Form 3 – Isabelle & Ayana

Form 4 – Dean & William

Form 5 – Ananth & Ismail

Form 6 – Whole Class

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