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## Headmistress's Message

I am very proud of the achievements of the Braeside pupils this year, whether it is in academic work, sport, performance, taking on leadership opportunities or in being an excellent role model and friend to their peers.

I hope our pupils and their families have an enjoyable summer holiday, and as well as having some school work to do for the older students, I hope that our pupils have time to relax and refresh ready for the new school year in September.

I wish all our pupils who are leaving at the end of term the very best in their new schools. I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 5 September, for another excellent year.

With my best wishes

**Mrs Claire Osborn**

**Headmistress**

## Junior Disco

The Junior pupils had a lot of fun at their end of year disco! The marquee provided a great space for the fun, and pupils dressed in



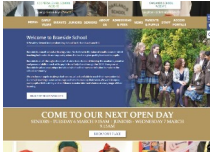
their best ready to dance with their friends. The DJ played lots of great songs and there were also fun games to play including space hopper races! It was a lovely way to end the year, so thank you to everyone who made it possible.





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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.

## Summer Music Concert

Some very talented musicians took part in the Summer Music Concert held at Normanhurst School on Wednesday 20 June.



There were some impressive performances including 'If Only You Would Listen' with some beautiful vocals and 'Allegretto' on the piano. It was a great

way to get to know pupils from Normanhurst and combine skills. Well done to all our talented performers.



## Operating Theatre Live

Braeside pupils took part in a live operating theatre experience in school as part of their Science curriculum. The workshop consisted of the dissection of brain and thorax, including trachea, heart and lungs.

The pupils showed a keen interest in the structures of the human body. They demonstrated good communication skills when organising themselves and demonstrated good scientific skills when conducting live dissection of animal samples.



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## Sports Day

The whole school gathered at Lee Valley Athletics Centre on the afternoon of Thursday 21 June for the annual Braeside Sports Day. A huge crowd of proud parents filled the stands ready to cheer all the pupils on!

The Junior children loved taking part in their set of fun races such as the egg and spoon race, the obstacle races and the short sprint. The Senior pupils also had some sprint races along with relays and some long distance.

Everyone had a great afternoon and showed real team spirit and sportsmanship. Once all the results were counted up, it was announced that Mason were the overall winner, well done!





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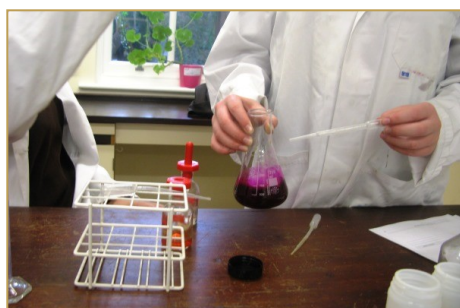
## Year 3 Visit the Dinosaurs



As part of their 'Footprints from the Past' topic, Year 3 visited the thrilling 'Dinosaurs in the Wild'. It was truly a spectacular adventure with everyone time travelling back 67 million years to the cretaceous dinosaur period. Pupils interacted with dinosaurs, saw a dinosaur being cut open live, watched an egg hatch and almost got eaten by a T-Rex. Luckily everyone made it out in piece! The pupils had a fantastic time, learnt lots of new facts and were thoroughly immersed and engaged for the entire visit!



## Reversible Reactions



Year 10 were back in the Chemistry lab again after exam week. They have been learning about reversible reactions and how you can represent them in a chemical equation. The class looked at some colourful examples of reversible reactions.

It was fascinating to see the colours change so dramatically during the forward reaction only to then change completely back to the original colour in the reverse reaction. Some really interesting observations were made of ammonium chloride reactions and the pupils could identify exothermic and endothermic, thermal decomposition, and neutralisation reactions all in the same lesson. Some very impressive Chemistry Year 10!



## Junior Duke of Edinburgh Assembly

Year 10 pupils talked to the Juniors in assembly recently about their achievements and hard work with the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. Pupils talked about how valuable the award is, what they have learned through their experiences volunteering in the community, what new skill they had to undertake and how they have benefitted from physical exercise.

Year 10 showed the Juniors pictures of their expedition route and what they had to carry on their backs throughout their group walk. The Juniors really enjoyed listening to the Senior pupils share their experiences.



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## Fantastic Animals

Year 6 have made these great clay money boxes inspired by the artist Patrick Woodroffe.



Pupils have produced design ideas using different animal parts to create new fantastic hybrid creatures.

They explored a range of new skills and techniques and really enjoyed the experience. Well done.



## Reception Feed the Ducks

Reception class visited the local forest on Friday 29 June and stopped at the pond to feed the ducks.

The children found out that ducks must not eat bread as it is bad for them so they gave them a mixture of peas, rice and oats.

After a walk through the forest the class spent some time in the swing park enjoying a nice cold ice lolly treat!



## Moving Up Day

New Year 6 and 7 pupils came to visit Braeside Seniors site on Thursday 28 June. Mrs Osborn, Ms Moon, Mrs Willemse and Mrs Jermutus all met the girls and their parents over coffee in the morning and then pupils met with their form tutor until break. The pupils got to sample the extensive tuck menu at breaktime and play in the grounds with their newly made friends.

Both Year 6 and 7 had a taster lesson in Science – making electrical



circuits using fruit and

vegetables as a conductor. They then had a taster lesson in Art and

made a start on their art folder. After a tasty lunch in the canteen and meeting all the pupils in the school, they then had team building games in the garden. They played Pass the Hoop, Knotty Rope and a water game that involved filling a measuring cylinder to eject a ping pong ball. Everyone had great fun meeting each other and the staff making for a fun and happy day!





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## Year 3, 4 and 5 Perform Cinderella

Family and friends enjoyed a fantastic performance of 'Cinderella' by our Year 3, 4, and 5 pupils in the Junior hall. Every pupil was confident in their character, with a lot of lines to learn, and had the audience in stitches of laughter on more than one occasion. The make up, costumes and sets all helped to contribute to what was a great show. Well done everyone, you should be very proud.



## Year 11 Leavers Meal

Year 11 had their leavers meal on Friday 29 June at the Marriot Hotel, Waltham Abbey. The pupils enjoyed a 3 course menu of smoked salmon, roast chicken and a cheesecake for dessert.



They made a playlist of special music to mark their time at school and staff and pupils had a lovely time catching up. There was even time for some funny dressing up photos!

It was a lovely way for our Year 11 pupils to end their time at Braeside School. Good luck with everything that you decide to do in the future.



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## Speech Day and Prize Giving

The marquee was filled with proud parents, friends, pupils and teachers on the afternoon of Friday 6 July for the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving.

This year the guest speaker was Sarah Saunders, an old Braesidian who has worked extensively in the field of human resources. It was great to hear about her time at the school and the many successes that she has had since.

A huge selection of prizes were awarded to many pupils, as well as the announcement of the new Head Girl, House Captains and Prefects. There is much to celebrate at Braeside this year and pupils were commended for their achievement, progress and contribution to school life. There was also a wonderful selection of performances which included a 'Greatest Showman Medley' by the Senior Choir, a 'Mary Poppins Medley' by the Junior Choir, some confident LAMDA pieces as well as some instrumental numbers.

A big well done to everyone who won a prize, but everyone should be very proud of their progress this year!





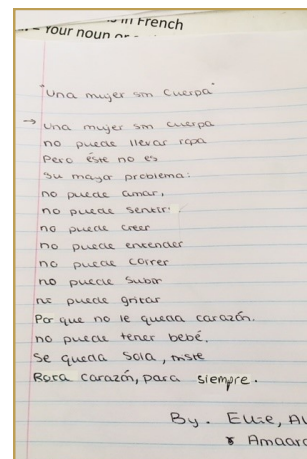
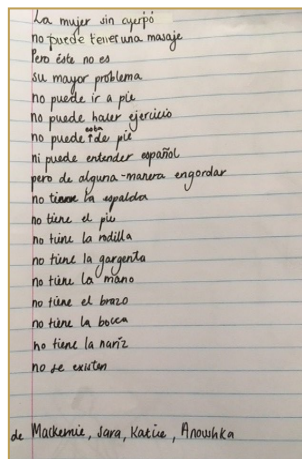
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## Creative Writing in Spanish

Year 9 pupils completed an outstanding piece of creative writing in the course of only two lessons, based on the Spanish poem 'Un hombre sin cabeza' (A man without a head) by Armando Jose Sequera.

Through a series of competitions, they had to complete translation and interpretation tasks from the original poem. They then moved on to vocabulary building exercises which ultimately led them to create two poems in only 20 minutes. They then had to copy their opponent team's poem in a running dictation so they could interpret it through drawing in about 15 minutes.

Well done to Amaarah, Alex, Anoushka, Ellie, Katie, MacKenzie and Sara for their amazing team work and two beautiful poems in Spanish with illustrations!



## Year 7 Have Some Fun in Science

Years 7 and 8 have been having some end of term fun in the Science lab this month.

They have been extracting DNA from a kiwi fruit. DNA extraction and isolation is a process of purification of DNA from samples using a combination of physical and chemical methods. The first isolation of DNA took place in 1869 by Friedrich Miescher. Currently it is a routine procedure in molecular biology or forensic analyses.



## Teenage Cancer Trust Assembly



Ellen Ferris from the charity Teenage Cancer Trust came in to talk to the Seniors this month about cancer affecting young people. She shared stories of young people with cancer, talked about spotting the signs of cancer and how to support friends who may be affected by the illness. It was a thought provoking assembly that covered everything from the science of cancer and treatment, to the work of the trust.



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## Year 11 GCSE Art Exhibition

The GCSE Art exhibition was another great success this year. Pupils work consisted of two units of work based on the theme of animals in their environment, Portraits and Identity and a body of work developed from a self-selected starting point.

An exciting range of ideas were displayed and pupils worked in a range of mediums including drawing, print, painting, mixed media and three-dimensional work.



## School Officers 2018 to 2019

Pupils at the Seniors were elected to be part of the prefect team on Speech Day. Pupils had to apply with a letter of application and had an interview with Mrs Osborn and Ms Moon at the end of term. The senior leadership team then discussed the roles and selected pupils who had been through the application process.

The responsibilities of the team involve being on duty at break time, helping out at school events, taking visitors on tours of the school, organising House events, meeting with the house team and speaking to members of the public. The elected prefect team are: Mahnoor (Head Girl), Kirsty (Bronte House Captain), Sukhmani (Fry House Captain), Bethany (Mason House Captain), Amani (Nightingale House Captain) and Betsy and Laila (Senior Prefects).

Well done!



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## Early Years Celebration of the Year

We had a lovely afternoon on Friday 6 July celebrating the many successes of our Early Years children. Kindergarten enjoyed sharing with the audience two poems that they had learnt, 'Five Little Peas in a Pod Pressed' and 'I'm Bringing Home a Bumble Bee', before showing everyone the Science work that they had been working on in class. Mrs Osborn then presented them all with their certificates of achievement.

The Reception class then gave everyone a lively rendition of 'The Lazy Coconut Tree' which had the audience tapping their feet, and then impressed us with the retelling of 'The Fish Who Could Wish', complete with actions. They were all very excited to show their parents their work and then collect their certificate.

The afternoon was finished off with all of the Early Years singing 'Oh I Do Like To be Beside The Seaside'. What a lovely way to finish off what has been a fantastic year for our Early Years pupils!





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## Junior House Challenge

This term the Juniors held their House Challenge sale. Each House was given £10 to spend, and with that money had to buy resources to make a product to sell to other children. They have spent a few weeks



during House Challenge time making and marketing the products and have now sold them all. Fry were the winning

House who made £102 profit! Now the houses will decide what to buy for school with the money.



## Year 9 Explore the Heart

Year 9 have been studying the topic of circulation and as part of this they are learning about the structure and function of the heart. In class the pupils were fascinated to dissect sheep's hearts. The session went on much longer than usual because everyone was so interested in all the heart tissues and their functions.



They analysed the muscle tissue and the heart valves as well as looking at and feeling the fat around the arteries. There was a lot of discussion about how the heart works to pump blood both to the body tissues and to the lungs.

## Year 6 Afternoon Tea!



Year 6 had their end of Key Stage 2 celebration on the last week of term. The catering team arranged a 'proper' afternoon tea with cream cakes, scones and fancies for them to eat before they played games, signed shirts and made speeches about their Junior time at Braeside.



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## Junior Trip to Southend-on-Sea



On Monday 9 July Reception to Year 5 visited Southend-on-Sea. The pupils first spent time at the Aquarium, learning about fish and other animals that live in the sea. They learnt about marine conservation and how we can all play a part in protecting our oceans. They even got to touch a starfish!

Pupils then walked along the promenade to the pier train. It was very exciting to ride the train which went over the sea!

When the classes arrived back at shore on the train they all sat on the beach and had an ice lolly.

The teachers were all impressed with the brilliant behavior of the pupils, they should be very proud.



## Rounders Competition

Braeside Seniors had a House rounders afternoon during the last week of term. The new House captains organised their teams and set up the rounders equipment on the cricket field. The innings were 7 minutes each so the play was fast and competitive!



Mason won their first competition under the leadership of the new captain, Bethany. The pupils played a really accomplished game and their fielding and batting skills were well practiced and honed. What a great way to end the school year!







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## FOBS Update

Hello and welcome to our last news post for the school year 2017/18!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and staff of Braeside School who have helped and supported us this year.

The money raised from this and all our FOBS events goes to ensuring the girls have fun experiences, enhance their playgrounds/garden and team build with their respective Houses through exciting events.



But we haven't rested on our laurels as we have already started organising more fund-raising events for the Autumn term so please put the following dates in your diary.

### Tuesday 18 September 2018 - 7.30pm

FOBS Full Committee Meeting

Senior School Hall

You are all most very welcome to attend this meeting!

### Thursday 8 November 2018 - 7.30pm (tbc)

Friends of Braeside School - Annual General Meeting

Senior School Hall

We will be reviewing our 2017/18 Annual Accounts, FOBS events held throughout the school year, electing/re-electing Co-Chairs, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members. If you would like to become an elected member of FOBS please contact us via the school office.

### Saturday 1 December 2018 - 11am to 2pm (tbc)

Christmas Fayre!

Braeside Junior School

Come and have a sing song of Christmas Carols, meet Santa, play some games and buy your Christmas gifts!

In order for us to run this event we need the help of many parents. We will therefore contact you via your Class Rep and Newsletter in the Autumn term. It would be great if we could have classes from both the Junior and Senior site to run the various FOBS stalls including to help set up and clear up at the end. If you would like to come and get involved then please contact us via the school email. Thank you.

FOBS will once again be helping Oaklands School to run the Oak-Tree Firework evening. If you would like to come and help on the Braeside stall then please contact us via the school email address.

The Oak-Tree Summer Ball will be held in May 2019 and FOBS will be involved helping to sell tickets, obtain raffle prizes etc. Again, if you would like to be part of the Ball Committee then please contact us via the school email address.



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## FOBS Update Cont...

### FOBS News

I am very pleased to announce the new FOBS Secretary will be Mrs Elin Walsh. Her daughter Daisy is currently is Year 7. Elin will be formally elected in November at the AGM. Huge thanks for taking on this role and good luck. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as FOBS Secretary and met and made many friends during my many years as a member of FOBS.

**Our next FFCM meeting is on Tuesday 18 September 2018, 7.30pm at Braeside 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 see just exactly what we get up too!

### FOBS Vacancies!

**We will have the following Class Rep vacancies in September:**

#### Lower and Upper Kindergarten

#### Year 4

#### Year 7

It would be fantastic if we could fill the above Class Rep vacancies as it makes our job at FOBS an awful lot easier when trying to organise our events! If you think you can help us out then please email the school office as soon as possible. Thank you!

### 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

Secretary - FOBS - Retired (finally!)



## Happy Summer Holiday 2018