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## Headmistress's Message

I hope you and your families had a enjoyable half-term break and are looking forward to the next few weeks leading up to Christmas.

As you read this newsletter, you will have a flavour of some of the wide range of experiences that make up school life here at Braeside.

We have a number of special activities leading up to Christmas including the annual House Drama competition, a non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the bottle tombola at the Christmas Fayre and our Nativity and Carol service.

I hope to see you at one or more of these events. Please remember to put the Christmas Fayre into your dairies: Saturday 1 December at the junior site in Palmerston Road at 12 noon.

**With best wishes**

**Mrs Claire Osborn**

## Spooky Halloween Crafts in Art Club



The Junior Art Club have had lots of fun creating a variety of arts and crafts last month. In the week before the half term there was a special Halloween theme! The children got creative painting some paper plates to turn into spooky black cats.

The finished work looked great and really got everyone into the Halloween spirit!

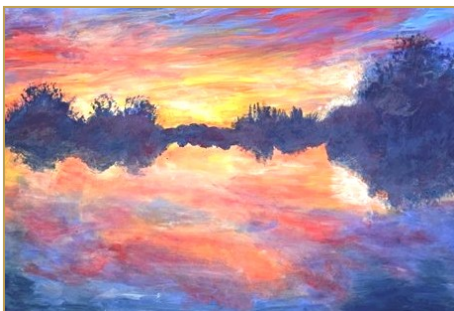
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## ISA Regional Art Competition

This year Braeside pupils from Year 5 to 11 have worked extremely hard to produce a fantastic range of artwork to be entered into the annual ISA Regional Art Competition.

Topics include Hunderwassers London, weaving, Greek vases, puppet making, Impressionist landscapes, observational drawing, abstract compositions, mono-printing, self-portraiture, model making, keep-sake boxes, sketch-book work and plastic pollution.

We had two winning pieces which will now be entered into the national competition in November.



## Having a Mint Time in English

Year 5 have been exploring their new English topic of 'Instructions' in their recent lessons. They made peppermint creams as a way of evaluating a recipe. Everyone had great fun and can't wait to try them!





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## Oak-Tree Netball Tournament 2018

What a morning our Year 5 and 6 girls had at the Peter May Sports Centre on Friday 19 October! Children from all four Oak-Tree schools gathered together to play some competitive netball matches, with all schools getting the chance to play each other.



All pupils worked extremely hard and the team work was fantastic! It was a close competition and the girls did extremely well.



## Operation Christmas Child



In assemblies this week we launched our Operation Christmas Child appeal which involves our pupils filling shoe boxes full of gifts to be sent abroad to children who may not otherwise get presents.

We had some lovely ideas from both Seniors and Juniors as to what they think recipients of our boxes might like. Our ambitious target is to fill 100 boxes across the school. Hopefully we will be able to meet this target!



## Year 10 Chemistry at Work Trip

On the 18 October Year 10 went on an inspirational 'Chemistry at Work' trip, organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. They had the opportunity to investigate further the wonderful world of Chemistry in day to day life. They were given the chance to interact and participate in many lectures on subjects such as drug development, engineering careers, understanding how to control pollution and preventing their world from further destruction.



"It was an eye opener to the further world of Chemistry and how dependent we are on the subject."

**Amaarah, Year 10**



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## Aim Apprenticeships talk to Year 10 and 11

As part of Year 10 and 11's ongoing careers education, Aim Apprenticeships came in to speak to the pupils about an alternative post 16 option to sixth form and college.

Leah from Aim talked about the varied opportunities pupils have in applying for a work based qualification. Everyone had the chance to ask questions at the end.

Pupils in Year 10 and 11 have now had talks from sixth form providers, apprenticeships and a college to help them decide what they might want to study post 16.



## Year 5 Explore Ancient Greece



In the Autumn term Year 5 have been exploring Ancient Greek pottery.

Pupils have started by making a papier-mâché balloon shape before they then start to construct a range of different shapes for the necks and bases of the vases.



## Year 2 Class Assembly



What better way to start a Friday morning than with a class assembly? Year 2 impressed the audience of friends and family with an interactive performance, outlining everything that they have learnt so far this term.

From sentence structures in English, to fantastic portraits in Art, it is clear that Year 2 have had a packed couple of months.

Well done Year 2, you all performed with confidence, despite having so many lines to learn!







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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 new Braeside School App.



### 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 6 Science - Woodlice Investigations

"For the woodlice investigation we started off by entering the Braeside garden and collected some woodlice. We found the woodlice in both dark and wet places. Some were found climbing up trees. We placed the woodlice into a cup and took them back to the lab.

We wanted to investigate which conditions woodlice like to live in. We put some soil in a tray and on the other side we put some damp tissue, we left the middle as the dry area. We put the woodlice into this tray and watched the woodlice find their favourite places to live in. Most of them went to the damp dark soil, a few went to the wet tissue. After the investigation we collected all the woodlice and returned them to the garden."

By Freya Year 6



## Visit by Waltham Forest College Students

Year 10 and 11 were visited by Waltham Forest College students and a lecturer this term as part of their careers programme in PSHE. Pupils had a virtual tour of the facility, were able to ask questions and were guided through the application process.

This aim was for pupils to understand their choices post 16 and think about what they might want to do after GCSEs. The talk opened up the possibility of pupils going on to study a wide range of courses, including practical subjects such as catering.



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## Harvest Celebrations 2018

Friends and family enjoyed a lovely Harvest celebration last Friday in the United Reformed Church, performed by our Junior pupils. The children loved showing off their dance moves to a range of songs including 'Big Red Combine Harvester' and 'Cauliflowers Fluffy'.

Each year group performed a poem beautifully, which for many took a lot of confidence to speak in front of so many people.

It was a great afternoon and a fantastic way to celebrate the Harvest season. Well done to all of our performers, you should be very proud of yourselves!

Thank you to everyone who donated, it is sure to make a huge difference.





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## Year 9 History Studies



Year 9 are studying The Great War and British society at the time of the First World War. Pupils have looked at poverty, Britain's position in the world and the causes of the war.

In order to consider the wider impact of WW1, pupils visited the local war memorial in the grounds of St John's Church to do a field sketch and to look at the wider impact of war on the Buckhurst Hill community after 1918.

Pupils were saddened by the number of family members who died in such a small community and they looked at memorials that documented entire families who lost their lives at this time. Pupils had time for reflection and remembrance.

## WW1 Commemoration

Mr Sheilds (our on-site chef) and his team have commemorated 100 years since the end of WW1 by displaying artefacts in the canteen and servery. Mr Sheilds has sourced a ration booklet, propaganda posters encouraging families to share food and a WW1 cookbook.



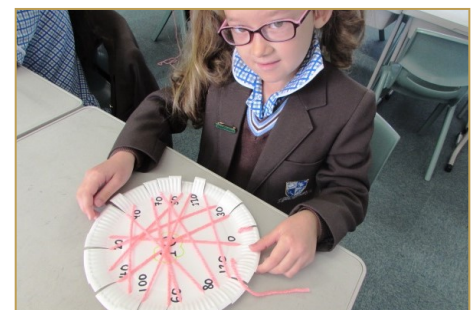
Year 9 and Year 10 History pupils are also studying causes and effects of The Great War.

## Paper Plate Maths Puzzles



Year 3 were presented with a challenge in Maths of working out what they were meant to do with a paper plate with numbers on it and some thread. Being the fantastic Math's whizzes they are, they were able to work out that the plates had different times tables on them and they had to use the thread to complete the times table pattern.

The class had fun threading their plates to help them consolidate their times tables. They enjoyed showing one another their thread patterns once they were finished.



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## Years 6, 7 and 8 School Trip to Bletchley Park

On Wednesday 7 November, pupils from Years 6, 7 and 8 visited the home of the Codebreakers, Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes.

Pupils learnt that men and women working at Bletchley Park devised methods to enable the Allied Forces to decipher the military codes and ciphers that secured German and Japanese communications. This produced vital intelligence in support of Allied military operations on land, at sea and in the air.

Bletchley Park also kick-started the information age with the industrialisation of the codebreaking processes enabled by machines such as the Turing/Welchman Bombe, and the world's first electronic computer, Colossus.

The pupils had the opportunity to experience the life and work of these amazing people and put their own heads together to break some codes.

Here are few comments about this experience:

"The most interesting thing I found out was that the Germans didn't realise that the English were not just listening to their conversations, but able to decipher some.

It was a great experience and I really enjoyed looking around the huts and listening to the voices of people who lived during WW2"

**Lily-Ann, Year 7**

"The most interesting thing I saw today was the Turing/Welchman Bombe and Enigma machines. We also got to use one!"

**Freya, Year 6**

"I really enjoyed touching the Enigma machine and seeing Alan Turing's office while completing the tasks in the booklet"

**Frances, Year 6**

"I really liked the mansion because of the intricate designs on the ceilings and learning how everyone felt whilst working at Bletchley Park" **Daisy, Year 8**

"The most interesting things today were the Enigma machine and how they created the codes. Also how hard it is to crack it!" **Maddie, Year 7**

"The best part for me was when I saw the Allan Turing's office, because that was actually where he worked!"

**Amaani, Year 7**

"There was a video about what life was like for the codebreaking women. It taught me about the important position that the women played in the war" **Naomi, Year 8**





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## GCSE Science Experiments this Month

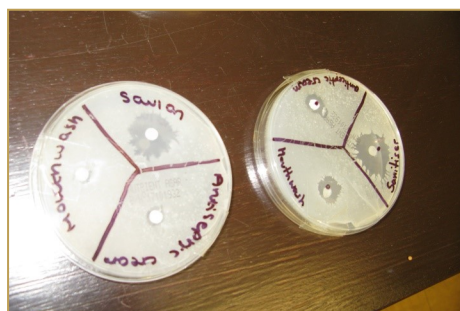
**Year 10:** Displacement reactions using magnesium, zinc, iron and copper: Using a white dimple tray, pupils could see clearly the reactions of the different metals with different salt solutions. They



then moved on to writing out the symbol equations and finally the ionic half equations. It was a really pretty and interesting way to investigate the reactivity series. Year 10 then used their observations to create their own reactivity series of metals.



**Year 11:** Biology Required Practical 8- Investigating the effect of light and gravity on the growth of newly germinated seedlings: It was very interesting to see newly germinated seeds growing. The most interesting point was watching how the seeds grew upwards away from gravity and the roots grow down towards gravity. Year 11 now know this is to do with a hormone called Auxin!



**Year 10:** Biology Required Practical 2- Investigating the effect of antiseptics on bacterial growth: Pupils used known household antiseptics and disinfectants to measure their affects on a lawn of bacteria growing on an agar plate. It was a very interesting and engaging lesson.



## Royal School of Music Examination Success

Many congratulations to two pupils who have recently received their Royal Schools of Music certificates.

Daisy in Year 8 achieved a Merit in her Grade 1 Piano exam and Sukhmani, Year 11, who passed her Grade 4 Piano exam.

Very well done!





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## FOBS Update

### Braeside Open Day - October

Thank you to those parents who gave up some time in the morning and evening to attend the Open Day events and act as parent/FOBS representatives. It was very kind of you and much appreciated. We all have a stake in the school and it is good to be on hand to represent the parent view to prospective new parents.



### Monday 12 November - FOBS AGM, Senior Site Hall 7.30-9pm

You are warmly invited to attend the AGM as it is open for all parents. We will be reviewing our 2017/2018 annual accounts, FOBS events held throughout the school year, and electing a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Members. If you are keen to put yourself forward for election or would like to be a general Committee Member then please do get in touch with us (see details below).

### Saturday 1 December - Christmas Fayre, Junior Site 12-2pm

Come and enjoy Christmas carols, meet Santa, play some games and buy your Christmas gifts at the upcoming Christmas Fayre. As in recent years we will be providing class hampers as raffle prizes. Each class representative knows the theme for their class and will have or will be sending out messages to ask for a small donation for the hamper. If you have been before you will also know that there are a variety of stalls which always require volunteer helpers. We have allocated stalls to year groups and again have asked the class reps if they can put together a small rota to help us cover setting up the stalls, running the stalls for 2 hours and packing them away. Volunteering can be done by yourself, family, friends, by a responsible and able child or by you together. We all benefit from chipping in and the more that do the less time it takes for us all. The Christmas Fayre will be a great way to get the Christmas festivities underway - it is a fun experience for the girls and also benefits them in the long term with any profit that we make. All FOBS funds is spent on adding to the girls' school experience.

### Specific extra help:

1. Volunteers to help start the setting up on Friday 30th November from 5pm.
2. Skilled face painters or those confident enough to give it a go.
3. Someone with creative flair to help Santa and Year 10 inhabit the best Grotto in Buckhurst Hill!

Please get in touch if you can help us with any of these things.

### Class Representatives

We have a vacancy for Year 6. Would you like to take on the role? It is very helpful for us to have a contact in each class as it helps bridge the gap between the Committee and all parents. We communicate via a small WhatsApp group. If you are interested in being the Rep for this year group then please get in touch with us (see details below)

### Contact Us

We can be contacted in the following ways:

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

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

Or through your Class Rep

Adrian Adams and Karen Adams (Co Chairs) and Elin Walsh (Acting Secretary)