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Headmistress's Message

The Spring term has been a busy one, as you will see from this newsletter. Pupils have been on a number of school trips, have had the opportunity to take part in competitions in school and beyond, and they have been working hard in class.

We marked the end of term with our traditional Easter celebrations: the Easter bonnet parade and the Easter egg hunts.

I am sure the girls are looking forward to the Easter holidays. Our Year 11 pupils will be making the most of our Easter revision programme and will be in school for a number of sessions over the holidays.

I wish all our families a restful break. We look forward to seeing you for the start of the summer term on Wednesday 24 April.

With best wishes

Claire Osborn

Headmistress

Green Team Win the Eco-Schools Bronze Award!



A huge well done to our Green Team who have just completed the Eco-Schools Bronze Award! In order to be awarded this status the pupils had to complete a number of actions, therefore have been working hard to complete an environmental review, and have now written an action plan that they will work on after Easter. In a Friday assembly the Green Team updated the rest of the school about the great news!

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Junior House Gymnastics Competition

On Tuesday 26 March we held a House Gymnastic Competition at the Junior site. Children from Year 1 to 5 had all been working on their moves in lessons, and it was time to put all their hard work to the test.

A pupil from each year group took it in turns to come up in front of the judges and perform the routine that they had mastered. For each move completed the children would get a point, if they did it well they would get 2 points and if they completed the moves perfectly then they would receive 3 points. Moves included jumping, skipping, planking and even in some cases doing the splits!

Once everyone had performed, the scores were sorted into Houses, and the House with the biggest mean score would be the winner. Congratulations to Fry House who did extremely well and claimed 1st place! Well done!



We are now on YouTube!

Keep up to date about what is going on at Braeside School by following us on our YouTube page which is filling up with videos from school events.



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World Book Day Competition Winners

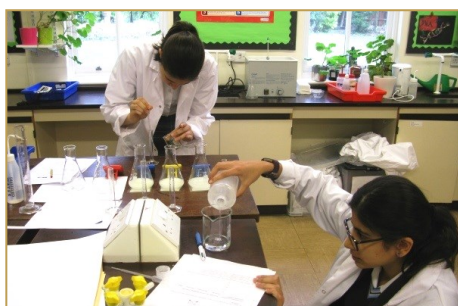
For World Book Day the Juniors took part in two competitions. The first was to design a mask of their favourite book character, which had some extremely creative entries. The second was a competition for the best dressed. Well done to all our worthy winners!



Year 10 Rates of Reaction

Year 10 investigated the effect of adding different types of catalyst and enzyme to the rate of a reaction. Several measuring cylinders were set up each containing a little washing up liquid and a small amount of a catalyst for the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide. Hydrogen peroxide was poured into the cylinders and a foam rose up the cylinders at a rate that depended on the effectiveness of the catalyst.

The pupils tested the gas produced and identified it as oxygen when it lit the glowing splint.



Year 10 Chemistry pupils have also completed Required Practical 5 - Investigating the effect of concentration on rate of reaction. Using their organised and scientific methodology, they investigated how the concentration of sodium thiosulphate affected the rate of a reaction using a colour change. Whilst analysing their results graphs and data, they used the different methods they have been learning in Chemistry to measure rates of reaction. They have looked at how the method can affect the accuracy and reliability of their results.

A Colourful Rainbow Fish Display

We currently have a wonderful display in the Juniors hallway. This whole school project is based on the book 'The Rainbow Fish', and was set by Miss Salem. All year groups created a piece of artwork based on the book using a different medium, showing the progression of art skills throughout the school. It looks great and really brightens up the hallway!



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Oak-Tree Summer Ball

Our Parents' Associations from Braeside, Coopersale Hall, Normanhurst and Oaklands have joined together to organise what promises to be a fantastic evening for us all on **Saturday 18 May 2019** in the large marquee at Chigwell Hall (Metropolitan Police Club).

The theme this year will be James Bond's Casino Royale, with a range of entertainment to suit the occasion and keep us going into the early hours.

The cost per ticket is £70 and includes:

- Champagne Reception on arrival
- Three course meal including half a bottle of wine per person and coffee
- Jazz band performing at the start of the evening and during the meal
- 'Close Up' magicians performing sleight of hand tricks throughout the evening
- Several fun casino tables after the meal to play for tokens
- The opportunity to bid in the main fund raising auction for some excellent prizes
- Silent auction and raffle prizes
- Top quality DJ to keep us on the dance floor
- Professional photographer throughout the evening
- Well-stocked cash bar



The Summer Ball is a major event in our school calendars and tickets usually sell very quickly. This is a fantastic opportunity for all four sets of parents, staff and friends of the schools to socialise and have some fun whilst raising money.

All profits from the evening (from ticket sales, auctions, raffles etc) will go back to each school's Parents' Association to benefit the children.

The booking form can be found on the Oak-Tree website.

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Reception Visit the Pirates Next Door

Reception Class have been reading the book 'The Pirates Next Door' for World Book Day and came to school dressed as pirates. They have made brightly coloured parrots and written a message in a bottle to their pirate friends, but the best bit of all was making their very own classroom pirate ship!



Eye Ball Dissection



Year 10 Biology pupils have been carrying out eye ball dissections as part of their topic on the human nervous system.

They have learned about the structure and function of different parts of the brain and have recently been learning how all the different parts of the eyeball are related to their very

important functions.

Having identified components such as the iris and the lens inside the eyeball, pupils will be learning how the shape of these components alter the way we see things.



BFI French Movies Workshop

On Thursday 28 February, Year 8, 9 and Year 10 French pupils participated in a day workshop at the British Film Institute on French cinema.

They were encouraged to describe movies and discuss their features in French, and Braeside pupils did us proud by eagerly participating.

The morning was spent on workshops based on short movies. In the afternoon, they watched 'Le Petit Nicolas', a movie inspired by the very-much loved novel by authors and illustrators, Sempé and Goscinny, the first French piece of literature written from a child's point of view.

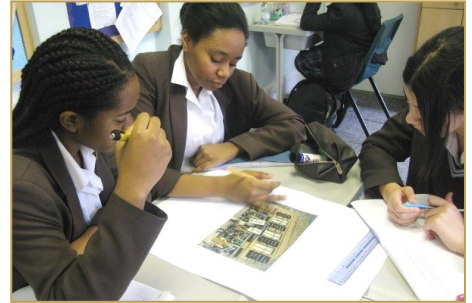


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Year 9 Explore Silent Conversation

Following the Year 9 visit to the synagogue for Holocaust Memorial Day, Year 9 are now exploring a wide range of sources from WW2 Germany and Poland. One focus was the artist Hans Jackson. His work details the impact of The Nuremberg Laws on German and Polish society.

Pupils used a technique called 'silent conversation' about one of his famous paintings called 'The Boycott'. Pupils worked collaboratively to analyse the provenance of the source but they weren't allowed to talk! They had to use silent annotation to address the questions and observations. Year 9 enjoyed this different way of working in a group.



Easter Egg Hunt



What a brilliant end to the term! FOBS organised a fantastic Easter egg style hunt in the playground and there was a visit from a very special bunny!

The children had to search the playground for small Easter tokens and then one by one, take them to their House table. The House with the most tokens at the end of the time won! The children loved that the Easter Bunny helped

them out with hunt, and liked it even better when the Bunny gave them all an Easter Egg to take home for the holiday!

A huge WELL DONE to our House winners... Mason! Happy Easter everyone, and thank you FOBS!



Year 9 Heart Dissection

Year 9 have been dissecting hearts. They have learned about the blood and blood vessels and are in the process of learning how the structure of the heart is related to its function.

It is possible to learn about the function of the heart from diagrams, models and animations. However, the experience of dissecting real animal material adds an extra dimension to understanding the structure of the heart and the relationship of structure to function.



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Year 11 GCSE Geography Field Trip

The Year 11 Geography pupils carried out their Human Geography fieldwork on Wednesday 13 March. It was very windy, conditions not ideal for conducting work with paper attached to clipboards!

The pupils compared the environments of the markets and areas around Whitechapel and Old Spitalfields. In order to obtain a reasonable sample size for comparison purposes they carried their investigations out at five sites at both locations, starting at the infamous Blind Beggar Pub on Whitechapel High Street.

The pupils conducted an Environmental Quality Survey so they could compare both areas, questionnaires to gain people's opinions of the areas and their own impressions in order to produce a word cloud for both places.

Year 11 all work extremely hard to collect their data while also having a thoroughly enjoyable day.



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Reversible and Irreversible Reactions

Year 5 have been looking at reversible and irreversible reactions in Science. In a recent lesson the class were observing the amount of gas released from irreversible reactions. They used different mixtures of baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, vinegar and water. It was great fun, especially when the rubber gloves blew off the cups!



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Visit to The National Portrait Gallery

On Wednesday 13 March Year 10 GCSE Art pupils and Year 9 spent the day at The National Portrait Gallery in London.

The day started with a guided tour called 'Image and Identity Discovery Tour'. 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 our guide sparked an enormous interest and enthusiasm with the pupils which helped with the afternoon session, which 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.



Intermediate Maths Challenge Results - Congratulations!



On Thursday 7 February, our very able young mathematicians from Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge.

Year 9 – Simona, Samantha, Athithya, Nicola and Simran

Year 10 – Amaarah, Jessica and Anoushka

Year 11 – Madina and Betsy

Results have been published and we are pleased to announce that Simona, Amaarah and Madina received certificates for the Best in Year.

Amaarah and Jessica were awarded Bronze certificates and a special mention to Madina who was awarded a Silver certificate and the Best in School award. Well done to all who took part.

World Book Day

As part of World Book Day celebrations, the pupils took part in a number of book related activities throughout the week. Before the half term the children were given a blank mask, and it was their job

over the holiday to transform their mask into a book character. The finished masks look great as part of a colourful display in the corridor.



During the week the children all brought in books that they have read that they thought others would enjoy, and swapped them for the books the other children brought in. This was a great way to encourage the pupils to read something new.

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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.

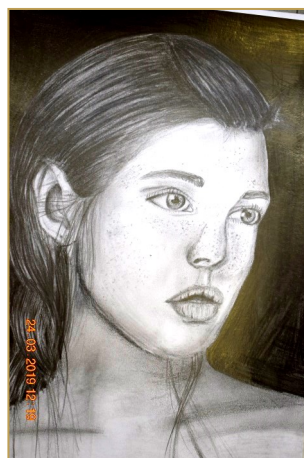
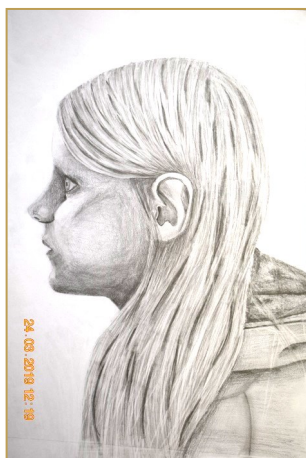


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Year 10 Portrait Drawing

Year 10 have been working on improving their observational drawing skills as part of their GCSE Fine Art course.

They have used a wide range of tones and mark-making to produce these lovely portrait studies. Well done.



Creating Volcanoes in Year 3

Year 3 have been very creative this month. As part of their 'Active Planet' topic the class worked on building and painting their very own volcano models.



They used boxes and bottles to form the base of their volcanoes and then used paper mache on top to create the volcano shape.

The pupils can't wait to explode them in their next session!



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Ready, Set, Cook!

Chartwells, the company that provide our school meals, came into the school on Wednesday 20 March for their annual roadshow called Ready, Set, Cook.

This is a cooking competition between a green team and a red team.



Riya, Zaneta and Miss Krist formed the green team and Mrs Alahi, Kiera and Nikki were the red team.

Faye, from Chartwells, hosted the event and talked pupils through the ingredients before the

'cook-off'. The teams (and audience) chose the food that was going to be cooked – there were a range of food groups to choose from.

The red team cooked a tasty fish rice dish and the green team chose to stir fry fish, vegetables and noodles. There was a lot of encouragement and suggestions from the audience during the 15 minute cooking time.

The teams then presented the food for tasting – all the pupils were keen to get stuck in to the dishes. The red team won the taste test overall and everyone had great fun taking part.

Thank you Chartwells for providing a fun food experience!



Creative Writing Competition Winners



Before Christmas many pupils entered a creative writing competition called 'Mission Catastrophe!'. This term we have received a letter from the company who organized the event, informing us that they really enjoyed the stories that our pupil wrote and have asked for some of the stories to be published in their book at the end of the school year! This is fantastic news, and the school will receive a free copy of the book when it is released.

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A Special Early Years Assembly



We were treated to a lovely assembly by our Early Years pupils this month. Upper and Lower Kindergarten were the first to perform with a Mothers' Day rendition of 'I'm a Little Teapot', before they all showed off their class work and explained why they loved their mothers so much.

The Reception children donned their pirate hats and sang a song about being a pirate, complete with actions! They then read out their Mothers' Day cards, much to the delight of the audience. Well done Early Years!



Una Entrevista – Interviewing at a Spanish Job Fair

In their Spanish lessons, Year 9 pupils had the opportunity to show off their speaking and interviewing skills in a job fair role play as an end of unit project on their topic of work.

After drafting their CVs and letters of application, pupils interviewed each other for one and a half minutes at a time on fourteen different jobs.

As interviewees, they had to adapt their answers for each different job to have a chance to be shortlisted. As interviewers, they put their evaluation skills to the test, by shortlisting the correct candidate for the job.

All pupils should be praised for participating fully and embracing the challenge.



Year 8 Investigate



Year 8 have been testing a leaf for the presence of starch during their topic of photosynthesis. In a colourful investigation, Year 8 managed to remove all the chlorophyll (green pigment) from their leaves so that they could then use iodine to identify the presence of starch. When photosynthesis has been taking place, the glucose that is produced is processed and stored as the storage molecule, starch. We can see that if starch is present then photosynthesis has been taking place.

Pupils have also been carrying out investigations into the effect of temperature on the rate of anaerobic respiration in yeast cells. In order to measure the rate of respiration, the pupils used flour and glucose solution with the yeast cells. After mixing, the samples were placed in different temperature conditions and the height of the resulting dough was measured using a measuring cylinder.

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Easter Bonnet Parade

On Tuesday 2 April the pupils at the Junior site celebrated Easter and Wear a Hat Day simultaneously with an Easter bonnet parade. Some of the designs were truly impressive, including a giant Easter egg, a huge daffodil and the Easter Bunny himself!

It was clear that a lot of time and effort had been invested 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 school a very colourful place!

The money raised from the day goes to the Brain Tumour Research charity.



Shakespeare at The Globe Theatre

Year 6, 10 and 11 went on a trip to The Globe Theatre to see Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. It was great afternoon out for all!

Pupils enjoyed eating lunch in St Paul's Cathedral gardens and everyone liked the play.

"It was a fulfilling day, with a great performance to help us understand the set text for our GCSEs" – **Katie Year 10**

"I thought that the modern twist to the play was great, kept me interested and helped me understand the plot" – **Amaarah Year 10**

"This was our first trip to The Globe Theatre. The building of The Globe was relative to the history students as we are looking at historical buildings in London." – **Madina Year 11**



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A Month Full of Music

March has been a busy month for Music at Braeside!

Congratulations to our two, very brave and talented Year 5 music soloists, who represented Braeside School at this year's Stratford and East London Festival. Izellah won the cup in her category playing guitar and Aleena was commended for her lovely violin solo. Well done to you both!

Miranda wowed Year 2 with her solo performances on the pocket trumpet, as part of their study of the 'Instruments of the Orchestra.'



Year 3 have been learning to play the recorder this term. They are excited to be able to play a few short tunes in time with each other already!

Year 4 have been enjoying learning the Egyptian scale and composing their own group music. They then created their own Sand Dances and performed them to each other.



Year 5 have been writing music to represent the life cycle of a seed. They used Ostinato rhythms to help them develop patterns for each section of their piece.

Year 7 have been studying Mussorgsky's 'Pictures at an Exhibition'. Using their developing composing and interpretative skills they

composed a piece of music in a small group depicting a picture by the artist Escher. They then performed these to the class who had to decide which picture was being represented by the music of each group.

The Year 8 pupils have been studying Gustav Holst's 'Planets'. They composed their own piece of music to depict a planet and then performed it to the class. The class then had to guess which planet they were hearing. Using the elements of music, pupils were able to identify the correct planets.

Year 9 have composed their own raps about issues with growing up and their hopes for 2019. They arranged these in small groups with body percussion and instrumental percussion instruments to develop the layers in the music. Using Garageband software they then recorded these in our music studio and developed their compositions using midi inputs and loops.



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Supporting Comic Relief in Style



The Braeside Charity Committee organised a non-school uniform day for Comic Relief in March. The only requirement was that all the pupils had to be wearing at least one item of red clothing. Pupils wore noses, deely boppers and other red items of clothing to celebrate

and raise money for the charity.

Thank you to everyone who donated, it is going to a great cause.



FOBS Update

Hello everyone. Here is an update of the upcoming events in our calendar.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to Leah Bettis, class representative for year 5 who very kindly sourced the treats for the Easter Bunny, found the helpers and is contributing towards the cost. The rest of the cost is covered by FOBS. Thank you also to the teachers who helped to organise the event.



Summer Ball

The Summer Ball will take place on Saturday 18 May. Hopefully you have seen the information sent out by Mr Hagger. Adrian Adams, Year 10 parent and previous Co-Chair, has sourced a mixologist and James Bond style 'cut outs' to add to the theming of the event. There will also be an Aston Martin in the grounds.

We will contribute a large hamper for a raffle. We have two complimentary tickets to the musical Mama Mia with chauffeur service which will go in the main auction. For the small silent auction we have been offered a fabulous pair of women's shoes and a lovely fruit basket.

Please do think if you are able to donate any other prizes for the small and large auction. The types of prizes might be things like signed merchandise, beauty treatments, event experiences, electrical items, meals etc. Perhaps your business is willing to contribute something? If you have anything that you can offer then please do get in touch via the school.

Please do buy a ticket (or more) for the Ball if you possibly can. It is a great way to show your ongoing support for the school and to have some fun in return.



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Summer Festival

Further planning has taken place on this event. We hope to have a talent show, an entertainer, some fun stalls, a bouncy castle, BBQ, cream teas and more. We will come back with more details in the Summer Term. Please do save the date of Sunday 7 July. We would love to have as many girls and their families as possible.

iPads

All funds raised via FOBS termly fees and events will be used to bring us up to our target of funding 30 iPads for the pupils to use in their various subjects. We need £15,000 and we are more than two thirds of the way there already. We hope to be able to reach this target by the Autumn Term.

Your opinion

We are a small school and busy parents and we all know how difficult it can be to give extra time to school events. We plan to ask a few questions of you, via the school gates or class representatives, to work out what is feasible in terms of FOBS activity. The questions agreed are:

1. If we asked you to help at the Summer Festival this year would you be able to? Yes/Unlikely
2. Are you planning to attend the Summer Festival. Yes/Unlikely
3. How many people would you likely bring?
4. Is there anything you wish FOBS was doing that we are not?
5. Is there anything you think that FOBS is not getting right/doing wrong?
6. Would you prefer to donate money to a class raffle prize or donate goods?
7. Are you happy to buy the raffle tickets? Yes/No

If you want to offer any thoughts on these questions directly then please do let us know.

If you can help us with any of our requests above then please do let us know. You can get in touch with us via the school office info@braesideschool.co.uk.

We wish everyone a happy Easter break.

Kind Regards,

Co-Chair: Louise Mead

Co-Chair and Secretary: Elin Walsh

Treasurer: James Pepe



Happy Easter!

From
Braeside School!