

Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

*“Only those who
dare to fail
greatly can ever
achieve greatly.”*

Robert F Kennedy

KG2

The children have had a fantastic end to this half term. The theme of the week has been Chinese New Year and the book was The Dragon with the blazing bottom. In maths we have tried to make sure that we can all recite our number bonds to 10. On Monday, Rachel and Harold from Coram Life Education came to visit and taught us about our bodies, how to look after them by keeping healthy and safe. We hope that the children have a fun and restful half term and look forward to seeing them when they return in a week.

Report by Mrs Boulton





Form 5

Form 5 have had a great final week of the half term. We had Rachel, from Coram Life come to visit us. She ran some excellent and informative sessions for the children, where they learnt about lots of relevant things, that will be helpful to them over the next few years! One of the topics she covered was consent, where the children acted mini scenes out, asking their friends for consent (for a hug or a selfie); the children got a lot from the session, and all came out of it with a positive reaction.

Report by Miss Basger

The 'B Factor'

Forget the X-Factor... here at Branwood we have the 'B Factor!' Last week, upper school choir held their annual singing competition during choir rehearsals.

This is a lovely opportunity for the children to perform a song of their choice to the rest of the choir. We had groups and soloists, singing everything from Beyonce and Jessie J to Katie Perry.

The winners, as voted by their fellow choristers, were the Form 6 girls calling themselves 'Girls In Black'. They performed a medley of songs, with an accompanying dance using props. Congratulations girls and well done to everyone who took part - we had a lot of fun!

Report by Mrs Cracknell





Form 6

Form 6 spent time this week focusing on their RSE studies. We were lucky enough to be able welcome Rachel from the SCARF team into our classroom. Our discussions centered upon issues such as personal boundaries and appropriate physical contact to us from others. We also learned about the changes that puberty brings to boys' and girls' bodies, linking this to the workings of the human reproductive system. The class engaged well with the subject matter, treating it with maturity and respect. The class asked so many well-considered questions and I was very proud of their conduct throughout. They did themselves proud and I have no doubt that they learned a great deal.

Report by Mr Sullivan



Form 1

It has been an enjoyable week in Form 1. We've had great fun creating our Arctic dioramas, and exploring the landscape and the animals that inhabit the area. In PSHEE, we had a visit from Rachel from the life caravan who discussed the body and how to look after it well. In English, we have been putting our letter-writing skills to the test and have produced some lovely letters to send to Julia Donaldson. In maths, we've been studying doubling and halving and are becoming quite confident with this.

Report by Mrs Houseman



Form 3

Form 3 have been busy working extremely hard all week. They have shown a super attitude towards their work and great determination as always to produce excellent pieces of writing and to create a wonderful display for our classroom about the story of The Tiger Child.

In Art the children have shown so much enthusiasm as they have planned, sketched and are now colouring their pop art comic strips. They really are amazing and they have shown such enjoyment, lots of creativity and innovative ideas. Well done to everyone for another brilliant week to finish the half term.

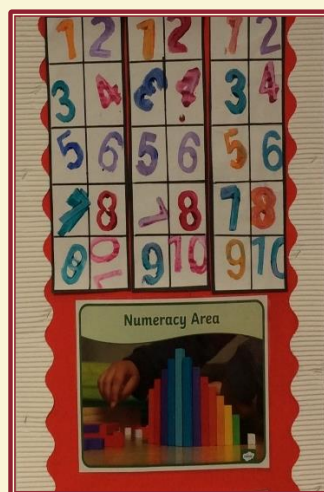
Report by Mrs Christensen

KG1

KG1 have had another lovely week in school. The children have been thinking about feelings and we looked at a thought provoking book 'How we feel' by Sybil Wettasinghe. The children completed a special piece of work describing how they were feeling at that moment in school. I am delighted to say that without exception the answer was HAPPY. Every time we look at the display in class it makes us all happy to look at the smiling faces.

Last Friday was NSPCC number day, the children enjoyed coming to school in their number themed outfits and enjoyed lots of fun number activities. The children have had a very busy and happy half term and are now looking forward to the holidays.

Report by Mrs Coffey



Form 2

This week we have worked very hard to complete our Great Fire of London topic. We took part in a really fun hot seating activity with the children taking on various roles such as Samuel Pepys, Thomas Farroner and King Charles and the rest of the class asked them challenging questions. We also produced amazing diaries, newspaper reports and art work. All of the class have received a commendation for the efforts they made in their diary writing homework.

Report by Mrs Jones





Music

Music Recital

We held our first Music Recital of the year this week. This was an opportunity to showcase our talented musicians and singers and promote the wide range of musical opportunities available here at Branwood. The children were amazing, showcasing the hard work that they all put into their practice sessions. We hope that you all enjoyed it as much as we did!



Sports

Football

Last Friday our U11 football team took part in a five-a-side ISA North tournament at Soccer Fives, Trafford.

The boys had a brilliant day, playing against lots of strong competition. They lost two matches by just a goal, drew one match and confidently won their other two games.

Well done to all involved and thank you to Forest Park School for hosting such a great event.



Report by Mrs Jones



Pupil Parliament

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We've been getting green-fingered this week and have been researching indoor plants. It took a lot of thought as we had to look into the benefits of each plant – which plants cleaned the air the best or produced more oxygen. The representatives worked together to choose the plant they would like for their classroom and we will be using some of the money in our pot to purchase them soon.

Pupil voice is important at Branwood, so we also discussed behaviour in and around school and asked for ideas on how pupils feel we should handle behaviour in school. Lots of great suggestions and feedback were given and we will be passing our notes on to Mrs Boulton, our behaviour lead.

Eco Tips

Air Pollution

The Royal College of Physicians estimate 40,000 deaths a year in the UK are linked to air pollution, with engine idling contributing to this. Idling increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. These fumes contain a number of harmful gasses including carbon dioxide, which is bad for the environment and contributes towards climate change, as well as a range of other harmful gasses including nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide and hydrocarbons which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases.

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 – Leagsaidh & Xenofon

KG2 – Yasin & Kushal

Form 1 – Ellis, Vihangi & Sachin

Form 2 – The Whole Class

Form 3 – Bella & Haris

Form 4 – Jude

Form 5 – Gloria & Ahmed

Form 6 – Jude & Lana

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