

# Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

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*“Learn from  
yesterday, live for  
today, hope for  
tomorrow.”*

**Albert Einstein**

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## Lower School Nativity

What a delight it was this week to watch the Lower School perform their nativity ‘A Bundle of Joy’. All the children were amazing and both performances were very well attended. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Thank you also to the parents who served refreshments before the performances which helped raised £63 in donations.



## ISA Art Banner Competition Winner

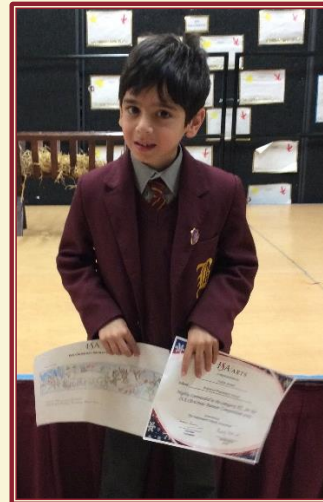


Yusha in Form 2 was delighted to hear his Christmas banner design was chosen as a winner for his age range in the ISA Christmas Banner



Competition. You can see his Christmas artwork on the ISA website by following this link [ISA Christmas Banner Competition](#).

Well done Yusha we are very proud of you.



## KG2

This week, the lower school children performed our Nativity 'Bundle of Joy.' KG2 were amazing. Every child was a traveller, and they sang and danced beautifully. We were really proud of everybody, well done.

Our resident Elf, Mrs Dickinson, used her magic to create an Elves Workshop in the home area. The children were delighted when they came into school on Wednesday to find this amazing sight and thoroughly enjoyed using it.

Report by Mrs Boulton





## Form 1

We did it! Form 1 earned 1000 merits for their hard work and good behaviour choices. So as a treat they had a pyjama party on Friday afternoon. There were party games, dancing, craft and story time with warm toast. It was a well deserved treat for their hard work this term.

Other highlights of the week included our Nativity performance and a delicious Christmas Lunch. It's hard to believe how quickly this term has gone!

Report by Mrs Houseman



## Form 3

Form 3 have worked so hard again this week, showing lots of perseverance with presentation and handwriting. We have been learning about coordinates in maths and describing the position of zoo animals.

Last week some of our class who take part in Reflections Dance club took part in a wonderful show. Well done to everyone.

Report by Mrs Christensen

## Form 5

What a wonderful day we had on Wednesday! The children were joined by the Year 5 class from Cleveland's Prep School; and together they collaborated on a project to collect and donate necessary items to Lifeshare, a company who provide support and care for people facing homelessness across Greater Manchester.

The children started the day by getting to know each other; then Ellen, from Lifeshare, came to talk to the children about what the company do to support homelessness. The children made Christmas cards and packed care packages containing hats, gloves, hand warmers, socks and lots of lovely snacks. We





packed a grand total of 73 full packages, and we were also able to collect a large 'bag for life' full of donations for children, as well as any late donations of snacks.

We are firstly, so grateful for every single person who contributed to our collection, thank you so much for your generosity; the children did a brilliant job of working as a team, with children who they had never met before; and finally, I am so proud of the children for their efforts and determination to give back to their local community.

Report by Miss Basger



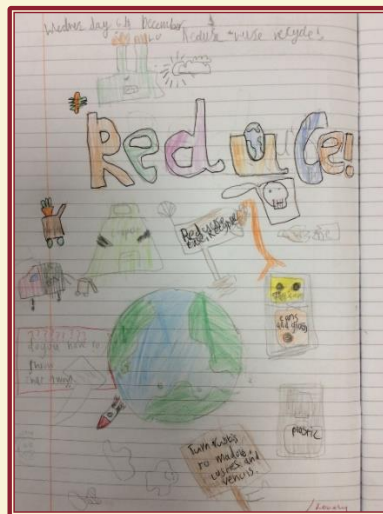


## Form 2

Our nativity performances were brilliant this week. Form 2 did a tremendous job, learning all their lines so well and speaking so loudly and clearly. Everyone really enjoyed themselves too including all the audience.

We have also been busy learning more about the environment in science. We talked about how we need to find ways of caring for and helping our planet. We talked about recycling and conserving energy and produced some lovely information posters on the topic that you may spot around school.

Report by Mrs Jones



## Form 4

Form 4 are really getting stuck into their Normans topic, exploring the Battle of Hastings in more detail. We looked at the tactics William the Conqueror used to overcome King Harold, even though Harold had the tactical advantage of being at the top of Senlac hill and William at the bottom. Ava-Grace wondered if this was the origin or the nursery rhyme “The Grand Old Duke of York” because William marched his troops to the top of the hill and then marched them down again. After some research we found out that it dated back to the Wars of the Roses in 1455. Every day is a school day!

Report by Mr Booth

## Form 6

In Science this week, Form 6 have been looking at micro-organisms. We talked about how these can be either harmful - causing illness for example - or how in some instances they can be beneficial, such as gut bacteria helping with our digestion. We also explored Alexander Fleming's work on penicillin and decided to investigate mould growth on bread. We look forward to sharing our (mouldy) findings with you in a future edition of The Bee!



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### *Eco Tips*

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### **Eco Tips**

To reduce moisture in your home please make sure it is ventilated so the moist air leaves the house – always use the extractor fan on when you're cooking, showering or bathing, leave any window vents open, and don't block off any other vents.

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### *Pupil Parliament*

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### **Pupil Parliament**

This week members of Parliament went out during break time and asked pupils to complete the Pupil Voice Questionnaire. Next week will be our last session for the term and we will be reviewing the answers given and setting an agenda for next term. Pupil voice is important to the Parliament. We want Branwood to be a happy place for everybody.

### **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 & Preston

KG2 – Whole Class

Form 1 – Whole Class

Form 2 – Whole Class

Form 3 – Beatrice & Nasar

Form 4 – Ava-Grace & Luke

Form 5 – Sophia L & Theo

Form 6 – Ayush & Anya

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### *Social Media*

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