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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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## Form 1

This week we have started our new Geography topic, Let's Go to the Jungle. The week started with an art lesson on drawing swinging monkeys. They were finished off in oil pastel. On Tuesday, we studied jungles and where they are located. The majority of which can be found along the equator. I was amazed when children suggested words such as biodiversity and climate. I can tell we are going to enjoy this topic very much.

Report by Mrs Houseman




Reading Matters at  
Branwood Prep School

Do you know the impact of reading for just 20 minutes a day?

Child A reads at home for 20 minutes a day	Child B reads at home for 5 minutes a day	Child C reads at home for 1 minute a day
They will read 1,800,000 words per year	They will read 282,000 words per year	They will read 8,000 words per year
They will have read for 933 hours before the end of Form 6	They will have read for 243 hours before the end of Form 6	They will have read for 48 hours before the end of Form 6

Not only that, children that read more...

- Are more creative and confident
- Have better concentration levels and sleep patterns
- Have improved social interaction

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## Reasons to Read

World Book Day may be behind us but here at Branwood we are still committed to promoting a love of reading. There are many benefits to reading regularly, such as improved mental well-being, stronger vocabulary skills, reduced stress levels and improved sleep. With the right support and texts, everybody can enjoy and benefit from reading.



## KG1

It was lovely to see all the children come back to school with such enthusiasm after the Easter holidays.

KG1 have been busy learning their new sound 'h' and writing CVC words such as hat, hop and hen.

In maths they have been working hard matching numerals to amounts. KG1 have also really enjoyed painting some beautiful pictures this week and had a fantastic time listening to "Junk Percussion" in a special assembly.

We have had a lovely start to the term and are looking forward to next week when the children will be planting sunflowers.

Report by Mrs Coffey



## Form 3

It has been wonderful to see Form 3 back in school this week after the Easter break. The children have put such a great effort into their holiday homework, well done to everyone.

This week we have started to learn about plants in Science, the children have learned about the different parts of a plant, identifying and labelling the functions of each part.

In English we have begun to look at the features of a Diary entry, using 'The Lively Labrador' as our modelled text. The children will be planning and writing their own diary using their own animal character which they have created.

A super week back to start the Summer term with excellent attitudes towards learning as always. Well done.

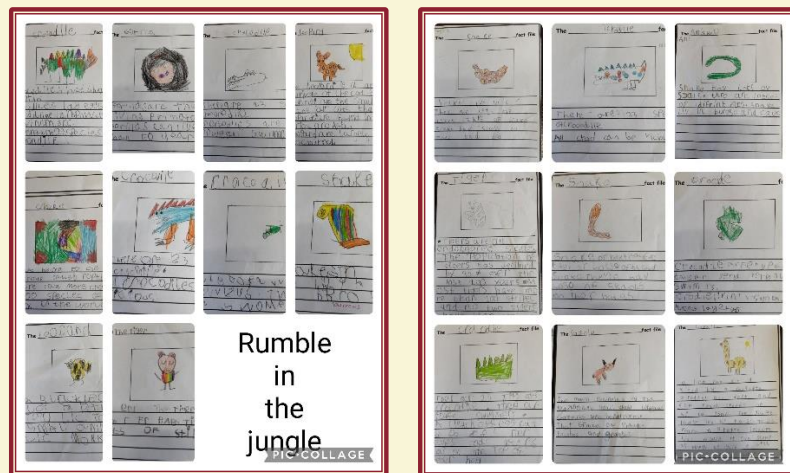
Report by Mrs Christensen



## KG2

This week the children in KG2 have worked incredibly hard. The story of the week has been 'Rumble in the Jungle' and they have written their own fact files about some of the animals in the story. Everyone did a fantastic job. Well done KG2.

Report by Mrs Boulton



## Form 4 & Form 6

Form 4 and Form 6 had an amazing day working with Rome from Junk Jam yesterday! We learnt lots about rhythm, unusual instruments, layering patterns and how to follow a conductor. There was a lot of learning, a lot of noise and definitely a lot of fun! I think it's safe to say that our performance at the end raised the roof and impressed everyone with our percussive talents!

Report by Miss Ingleby





## Form 2

We have 'dived' straight into our new topic all about seas and oceans this term. Our first lesson was all about the locations of the five oceans and some well known seas. We used atlas skills to pinpoint these on a map of the world. Next we learnt about the different levels of the ocean. We were amazed to learn that there are parts of the ocean that have not yet been discovered and that sea trenches can be more than 11000 meters deep. We discovered that sea creatures live in different levels of the sea according to their needs. We finished off the week by reading and retelling the story of the Rainbow Fish in the same style as Marcus Pfister. The moral of the story was it is not nice to be vain and sharing is caring.

Report by Mrs Jones



## Form 5

Form Five have come back to school, after the Easter holidays, with a great attitude towards their work. We have been working on perfecting our 11+ maths skills and have used one of our mornings this week to break down all of the complex questions on a GL practice paper, in order to make sure we understand the difficult wording and therefore we can solve the problems! Keep up the good work F5!

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### *Pupil Parliament*

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## Eco-School

This week we met to discuss our Eco-School award application. We will be submitting this before the half-term so we have been looking closely at the criteria. Our Prime Minister, Jawaid, and his deputies, Oscar and Logan, are going to work with the team to create an Eco-School board to raise awareness and promote our work.



Our litter picking is on-going, and Form 6 are leading the way with the number of bags they have collected. If you are interested in litter picking, please see an Eco-School member who will be happy to loan you litter pickers.

**Success**

Alaia from KG2 passed her grading exam in nunchuk and has now achieved her red and white belt.

Well done Alaia.



**★West End Star★**

Harrison from Form 4 was performing on Stage at the Theatre Royal in London's West End during the Easter holidays. He was amazing and got rave reviews. He is one to watch and we are all so very proud of him!

Theatre Royal Drury Lane

**YOUR LIE IN APRIL**  
THE MUSICAL  
IN CONCERT

UK  
LEAMINGTON BROADWAY

Review: YOUR LIE IN APRIL – THE MUSICAL IN CONCERT, Theatre Royal Drury Lane

to be expanded in the complete musical). But the real scene-stealer is Harrison Lui as Kosei's younger self. So tiny on that immense stage, he holds his own with a big personality.

By C. Taylor for the Guardian April 10, 2014



## 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 – Ivy & Kushal

Form 1 – Alyssa, April, Ellis & Rafferty

Form 2 – Onyinyechi, Fahad and Alyssa

Form 3 – Emilia & Sahib

Form 4 – Alysa & Ava-Grace

Form 5 – Gloria

Form 6 – Lucie & Daniel

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