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## Headmistress’s Message

It has been a busy few weeks at both the junior and senior site the past couple of weeks as most of our pupils have been working hard on their exams.

Despite this, the pupils have found the time to take part in a range of other activities and have celebrated numerous successes.

There are a number of events coming up in the next few weeks including Sports Day, Speech Day and Prize Giving, the Year 3, 4 and 5 production of Cinderella and Moving Up Day, so keep an eye on the school calendar and app. The July newsletter is looking to be a bumper edition to round off the year!

**Mrs Claire Osborn**

**Headmistress**

## Reception Celebrate the Royal Wedding

Last Friday Reception Class had a great time celebrating the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The pupils learnt that the wedding would be at Windsor Castle and that the wedding cake was going to be lemon flavoured. They made their own wedding tiaras and flower bouquets and enjoyed a slice of ‘wedding cake’ as part of their wedding feast!





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## Social Networking



### Website

Go to the School Calendar page for upcoming events and our News page for all the latest news and lots more photos.



### App

Keep up to date with the latest news, calendar dates, and much more by downloading the Braeside School App for your phone or tablet.



### Instagram

Follow us on Instagram for regular photo updates! Search for [braesidesch](#) to find us and then click follow.



### Twitter

Follow us [@BraesideSch](#) on Twitter to get the latest updates.



### Facebook

Facebook is our newest form of Social Media. Like us on Facebook to get news, photos, events and updates posted straight to your newsfeed.

## Sports Day Preparation Sessions

Preparations and practice are underway for the forthcoming Sports Day!

Key Stage 3 pupils have been practicing their skills in athletics to prepare them for the house competition at Lee Valley Athletics Centre. They have been practicing standing long jump, sprint starts and baton passing to prepare them for some of their events.



## Year 1 Investigate Materials

Year 1 have been working hard in their Science lessons exploring the tricky topic of materials. Sitting in a circle, they passed round a range of different objects, from jars and bottles to the inside of kitchen rolls. They then had to work together to work out what each object was made of. Everyone really got involved with the task and came up with some really good answers.



## Year 4 and 5 Trip to the British Museum

On Friday 8 June Year 4 and 5 had a really interesting day exploring the British Museum. This gave both classes the opportunity to explore artefacts from past and present class topics including, Ancient Egypt, the Kingdom of Benin, the Mayans, Ancient Rome and Ancient Greece.



Both classes were able to investigate a range of the displays, thinking about what has survived from these past civilisations and

what we can learn from these discoveries. Year 5 had the opportunity to also compare some of their own art work to real life Ancient Greek pottery, whilst Year 4 took inspiration from West African Masquerade costumes and masks to help with their own ongoing designs.



## Rounders Team Success

The newly formed rounders team entered the WESSA Rounders Tournament this year and were awarded runners-up.

The PE department organised a new team at the start of the new term and pupils have shown great spirit. The team are made up from a variety of year groups and have effectively communicated and made decisions that have led to a success. They hope to enter more competitions next year.

They were awarded a certificate and lapel badge – well done team!



## LK Planting Experiments

The children in Lower Kindergarten have enjoyed learning about how plants grow, and even had the chance to do some planting of their own. Using cups and damp paper, they planted their seeds. They are now looking forward to seeing the first sprouts of life!

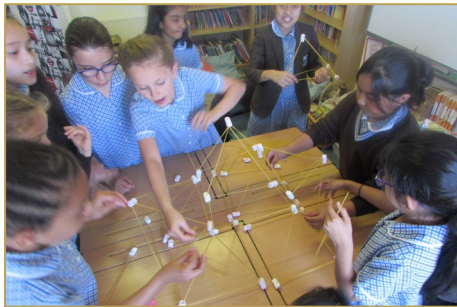




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## Science Challenge

The week commencing Monday 11 June was Science Week at Braeside. The children took part in many activities throughout the week, but one of the favourites was the tower building competition.



Year 3, 4 and 5 were challenged to make the tallest tower using only using a packet of spaghetti and 4 packets of marshmallows.



The winners were Year 5 coming in at 53cm, Year 4 at 33cm and Year 3 at 25cm!

## FOBS Raffle!

There are some great prizes for the Summer Raffle this year which will be drawn on Sunday 8 July, prizes can then be collected from the school. Please try and sell all your tickets and return the stubs and money collected to the school. A big thank you to each and every class for donating the prizes!

The prize list consists of:

- Year 1 - Gardening Hamper**
- Year 2 - 'Waitrose' Hamper**
- Year 3 - 'Costa' Hamper**
- Year 4 & 5 - 'Smiggle' stationery Hamper**
- Year 6 - 'Afternoon Tea' Hamper**
- Year 7 - Alcohol/Non-alcoholic Hamper**
- Year 8 - Chocolate Hamper**
- Year 9 - 'Cooks Corner' Hamper**
- Year 10 - 'Ice cream, You scream' Hamper**
- Year 11 - Summer Holiday Hamper**



**Friday 6 July**

**EYFS Celebration of the Year - 1.30pm**

**Prize Giving - 4pm**

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## Hey Diddle Diddle Music Workshop

Last week, the Kindergarten and Lower Kindergarten children took part in a nursery rhyme based music workshop called 'Hey Diddle Diddle'. Everyone had great fun singing and dancing throughout the morning. The class was full of interactive nursery rhymes and musical instruments, with the added fun of bubbles, a parachute and even Daisy Dibble the cow!



## Shimmer the Mermaid

Reception Class came to school today and found Shimmer the Mermaid resting in their water tray. She had written a letter to them asking them to help her get back to her Mermaid friends who live in the sea. The pupils gave their ideas of how they could help her. One of the ideas included tricking pirates and using their ship to return Shimmer home! Everyone agreed that she would like fish and chips for her lunch if she is still in class at lunchtime!



## Year 5 Make Greek Urns

Year 5 have made some amazing Greek urns made of papier mache. Pupils took inspiration from a recent trip to the British Museum to create their own urn complete with Greek style patterns. They have also replicated the way the Greeks used pottery to tell a story. They then created their own mythical Greek characters through research and observation.

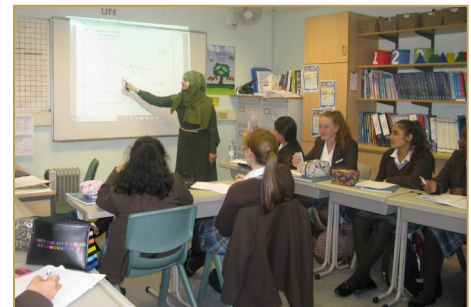
Year 5 worked really hard to make the urns look as authentic as possible. Well done Year 5!



## End of Year Exam Feedback

Pupils have been receiving their end of year test results and have been exploring the feedback from teachers.

The next two weeks will be feedback focussed where pupils will identify their strengths and areas for improvement. They will be completing the 'feedback loop' by re-working some of their exam answers by using model answers and mark schemes as well as teacher feedback.



## Year 6 Explore Kandinsky

Year 6 have been exploring the work of Kandinsky and have been looking at the use of colour. This was demonstrated in the end of year piece of work, with pupils using different methods of shading and creating texture. Year 6 produced some really effective pieces that were all very individual!



## 2018 UKMT Junior Maths Challenge

Earlier this term, pupils from Years 7 and 8 joined schools from across the UK and took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge.

Year 7 – Abeeha, Isabella, Emilie and Naomi

Year 8 – Simona, Alisha, Samantha, Kiera, Simran and Abi

We have just received the results of this challenge and can report that Abeeha was awarded three certificates for ‘Best in School’, ‘Best in Year’ and also a Bronze award. Simona was awarded two certificates for ‘Best in Year’ as well as a Bronze award. Well done to all the girls who participated.



The Junior Mathematical challenge is a national competition which aims to stimulate mathematical thinking and problem solving. The Challenge involves answering 25 multiple-choice questions in one hour and is sat at school under normal exam conditions.

## Ramadan Assembly



Some of our Senior pupils are currently taking part in Ramadan traditions. On Wednesday morning, pupils were very lucky to have Mrs Alahi, Head of Maths, lead an assembly on Ramadan and describe Eid Ul Fitr, the celebration at the end of the fasting month.

Mrs Alahi explained the special place Ramadan holds in the life of Muslims and how it is a month of change, a month of remembering Allah and a month of forgiveness.

Mrs Alahi discussed the importance of Muslims reading, understanding and reflecting on the holy book, the Qur’an, as it was revealed to Prophet Mohammed during the month of Ramadan.

Muslims also try to increase in acts of worship like giving money to charities and the night prayer.

Braeside pupils and teachers actively took part in trying to spot the crescent of the moon in photographs of the sky in different countries. Mrs Alahi explained the significance of the moon in determining which day to commence fasting and also which day the Eid festival would be celebrated.



A special thank you to Mrs Alahi for delivering this wonderful assembly.

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## Karate Success for D of E Participants

Many of our Year 10 pupils are taking part in the Duke Of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and they will be doing their expedition this weekend.

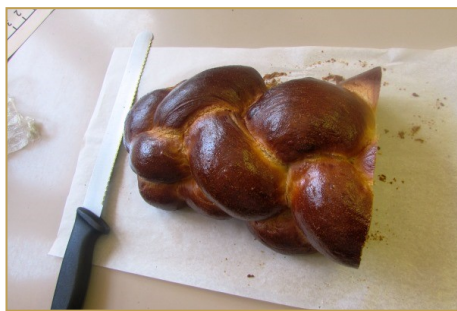
As part of the award scheme, pupils have to embark on a new skill and sport. Megan and Annemarie in Year 10 decided to take up karate, and last week, they were both awarded their yellow belt.

This is something that they both now hope to continue.



## Year 1 Explore Different Religions

Year 1 have been learning all about Judaism in their RE lessons. The children are enjoying finding out about the traditions and values that other religions hold.



To further their learning, the class got the opportunity to enjoy some Challah bread that was made by Mrs Celentano. This is a very special bread in Jewish cuisine, and is typically eaten on ceremonial occasions such as Sabbath and major Jewish holidays. Everyone found the bread very tasty and are looking forward to learning about other religions in their RE lessons.



## World Cup Geography

As the World Cup started this week, pupils were given activities relating to it in their Geography lessons. This gave them the opportunity to find out about the location of the participating countries and the venues in Russia.

Year 9 worked out on which continent each of the 32 countries taking part in the World Cup belonged and then plotted them on a map of the world.

Year 6 and Year 7, once they had received feedback from their end of year examination, completed a World Cup word search to identify all 32 participating countries.

Year 8 mapped out the 11 venues for the World Cup and, using a mileage matrix, worked out which of the 32 teams will travel the furthest in their qualifying group matches.







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## FOBS Update

Hello parents!

Not long now until the end of the school year and with some luck a summer of sunshine.

FOBS remains committed to supplying the girls and school with the little extras such as the tables and chairs in the junior play ground and the ping pong tables and drinks at the leaving dinner.



We have had to take the difficult decision to cancel the Summer Fete this year, an event much loved by all, because we simply do not have enough 'parent power' to put it on. It will be up to the new committee what events will go ahead in the new school year; elections are due in September so please put your hat in the ring.

## Dates for the Diary

FOBS next full committee meeting will be in the new school year, Tuesday 18 September at the Senior site. All are welcome and we have, as already mentioned, positions available on the committee.

Proposed activities for school year 2018/2019:

- Oak-Tree Fireworks - Nov 2018
- Christmas Fayre - Dec 2018.
- Oak Tree Group Summer Ball - May 2019

## Contacting FOBS

We can be contacted in the following ways:

Our email address is - [braesidefobs@gmail.com](mailto:braesidefobs@gmail.com)

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Or through your Class Rep.

Thank you for taking the time to read our bit of the monthly newsletter and we look forward to seeing you all at our next FOBS event.

Adrian Adams

Co-Chair - FOBS