



Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

“To be kind is more important than to be right.

Many times, what people need is not a brilliant mind that speaks but a special heart that listens.”

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Calligraphy Competition

Our annual calligraphy competition was judged last week by Mrs Wilcox, our Chair of Governors. She was really impressed by the standard across all the classes.

Well done to all the children and a special well done to our winners.

	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
KG1	Yucheng	Chester	Ronnie
KG2	Luwi	Phoebe	Esther
Form 1	Layla	Saad	Stefania
Form 2	Xavier	Lyan	Fahad
Form 3	Ayana	Isabelle	Monoyo
Form 4	Vanessa	Thomas	Alysa
Form 5	Grace	Isabel	Russian
Form 6	Rezana	Lucie	Ayush

Christmas Fair

What a wonderful time we all had last Friday at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who attended to make this event such a success. We managed to raise an amazing £1,165.65. A really big thank you to all our parent helpers, Form 6 helpers and of course all the staff.

Congratulations to Mrs Zhu (Yichen’s mum) who was the winner of our special prize draw and to Myla in Form 6 who correctly guessed the name of our Penguin – Jasper.





KG2

It has been a very busy week in KG2 and the rest of Lower School as we have been practising the Nativity this week. This year it is called 'A bundle of Joy.' KG2 are travellers and have been working hard to learn their dances and songs. The stage went up on Monday and we learnt very quickly how to go into the hall, sit in our places and stand when we are supposed to. The children have enjoyed singing the songs and learning the actions which go along with them.

We cannot wait to perform this for the rest of the school during the dress rehearsal on Friday and then again for parents next week. Great job KG2.

Report by Mrs Boulton

Form 3

Form 3 have had a super week and worked really hard. We have been discussing how to be safe in the sun as part of our Light and Dark science topic. The children designed sunglasses and hats to keep safe and also created posters. In Forest School Form 3 thoroughly enjoyed playing a team bonding game and used their creative skills to make lovely Christmas decorations, out of wood, clay and sticks.

Report by Mrs Christensen

Form 2

We have been rehearsing the nativity all week getting ready for our big performance next Tuesday. Everyone is in for a real treat as the children are so amazing! They have a lot to think about - They now know all their lines, are speaking loudly and clearly, remembering dance moves and singing beautifully!

We also had a well deserved break from rehearsals and enjoyed Christmas crafts and hot chocolate at Forest School. The children loved the new 'mud Kitchen' and had lots of fun cooking up some 'different' meals to their friends!

Report by Mrs Jones





KG1

KG1 have had a busy week and it's all been about A bundle of Joy. The children have been rehearsing the Nativity, singing songs with gusto and listening really well to the older children. Unlike Grumble the Donkey the children have never complained, they love hearing all about the Baby Jesus! They all looked fabulous dressed up in their costumes at the dress rehearsal and cannot wait to perform for their Mummies and Daddies next week.

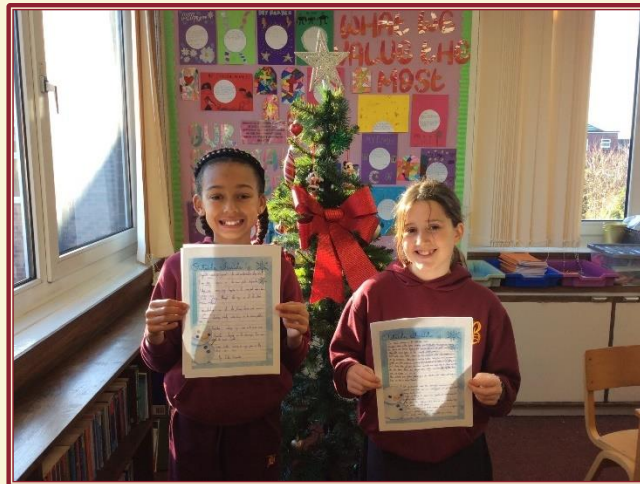
Report by Mrs Coffey

Form 5

Form 5 have been budding poets this week! We have discussed what we like about Christmas time and Wintertime, both inside and outside of the house. The children came up with some wonderful ideas! We then took ten ideas from each section and turned them into poems, using our skills with figurative language.

Here, Ella and Sofia are presenting their beautiful poetry!

Report by Miss Basger



Form 6

Form 6 spent the week enjoying some time outdoors in the sub-zero temperatures as part of their bonus Forest Schools session. The children enjoyed a mix of team games and crafts, as well as ending our session by a warm fire with hot chocolate and marshmallows! Just what we all needed.

Later in the week, Form 6 also took part in a mental health awareness workshop. We talked about the growing part that social media plays in society; particularly the pros and cons on our wellbeing that result from us using it. The children participated with passion, offering terrific insights and opinions that displayed their deep maturity. Well done.

Report by Mr Sullivan



Form 4

Form 4 have started their Normans history topic by looking at the events leading up to The Battle of Hastings. We have really enjoyed finding out about the different contenders to the throne, why they thought they should become king, and how the Battles of Stamford Bridge and Hastings were fought. Many of the children were surprised to find out that Stamford Bridge was in York, not in London! We were also pleased to welcome Miss Ingleby who will be taking over in Form 4 next year.

Form 1

This week we have been preparing the classroom for winter. Form 1 spent Wednesday morning taking part in an art extravaganza. We learnt how to draw penguins, cut paper to make a snowflake and create snowmen. They look fabulous on our cloakroom display. We have also been very busy practising the Nativity and can't wait to perform for our parents.

Report by Mrs Houseman



Eco Tips

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Wash at 30°

You can save around £13 a year from your energy bill just by using your washing machine more carefully. Wash at 30°C instead of higher temperatures and reduce your washing machine use by one run per week for a year

Sports

Handball

We have another silver medal success for our U9 children. On Monday we travelled to Beech House School in Rochdale to take part in an ISA Handball competition. We won 5 out of 6 of our matches to take the runners up place. All the team were amazing, showcasing some great skills learnt in our school handball lessons and scoring lots of goals! A huge well done to everyone involved!

Report by Mrs Jones



Cross Country

Last Saturday saw round 1 the Salford Schools' Cross Country Championships at Buile Hill Park. Eight Branwood runners braved the frosty conditions and joined over 300 runners from schools across Salford. Louis was our highest boy finisher in 23rd spot in the Y3/4 race. Lucy finished a superb 19th for Y5/6 girls. Myla (38), Theo (80), Dean (116), Elijah (96) and Tom (88 on debut) completed the Branwood team. Well done to all our runners.

Report by Mr Booth

Pupil Parliament

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Pupil Parliament is run by pupils for our pupils. This week we have created a pupil voice questionnaire to encourage the pupils of Branwood to share how they feel about our school. This has been shared with class teachers and we are eagerly awaiting the results.

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 – Oliver & Yucheng

KG2 – Oliver & Archie

Form 1 – Whole Class

Form 2 – Imad & Nathan

Form 3 – Ajae & Bethany

Form 4 – Ashvika & Jude

Form 5 – Charlotte & Grace

Form 6 – Rezana & Lynott

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