

# Branwood Bee



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Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter

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*“No act of  
kindness, no  
matter how  
small, is ever  
wasted.”*

*Aesop*

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## KG2

The children enjoyed a very wet and muddy Forest School session on Wednesday. The weather, however, did not deter them from accessing all the wonderful activities which had been planned by Emma. This week we were thinking about feeding and looking after the birds. The smiles on the children's faces as they sat at the end watching the campfire proved to us that no matter what the weather is like or how we are feeling, being outside in our puddle suits and wellies makes us feel better.

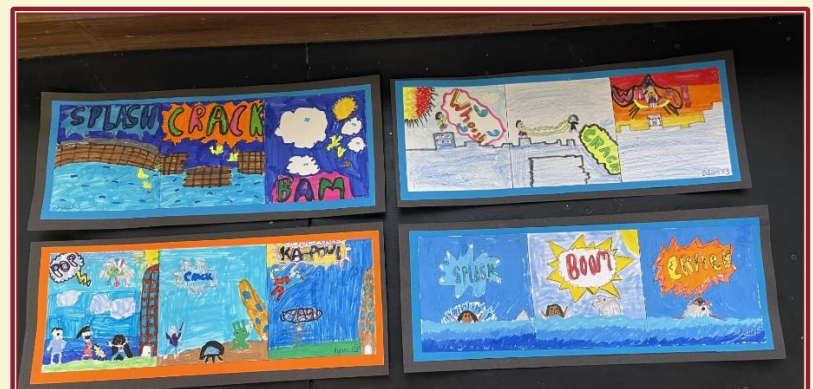
Report by Mrs Boulton



## Form 3

It has been a lovely week back after half term with lots going on. The children have been working diligently in every lesson and also at completing their homework. Well done to everyone. In English they have been working on creating their own humorous poem based on 'A Sea Creature Ate our Teacher'. The children have loved reading out their own versions and sharing their wonderful ideas. Our Pop Art comic strips which look absolutely brilliant, lots of bold colours and so much creativity and thought has been given to their work. Well done Form 3 a super week of hard work and perseverance.

Report by Mrs Christensen





## Form 6

Form 6 have spent much of this week demonstrating their penchant for creative writing. Firstly, the children wrote some terrific newspaper reports that detail the mysterious disappearance of a child in the hills of the Lake District. Our writing display board is now adorned with the incisive reports of our would-be journalists. The children have also spent time working on their first draft of a fiction story. We intend to enter our final drafts into Lancashire Magazine's Young Writers 2024 competition. We will keep you updated on how we get on.

Report by Mr Sullivan



## Form 1

Wednesday saw us taking part in the wettest Forest School to date. There was plenty of mud and rain but it was a wonderful opportunity to get outside and see that we can still enjoy the outdoors no matter the weather. In English, we have been studying instructions and found we had to fix a set of instructions that had been mixed up. Our most enjoyable lesson was following a set of instructions to create a paper hat. We are enjoying our new maths scheme and have spent the week studying different methods for addition and subtraction. On Monday, the week started with a lesson on continents and Form 1 were soon singing along to our now famous continents song.

Report by Mrs Houseman





## Form 2

Even though the weather was wet, we really enjoyed our Forest School session about birds this week. We loved playing 'Eagle's Nest' and we were fantastic at creating nests for some eggs.

Carrying on from the theme of birds, we have also started a new Literacy topic about owls. We had lots of fun acting out the book *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell and linked this to learning how to set out speech sentences in our writing, using a new line for a new speaker and thinking of synonyms for 'said'.

Report by Mr Sullivan



## Form 4

Form four have had a great first week back and we are excited for a fabulous Spring 2 term. We have been exploring newspapers, converting mixed numbers and improper fractions, and we started our new History topic on World War II. In Forest School, we prepared for the arrival of Spring by building nests for real eggs and making bird feeders. We also enjoyed a toasted marshmallow and hot chocolate!

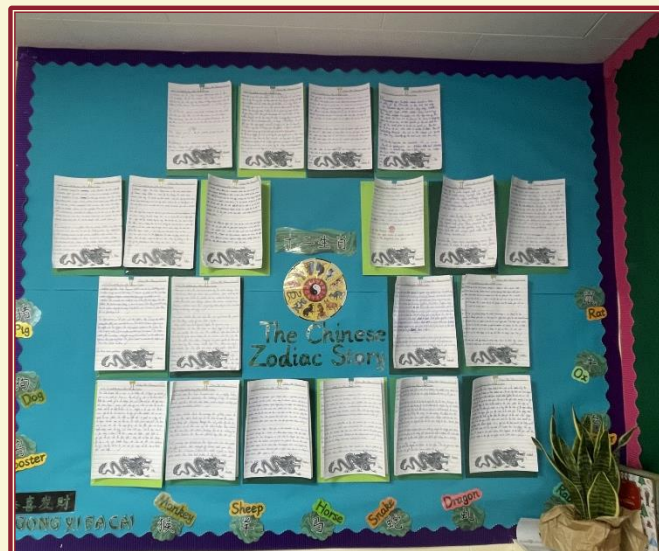
Report by Miss Ingleby



## Form 5

Before we broke up for half term, Form 5 spent their creative writing session retelling the story of The Chinese Zodiac. The writing was exceptional, and it has made it up onto the wall, in the classroom. I am so proud of Form 5 for all of their hard work last half term and I am sure that they will all continue to succeed, with dedicated hard work and effort. We hope everyone, who celebrated Chinese New Year, enjoyed all of their festivities! Gong Xi Fa Cai!

Report by Miss Basger





## Extra-Curricular

### Sporting Family

Ajae has been busy recently! He played in two tournaments recently against Birmingham City and Burnley and won the cup. This footballer was then invited to play for the youth team at Manchester City. He then played for the rivals at Carrington - Manchester United, against Nottingham and Fleetwood town where the team won 3 games lost 1 and drew 1! Definitely, one to watch!

Meanwhile, Ella played three games for Mystic Manchester basketball team. They lost both games but only by one basket! Building confidence is the key this season for the mystics team and I am sure there will be more news from



## Cross Country

On Tuesday, our pupils took part in the annual ISA North cross country event hosted by Scarisbrick School. Despite the challenging course and extreme cross country conditions (with lots of shoes lost in the mud), the children all completed the course with smiles and a great sense of achievement. A great day out was had by all. Well done to our runners!

Report by Mrs Jones





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## *Pupil Parliament*

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### **Pupil Parliament**

In a bid to improve the air quality for the pupils and staff at Branwood, Pupil Parliament have purchased classroom plants and this week we delivered them. Each plant was chosen for its air-purifying qualities, and they look great in the classrooms.

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## *Eco Tips*

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### **Air Pollution**

Help us to improve the air quality around our school by turning off your engines when collecting or dropping off your child. An idling engine increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air. Exhaust emissions contain a range of air pollutants, including carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter. These pollutants negatively affect the surrounding environment and the air we breathe.

### **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 – Asher & Isaiah

KG2 – Luwi & Aninoritse

Form 1 – Zioraifechi, Saad, Stefania & Noah

Form 2 – Yusha & Alyssa

Form 3 – David & Emilia

Form 4 – Thomas

Form 5 – Sofia N & Ella

Form 6 – Oscar & Isaac

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## *Social Media*

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