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Headmistress's Message

It has taken until the final week of term for Spring to arrive this year. I am sitting typing this message in a sunny room with bulbs and bluebells flowering outside in the Braeside garden. Just over a week ago, it was covered in snow!

I hope you enjoy reading the final newsletter for the term. The girls have been busy on both sites. The Juniors enjoyed a wonderful book week, and even though the late snow fall delayed the dress-up day, it was lovely to see pupil and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. The Seniors have been working hard, with the Year 11 Drama students performing their final piece with accomplishment and flair for the GCSE assessor. Seniors have organised a highly successful House charity fund-raising event for charities chosen by the Houses.

I wish you all a happy Easter. I look forward to seeing you on Thursday 19 April for the start of the Summer term.

Mrs Claire Osborn

Headmistress

Year 3 Trip to the Natural History Museum



Year 3 recently had a trip to the Natural History Museum as part of their 'Active Planet' topic. They had a Volcano Workshop where they had the chance to use seismometers, make lava and help evacuate a city from a volcanic disaster. Next they had the chance to visit the museum's earthquake and volcano areas where they took part in interactive activities, experienced an earthquake and learnt lots of new facts!

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A Trip to the Local Library



As part of their Book Week activities, Year 4 and 5 took a trip down to the local library to enjoy some quality reading time. The children got to pick their favourite book and made use of the peace and quiet that the library

offered. It was nice to get out and about and spend some time outside of the classroom.



Year 9 Elephant's Toothpaste Demonstration!

Whilst learning about catalysts and enzymes, Year 9 helped set up a demonstration to investigate the relative effectiveness of 5 different enzymes on the rate of reaction of the breakdown of hydrogen peroxide.



It was fun to see the oxygen foam escaping from the measuring cylinders. Lots of volunteers were required in order to make this a fair test.



Everyone needed to pour hydrogen peroxide solutions in at the same time and then all that was needed was to watch the chemical 'race'.

Junior Performing Arts Club



Members of the Performing Arts club put on a fantastic performance for an excited crowd of parents on Tuesday 27 March. They have been working very hard during their after school club on a mini version of Alice in



Wonderland, and at the end of term were given the chance to show their families the fruits of their labour.

It was a short and sweet production with several musical numbers that had the audience laughing and singing along. Well done children!



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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.



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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 5's Explosive Science Lesson



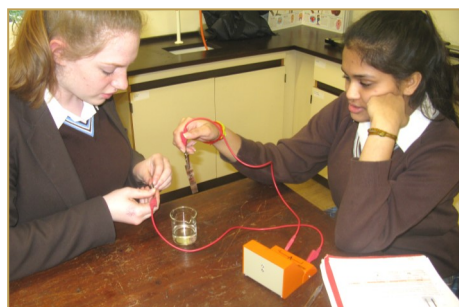
Year 5 had a very exciting Science lesson this month. They were testing what happened when they mixed two chemicals together, sodium bicarbonate and vinegar, which contains acetic acid.

Very carefully they poured a little vinegar into a plastic bottle and put some bicarbonate of soda into a rubber glove. They then stretched the glove over the top of the bottle so that the bicarbonate of soda fell into the vinegar.

The results were quite impressive! The pupils noted that the bubbling of the solution meant that a reaction was happening, then the glove started to blow up! This was because when the two chemicals react, one of the things that is made is carbon dioxide gas, which couldn't escape because it was trapped by the balloon. It was a great, interactive lesson.

Year 10 Investigate Chemical 'Cells'

Year 10 have been learning about energy changes in reactions. As part of this topic they set up and investigated their own chemical cells.



They set up their apparatus and used it to investigate the voltage produced by different metals. They were interested to discover that you can make a voltage with nothing more than salt solution and some different types of metals to be used as electrodes.



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World Book Day

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and reading. In fact, it's 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!

This year, all of the Juniors celebrated by dressing up as their favourite book characters, even the teachers joined in! There were good and wicked witches, a couple of Willy Wonkas, the BFG, Mary Poppins and lots of other great characters. Everyone had a lovely day spotting the different characters and sharing stories with each other.



Lower Kindergarten Ice Experiments

Lower Kindergarten have recently been taking part in experiments using ice. The aim was to see what made the ice melt. They first tried spraying it with water, then sprinkled it with salt mixed with glitter which made it all bumpy. They even tried painting the it! It was a great interactive and tactile session.



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Shared Reading for World Book Day

At the end of the day on World Book Day, parents were invited into the Juniors to enjoy some shared reading time with their children. The children loved the chance to show their families their favourite books and show off their reading skills.



Everyone had a lovely time, with many of the pupils joining other

parents for a group reading session. Reading is a great way to build up vocabulary, language and literacy skills, as well improving concentration, curiosity and memory.



Art Trip to the National Portrait Gallery



This month Year 10 Art pupils and a selection of KS3 gifted, talented and aspirational pupils spent the day at the National Portrait Gallery in London. The day started with a guided tour called 'Think like an Artist'

Pupils were able to share ideas, opinions and observations on a range of portraiture from Tudor times to current day. The wealth of knowledge and passion from the guide sparked an enormous interest and enthusiasm with the pupils. The afternoon session was dedicated to selecting paintings to study and draw. The day was highly successful and will be a great benefit to our aspiring Art pupils. Well done to all.



Reception Trip to Paradise Wildlife Park



Reception Class visited Paradise Wildlife Park on Tuesday 20 March as their topic this term is 'Jungles and Rainforests'. They saw lots of jungle and rainforest animals including sloths, tapirs and all the big cats. The children's favourite animals were the red pandas and the

lions. They also took part in a workshop entitled 'Close Encounters' where the class got to touch a corn snake, a tortoise and a tenrec. It was a great day out where the children got to learn a lot more about their topic outside of the classroom.



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Year 6 Assembly on The Suffragettes

Year 6 presented an amazing assembly last week on the Suffragettes. As this year is the 100 year celebration since women got the right to vote, they decided it would be a great theme for their assembly.

The class found out about how determined and passionate Emeline Pankhurst and Emily Wilding were about the Suffragette cause. They learnt that the only reason the group held violent protests was because for fifty years they had not been listened to!

The pupils worked well together and took on significant speaking roles to ensure that the assembly was a great success. Well done Year 6, you did a brilliant job.



Juniors Easter Egg Hunt



On the last day of term the Junior children were in for a very special treat! The Easter Bunny made an appearance in the hall, much to the excitement of the children!



Unfortunately the wet weather prevented the event from taking place in the playground, so instead the hall was scattered with Easter tokens. The children had to collect the tokens as quickly as they could one by one and put them in their House buckets. The House with the most tokens at the end would be announced the winner! We will find out who the winner is after the Easter break.



As they were leaving the hall the children were all able to pick up a treat from the Easter Bunny! What a great day. A big thank you to FOBS for helping make this event possible.

Y9 Explore 'The Chemistry of Food'

Year 9 are making progress through their GCSE Biology course and have been carrying out one of their 'Required Practicals': The Chemistry of Food and Food Tests.

They tested various food stuffs (such as toast, cheerios, rice, egg, cheese, haribo sweets, milk and vegetable oil) with qualitative reagents to test for starch, sugar, lipid and protein.

The Science pupils were fascinated to find out which food contained the most sugar, starch, protein and fats.



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Easter Bonnet Parade



On the last day of term the hall was filled with some spectacular Easter bonnets as the children paraded them round the room. Some of the designs were truly impressive, including a giant Easter egg, a huge daffodil and the Easter Bunny himself!

It was clear a lot of time and effort went into making the bonnets, so well done to the children and a big thanks to the friends and family who helped them out. It certainly succeeded in making the hall very colourful despite the wet weather outside!



FOBS Update

Everyone here at FOBS wishes you a Happy Easter and hopefully a restful holiday (with the exception of our Year 11 pupils who will be coming into school for revision sessions with the wonderful staff who have so kindly given up their precious holidays).

With Easter in mind, the Senior Head Girl, House Captains and Year 11 pupils ran the Easter Egg Hunts at both sites on the last day of term, with the winning Houses receiving a tub of Roses chocolates and all pupils going home with a Malteser bunny (or an equivalent for those with a special disposition)!



A huge thank you to Elin Walsh for finding a quiz master for our family quiz night on Friday 18 May. We are busy putting the evening together for you all to enjoy! We will send out an email and flyer after the Easter Holidays but please put the date in your diary now and tell your cleverest friends, family and children too! There will be a raffle (so any donations will be gratefully received) and a game of Heads 'N' Tails!

We will be selling soft drinks and alcohol and it's bring your own nibbles! The Quiz Night will be held in the Junior hall, so we hope you will come and support us. All money raised goes to those 'fun things' for the pupils at school!

We are looking for volunteers to help set up on the evening and generally help out on the bar, selling raffle tickets and with the quiz master. Please contact me through the school office email address if you are interested.



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FOBS House-Keeping

We are still 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 chat to find out more about the roles, then please do not hesitate to contact me via the Senior office as soon as possible.

Hopefully during the Easter holidays our secondhand uniform will be winging its way to the fabulous children in Kenya so they can look just as smart as our pupils when they go to school. A huge thank you to everyone who has sent in uniform as the children will be so pleased!

FOBS News

Our next FFCM meeting is on Tuesday 1 May 2018, 7.30pm at Braeside Seniors. As parents of Braeside School, you are all members of FOBS and are most 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!

Dates for Your Diary

Family Quiz Night - Friday 18 May 2018 - 6.30/7pm Junior Site

We will be holding a family quiz night at Braeside Juniors. Tickets are £5 per adult and £2 for children or a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) costs £12. (We welcome children from 7 years and upwards). A flyer will be coming out after the Easter holiday.

Summer Fete - Sunday 8 July 2018 - Senior Site Garden

Once again we will be holding our Summer Fete in the senior school garden. Details of how you can get involved to follow after the Easter holiday.

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



Happy Easter from Braeside School!