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## Headmistress's Message

The spring term has already got off to a busy start. Year 11 pupils will be relieved to have completed their mock exams, and will be using the feedback from their teachers to help them prepare for the GCSE exams in the summer term.

The 11+ entrance exams took place last week and were once again well attended. We are now in the process of interviewing all candidates before finalising our offers of Year 7 places for September.

This term we have had a number of trips both local and further afield, two art exhibitions and of course much learning in and out of the classroom.

It was lovely to see so many junior parents at the dance assembly in January. I look forward to seeing all parents at the parents' evenings taking place on both sites this term.

With my best wishes

**Mrs Claire Osborn**

**Headmistress**

## National Citizenship Service Talk to Year 11

On Monday 29 January a representative from the National Citizenship Service came to the school to talk to Year 11 about their scheme.

NCS is a three-part programme for 15-17 year olds. It is perfect for boosting CV experience, personal statements and UCAS forms. It is also an unforgettable experience which builds confidence and independence. The programme runs during the summer holiday, the autumn half term, and autumn term time. Many Year 11 pupils have already registered their interest in taking part in this exciting opportunity after their GCSE examinations in the summer.

Good luck to them!



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## Building Bridges in D&T



Year 4 have been designing bridges in D&T this month, and after much anticipation the class got to turn their designs into reality. The children used items brought in from home to help with the building. After lots of careful planning they cut, covered and constructed. It was fantastic to see lots of pair and team work going on, with everyone helping each other to assemble parts and get their bridges just right. In the next lesson the class will have the excitement of seeing whether the bridges will allow a toy car to successfully cross the 'classroom river'!



## Forest School's Higher Education and Careers Fair

On Thursday 25 January, Braeside Year 10 pupils had an interesting afternoon at Forest School's Higher Education and Careers Fair. There were over 90 stands each representing a broad range of universities, further education colleges and career inspiration.

Amongst the universities were University of Oxford, University of Nottingham and Durham University. The London Stock Exchange had a stall and there were some interesting alternative options such as gap year study, travel and volunteering information. There was even an author present who gave some pupils signed books for their private reading.

It was a positive and motivating afternoon, looking at the bright futures ahead for these young pupils and helping to sow seeds of inspiration.



## ISA London North Regional Cross Country Competition

On Wednesday 24 January 12 pupils, both Junior and Senior, joined with pupils from Coopersale Hall and Oaklands Schools to travel to Rushmoor School, Bedford, for the ISA Cross Country Competition.

The weather was extremely wet and windy making for some tough conditions. Despite this, everyone gave it their all and performed very well. The real challenge was trying not to get mud on the minibus on the way home!



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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.

## Year 9 Chemistry Explore States of Matter

In Chemistry this term, Year 9 have been looking at states of matter. As part of their studies on the particle model they looked at the process of freezing steric acid in detail. They drew graphs to show how energy is transferred to the surroundings and how this changes as a result of changing states from liquid to solid.

The pupils were able to annotate their graphs and evaluate the particle model of matter as a result. It was a fantastically well focused class with pupils showing their keen observation skills and excellent attitude to learning.



## Busy Bees in Kindergarten



A topic in Kindergarten recently has been all about the lives of busy bees! The children took part in a range of bee related activities, and learnt a lot about what these little creatures do for us.

A favourite activity among the whole group was definitely getting the chance to taste some of the bees delicious produce. Everyone loved the honey sandwiches for their snack! The class then got to experience cross pollination on their hands using some very cheesy Wotsits. It was a rather messy but informative activity that went down very well with the children.





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## Year 11 Mock GCSE Examination

Year 11 are currently undertaking their Art mock exam on the theme of Portraits and Identity. Pupils have explored the theme with individual interpretations and have all come up with very different



final outcomes. They have studied the work of several artists including Salvador Dali, Pablo Picasso and Aldo Tolino who specialises in paper surgery, elements of which can be found in the pupils' work.



Every pupil put a lot of time and effort into their sketchbooks which show their progress and formation of ideas. We can't wait to see the final outcomes!

## Junior Dance Assembly

The Junior hall was packed on Friday 26 January with parents, family and friends, all eager to witness the hard work the pupils have put into learning a selection of dance routines.

First there was a fantastic piece the children had learnt last term in celebration of Diwali. The beautiful, colourful costumes helped to make the routine even more effective. Following this some snowmen hit the stage and entertained the audience with an energetic dance to music from 'The Snowman'.

Lastly was Year 4 and 5 who displayed their skills dancing with sticks. They kept to the rhythm beautifully and had everyone's toes tapping! It was a fantastic end to the week, well done!



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## A Very Special Assembly at the Juniors



After the dancing in assembly on Friday 26 January, it was time to give out certificates to those pupils that had gone above and beyond. Many children were presented with an award, from creating an impressive piece of work, to coming out of their comfort zone and sharing ideas in class.

Nishtha, Emilia, Inaaya and Elizabeth were also presented with their certificates for their Violin and Piano external graded exams. Well done, you should all be very proud of your hard work!

## Kindergarten Musical Fun

Kindergarten love their music sessions with Ms Morgan where they have the opportunity to explore songs, sound and movement. This term the children are learning some new songs and are looking at movement in response to the music.

The children had lots of fun and are already looking forward to their next lesson!



## Oak-Tree Art Exhibition

Lopping Hall in Loughton was full to the brim with parents, staff and pupils on the afternoon of Saturday 20 January. Crowds gathered to admire an exhibition featuring outstanding artwork created by pupils from all four Oak-Tree Schools.

The artwork represented all age groups across Braeside, Coopersale Hall, Oaklands and Normanhurst and displayed work in a wide range



of materials including textiles, painting, ceramics, collage and printmaking. The exhibition was very well attended and visitors to the exhibition were extremely impressed by

the high standard and diverse range of artwork on display.

Well done everyone!





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## Royal Academy Drawing Lab Workshop

On Friday, Year 10 and 11 Art GCSE pupils from Braeside and Normanhurst schools took part in an immersive drawing workshop. The class were under the instruction of renowned artist and Royal Academician Jeanette Barnes. Throughout the session they developed an understanding of her methods and approaches.

Pupils were encouraged to work to create a series of charcoal drawings based on stories and collages of photographs. The session was designed to challenge pupils to explore new ways of working, with some fantastic results.



## A Sneak Peek into the Loughton Young Artists Exhibition

On Friday evening family and friends were treated to a stunning exhibition opening of artwork produced by GCSE pupils at Braeside and Normanhurst School. The exhibition formed a part of Loughton Young Artists competition which is a showcase for outstanding artwork produced by schools in the area.

The exhibition took place in Loughton Gallery and featured artworks in a range of media produced by pupils of both schools. The private viewing was well attended by both parents and pupils and was a wonderful way to celebrate the creative talents of the pupils.

The GCSE exhibition was then open to the public in the gallery until Friday 26 January. Later in February there will be a prize giving ceremony at the gallery where a panel of judges will award prizes to the best artworks in the Loughton Young Artists exhibitions.





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## FOBS Update

Happy New Year! With a farewell to 2017 we say hello to a brand new year and hopefully to a brand new FOBS Team.

## Fundraising in the Autumn Term

Back in October Leah, Jennifer and their fabulous team of volunteers kindly held a Cake and Uniform sale, overall making £132.96! Huge thanks again to everyone who helped out on the day and brought in cakes to sell.



Although we are still finalising the accounts from the Christmas Fayre we have so far an approximate net profit of £1,400! Once again a huge THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered to help set up and run a stall, made a donation and came to support us on the day. A special thank you also to the Class Reps for their time and continued support.

## FOBS Housekeeping

Do you know a friend or family member who would like to try their hand at quiz mastering? We are organising a Quiz Night for May this year but are in need of a quiz master! If you know someone, would you kindly ask them if they would be interested in helping us with this event. Please contact the Senior office to leave your details.

As this is my daughter's final year at Braeside having begun in Reception, I am finally retiring from FOBS having also begun in Reception! Adrian and Karen Adams will also very sadly be retiring after the Summer Fete. James, our Treasurer, is looking for a Co-Treasurer to help him with his role as he will hopefully be taking on a new and exciting position this year!

We are therefore looking for a FOBS Chair(s), Secretary and Co-Treasurer. We are asking now so you can attend our team and FFCM meetings and shadow us when organising the remaining events for this school year.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in FOBS and have met and made some fabulous friends! It is a lovely way to get to know the school and staff better and our fundraising efforts are always fully supported and appreciated. If you are interested in getting together for a coffee (or glass of wine!) to find out more about the roles, then please do not hesitate to contact me via the Senior office as soon as possible.

We currently have a surplus of second-hand uniform. The garage where they are kept is not weather-proof and is very damp and cold, especially at this time of year. It is not suitable for storing the uniform. We are looking for a very kind parent who not only has somewhere to store the uniform, but who could also possibly sell it at some of our events. Unfortunately if we do not hear from someone before the end of the Spring Term, we will have to re-cycle everything due to its deteriorating state. If you can help, please contact me via the Senior office.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Family Quiz Night, Friday 18 May 2018 - 7.30/8pm Juniors

We will, hopefully, be holding a family quiz night at the Junior site. More details to follow once we have secured a Quiz Master!



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## Summer Fete, Sunday 8 July 2018 - Senior Site Garden

Once again we will be holding our Summer Fete in the Senior site garden. Details of how you can get involved to follow.

### FOBS News

In November we held our AGM, and thanks go to the parents and staff who so kindly attended.

Karen read the Chair's Report on behalf of Adrian and myself where details of our FOBS events from 2016/17 were highlighted. James then read his Treasurer's Report and confirmed our Net Profit for the year to be £7,847.00. Once again, a huge thanks to everyone who helped to raise this incredible sum!

This year, FOBS has been able to donate to the cost of the ice-creams at the annual pantomime trip, pay for musical instruments for the school bands and choir and purchase table tennis tables, bats and balls for the Senior site. We currently have reserved funds also for the Junior site.

We said goodbye and thanks to Leah Bettis for her FOBS Secretarial duties. Adrian and Karen were re-elected as Co-Chairs, James was re-elected as Treasurer and I was elected as the new FOBS Secretary.

Elin Walsh, Alexis Bennett, Matt and Suzanne Hill were elected as FOBS Committee Members.

We held a Full FOBS Committee Meeting (FFCM) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at the Senior site and again thanks goes to everyone who attended.

The following points were discussed:

- Family Quiz Night
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Summer Fete 2018
- Review of Christmas Fayre 2017
- Resignations and Appointments

### Our next FFCM meeting is on Tuesday 1 May 2018, 7.30pm at the Senior Site

As parents of Braeside School, you are all members of FOBS and are most very welcome to come along, especially if you would like to join in and have your say or just see what we get up too!

### Contacting FOBS

We can be contacted in the following ways:

Via the school office: [info@braesideschool.co.uk](mailto:info@braesideschool.co.uk)

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!

**Polly Wells**

**FOBS Secretary**