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Headmistress's Message

At Braeside we have a rich and varied curriculum that provides many opportunities for our pupils to enjoy new experiences and to achieve success.

This week I was very proud of our Y11 Drama students who had their examined performances at the Redbridge Drama Centre. Mrs Kazim, the Drama teacher, was full of praise for the girls' efforts and achievements.

In this newsletter you can read about the trips, extra-curricular events, fund-raising and enrichment activities that have taken place over the last few weeks. I am sure you will agree that the girls have been busy, both in and out of the classroom.

We are looking forward to the March open mornings next week, when we welcome prospective families to school. I am grateful to all the girls who will be helping on both sites.

With my best wishes for the rest of the term.

Mrs Claire Osborn

Headmistress

Year 2 Trip to the London Transport Museum

Year 2 had a great time at the London Transport Museum on



Thursday 22 February. The children were very excited to travel up to London wearing their high visibility vests. They were involved in a range of hands-on activities and were shown methods of transport from the past, taking it in turns to wear the conductor's hat!





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Year 5 Experiments

Just before the half term, Year 5 enjoyed an interactive Science lesson. The aim of the lesson was to test a variety of liquids to find out which was the runniest. Once each pupil had performed the experiment, they had to carefully record their findings on their graphs. Year 5 did a great job with carrying the experiment through to the end effectively, and helped each other out when it was needed.



A Very Busy Week for Lower Kindergarten

Last week Lower Kindergarten were focusing on settling in and being happy at school. So far all pupils are beginning to settle in very well!

Their topic before half term was mini-beasts, and the children loved looking into slimy snails!

They listened to the story of 'Snail Brings The Mail', painted 3D snail models from circle shapes and spiral patterns, painted snail trails with glitter paint, enjoyed making snail cakes and many other activities.

To make the month even busier, the children have also been learning about Chinese New Year. Some favourite activities were getting to eat Chinese noodles, colour dragons and learn about the Year of the Dog.

Their topic is now 'Weather and Seasons', and everyone is looking forward to what this will bring.



Epping Forest Youth Council Visit

On Wednesday 31 January pupils had a visit from Diane Gilson-Butler of Epping Forest Youth Council. She came to talk to Years 8, 9 and 10 about how to apply to become a Youth Councillor.

Pupils were given candidate information and nomination forms which they were asked to complete in order to be put forward for election. It was strongly recommended that the pupils take part. Youth Councillors make a difference to their communities and school. They enter debates and discussions and attend council meetings. It is a great opportunity for pupils to gain more confidence, make new friends and learn about democracy.





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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.

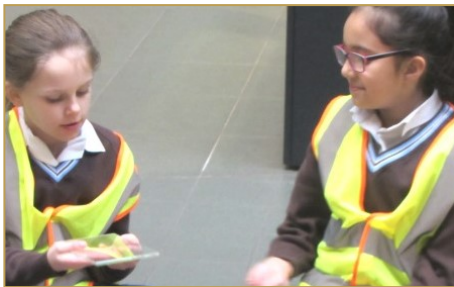


Facebook

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 4 Trip to the V&A Museum

On Wednesday 7 February, Year 4 had a fantastic time exploring the V&A Museum and its different treasures. In the morning the pupils completed a literacy based session where they used various works of art to inspire story ideas and build exciting vocabulary.



In the afternoon they explored artefacts from China, looking at the different materials used for designing and making, as well as discussing why these materials were the most suitable. The pupils also had a go at designing their own thrones for an emperor using some pretty tricky materials.



Fun in Lego Club!

Children love attending Lego club after school on a Monday. In addition to having fun with their friends, it gives them the opportunity to be creative and build models they can be proud of.

Using Lego bricks is also a good opportunity for building fine motor skills, and the bricks are a great manipulative to work the fingers. It helps to provide an understanding of spatial awareness and teaches mathematical concepts of symmetry, shape and geometry.

The possibilities of what to build are endless!



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School Council Meetings

Mrs Copeman recently had a meeting with the Junior Council. The meeting was to inform the council of the chosen ideas put forward to her about the new playground equipment that is soon going to be available. The items are going to be bought thanks to a donation from FOBS.

The children take their positions as members of the School Council very seriously, and are proud to represent the voice of the pupils and their ideas.



A Very Musical Assembly



Our young musicians work so hard in their musical instrument lessons, it is always lovely when they are given the opportunity to showcase what they have been learning. On Friday 2 February, the children took to the stage and performed on their various instruments. It was great to see how proud the children were of their work, and everyone else had a great time listening to them! Well done!

Pancake Day Fun!

Reception class celebrated Shrove Tuesday in a very tasty way! After getting the chance to taste some yummy pancakes with extra lemon and sugar, the children enjoyed Pancake Day races. They did a great job balancing a pancake in their frying pans, some even managed to flip them in the air!



The Mayor Presents Loughton Young Artists

On the evening of Friday 23 February a special event was held at Loughton Art Gallery to celebrate the best artwork produced by all of the schools that took part in the Loughton Young Artists competition. Earlier in the month a panel of judges visited the art exhibition at Loughton Gallery hosted by Braeside School and Normanhurst School to select winning artworks. The judges were extremely impressed with the standard of work at the exhibition.

The first prize went to Karishma at Braeside School for her striking and extremely realistic self-portrait. Second prize went to Bilal from Normanhurst for his stunning architectural form photography. Highly commended went to Suzannah from Braeside for her thought provoking mixed media work entitled 'cultural identity'.



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Year 7 Flower Dissection

Year 7 continue their Biology lessons on the topic of ecosystems. They are learning about flowers and pollination, therefore to further their knowledge they dissected roses to observe the male and female parts they contain.



Some of the pupils were surprised to find both male and female parts inside each flower and that insects were needed in order for pollination to occur. They then went on to compare the features of insect pollinated flowers and wind pollinated plants.



Action Aid Fundraiser

The whole school gathered together on Wednesday 21 February to raise money for their chosen charity, Action Aid. The four Houses, Bronte, Fry, Nightingale and Mason all took part with different activities including a cake sale, and a variety of games including 'Splat the Rat' and 'Guess how many sweets in the jar'. The hall was buzzing as pupils and staff gave change in exchange for snacks and fun competitions. Fry house was even taking part in a sponsored silence (which the teachers seemed to be really enjoying!). Well done everyone- we can't wait to hear how much you have raised!



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Science Live

On Friday 2 February Year 11 pupils travelled to the Apollo Victoria to take part in 'Science Live!' a series of annual events for GCSE Science pupils around the UK.

The show began with Professor Jim Al-Khalili encouraging the pupils to consider the real possibility of time travel and how, although it might sound far-fetched, it can be explained by Physics, using Einstein's theories of relativity.



Professor Lord Winston showed everyone images and videos of embryos developing and they learned about the ethical considerations that are required of the future generation due to genetic enhancement possibilities.

The class received tips for GCSE examination success from a GCSE examiner. Example tips for success were to revise (even for 5 minutes) after each lesson and to practice the calculations. The new Science GCSE papers all contain an element of mathematics and pupils need to show all their working out in a logical sequence on the

paper as this can gain them valuable marks. For the questions on 'Required Practicals' pupils need to remember that they may be asked all sorts of questions relating to practical tasks, such as how to assess risks, calculate, draw conclusions and evaluate data and methodology.



Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock (current presenter of BBC Four's "Sky at Night") talked about her journey from a dyslexic underachiever at school to a successful scientist. Her message was to have crazy dreams, work hard and take every opportunity given to you.

The day finished with a bang. Professor Andrea Sella of UCL showed the audience how they could melt dry ice if the pressure was high, only to explode the container in a very dramatic and loud demonstration!

The Elves and the Shoemaker



The last week of February is a very special week. People all over the world celebrate the power of books and reading. Year 5 had a particular focus on the fairy tale of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'.

As part of their studies, they began work on a shoe mood-board. In future lessons, these will help the pupils to design, make and advertise their final products. We look forward to seeing their final shoe designs!



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Reception Celebrate Chinese New Year

This year is the Year of the Dog and Reception class joined in the celebrations by making a Chinese dragon mask and tasting Chinese food. The children sampled noodles, prawn crackers and crispy seaweed. At the end of the day they took home a money wallet and a fortune cookie to share with their families.



World Book Day Cake Sale

On Monday 26 February the Junior site held a cake sale in celebration of World Book Day. A huge thanks to the pupils and parents who put so much time and effort into creating such amazing cakes. We had Alice in Wonderland, Harry Potter, Medusa, Horrible Histories and lots more. The table of cakes reached the whole length of the hall!

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. It is the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.



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FOBS Update



Snow! Snow! Snow!

We hope you are keeping warm and safe in this bizarre weather we are having this week and are hunkering down under your duvets!

We're waiting for warmer weather to tackle our storage areas but the FOBS team will be getting together after the Easter Holidays to discuss all things FOBS for the Summer term!

FOBS House Keeping

We would still like to hear from anyone who knows a friend or family member who is a quiz master or would like to try their hand at quiz mastering. We are trying to organise a Quiz Night for May this year but do not have a quiz master! If you do know someone, would you please kindly ask them if they would be interested in helping us with this event as soon as possible so we can get the ball rolling. Please contact the Senior office to leave your details.

We are also waiting in hopeful anticipation of finding a new Chair(s) and Secretary for FOBS.

The reason we are asking now is so you can attend our team and FFCM meetings and generally shadow us when organising the remaining events for this current school year, particularly with the planning of the Oak-Tree Summer Ball which will now be held in May 2019.

If you are interested in getting together for a coffee (or glass of wine!) and a chat to find out more about the roles then please do not hesitate to contact me via the Senior office as soon as possible.

As we have had no offers to take on the storage and selling of the secondhand uniform, I have since heard from a friend who supports a school in Kenya with supplying them with stationery, equipment and uniform. They said they would make very good use of it all! This is so much better than having to take it to the local re-cycling centre! I will keep you updated with its progress to Kenya and hopefully have photos to show you!

Dates for Your Diary

Family Quiz Night - Friday 18 May 2018 - 7.30/8pm - Junior Site

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

Summer Fete - Sunday 8 July 2018 - Senior Site Grounds

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



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FOBS News

Our next FFCM meeting is on Tuesday 1 May 2018, 7.30pm at Braeside Senior site.

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

Contacting FOBS

We can be contacted in the following ways:

Via the school office - 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

Secretary - FOBS

OPEN MORNING



Braeside Seniors - Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 9.15am

Braeside Juniors - Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 9.15am