



# NEWSLETTER

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## Headmistress's Message

We have had a busy September at Braeside. Pupils in the juniors and seniors have been out on educational visits, the new school councillors, charity committee and Eco Green Team have been elected and we have been working hard in the classroom.

It has been exciting to see pupils signing up to The Oak-Tree Challenge and I am looking forward to sharing more news on their progress with the award!

I hope you enjoy reading about some of these events in this newsletter. It has been lovely to see how well our new pupils are settling into school life, and to meet parents at the 'meet the teachers' events. I hope to see many of you at the open day events on Wednesday 2 October and at the Junior Open Morning on Thursday 3 October.

Chloe Moon  
Headmistress

## Let's Go Fly a Kite

Pupils in Reception enjoyed making kites and experimenting with paint mixing to make the colours they wanted for their designs.



When they were finished they had lots of fun flying them in the playground.

Next we will see how we can improve our designs and make them fly higher!



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## Going on a Mini Beast Hunt



Year 2 had the exciting opportunity to go on a mini beast hunt in the local area this month! Pupils donned their jackets and took out their magnifying glass and went out to see what they could find.

They looked on the grass, in the undergrowth, and on fallen trees, before recording all their findings while out and about.



## Reception Class Settling In

All of the pupils from Reception class have settled in very well. In a recent class they had fun using their imagination to create different creatures using the Popoids.



## An Exciting RE Lesson for Year 4

In RE Year 4 started their work on Buddhism. They began by listening to the story of Buddha and understanding how the religion started.



The pupils then created their own pieces of drama to retell the story, making sure they included the key sights that Buddha saw and thought about before his enlightenment.



## Year 8 Estimating Skills

Year 8 pupils recently took part in an impressive Maths lesson where they engaged in a group activity to reinforce their 'estimating' skills.

The pupils worked in small groups in a race to complete a matching activity using their knowledge of significant figures, rounding and cancelling down to estimate answers to some challenging questions.

The winning team were Adiba, Lily-Ann, Inaaya and Hannah. Well done everyone!





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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 is our newest form of Social Media. Like us on Facebook to get news, photos, events and updates posted straight to your newsfeed.

## Year 1 Explore the Local Area

Year 1 have been finding out about what is close to our school, and one of the best ways to do this was to go for a walk around the local area. Using a map of Buckhurst Hill they found important places close to the school. Year 1 identified the local vets, the library and the post office as they made their way down to the underground station.

When they got back to class they labelled the map using the photographs they had taken.



## When Adversity Turns into Creativity in Spanish

Year 10 Spanish pupils had a fantastic lesson this month. They used their initiative to come up with a unique way to learn reflex verbs in Spanish. They spent their lesson composing a song to explain it all, and then performed it complete with instruments! Well done.



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## Kindergarten's Sound of the Week



The pupils in Kindergarten enjoy learning a new sound every week. Recently they were learning the sound 's'.

The children practised saying the sound, thought of some objects beginning with it and then sat down together to write it. Kindergarten have all been

working very hard on their sounds recently, and should be proud of themselves!



## Schools Bible Project

Pupils from Year 7-8 took part in the Schools Bible Project last year for the first time. Pupils across the country were required to read a passage from the Bible and recreate their own story from the passage from a different perspective.

We are delighted to announce that we had several runners up in the competition who were awarded a book for their wonderful and interesting stories.



## Developing Pupil Leadership

On Tuesday 17 September, Amaarah attended the pupil leadership conference held at Forest School. Amaarah has recently gained the prestigious position of Head Girl at Braeside School and so this was an exciting and valuable experience for her.

There were several guest speakers including Gemma Morgan from the Institute of Leadership and Management, who gave an inspiring insight into her incredible achievements. Gemma suggested that leaders come in all shapes and sizes and you don't need to be an extrovert to be a good leader.

After lunch there were workshops where pupils had to think about various tricky scenarios which could come up during their leadership roles.

Amaarah thought the day was "inspiring on another level" and she valued the workshops and the chance to meet leaders from other schools.



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## Year 6 Weavings

Year 6 came back after their summer break to finish these lovely Anglo Saxon inspired branch weavings.



Pupils explored the reasons behind who was responsible for creating the weaving and how it was produced.

The pupils found that it was really important to think about both the tension of their weft and their

warps. They all put a lot of time and effort into their designs, thinking carefully about which colours would work well together. The finished work is very impressive.

Well done year 6.



## Form-Time Class Reading for Years 6 to 8

This year we have started a new reading scheme for Years 6, 7 and 8. Each form will have a book to read together as a class with their form tutor once a week to promote reading for love and enjoyment. Year 6 are reading 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen, Year 7 'My Messed Up Life' by Susin Nielsen and Year 8 are reading 'We are All Made of Molecules' also by Susin Nielson.



"I am really enjoying the book, it is funny and interesting." - **Frances Year 7**

"It is nice to get the chance to read as a class." - **Humaira Year 7**

"I like the book as it is relatable and talks about teenage themes." - **Freya Year 7**

"It is a good opportunity to read as a class outside of lessons and we are really enjoying it." - **Lily Ann and Phoebe Year 8**

## Oak-Tree Camp

This month, Year 3 children from all 4 Oak-Tree schools enjoyed a two-day camping adventure. The weather was fantastic, which meant the children were able to make the most of being outside and getting to know each other.

The days were packed with team building activities which were a lot of fun. The children even had the opportunity to put up their own tents! The evening was especially exciting as after some dinner they played games, enjoyed a warming hot chocolate and toasted marshmallows around the camp fire.

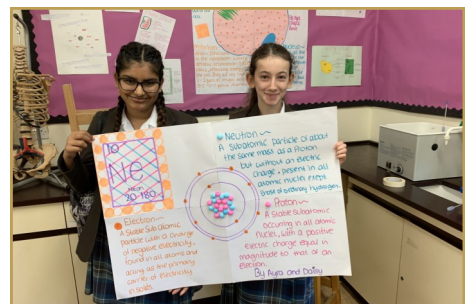
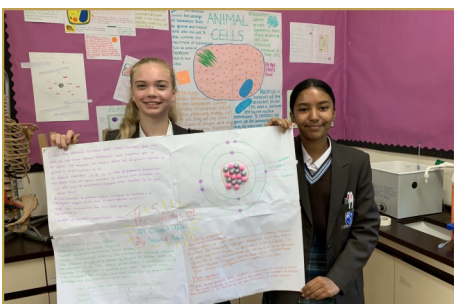
It was a busy couple of days, and we are sure that Year 3 and all the teachers slept very well when they got home!



## Year 9 Explore the Atom

Year 9 have made a positive start to their GCSE Chemistry course this year. They have been finding out about atomic structure and how the model of the atom has developed over the years.

Some beautifully annotated models of atoms have been created and mounted onto scientific posters for our lab wall.





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## 30 Book Reading Challenge

This year the teachers on the Senior site are challenging their pupils to read 30 books in the school year. As teachers we love reading and we think it would be great if our love for reading is also felt by the pupils. This has been a really popular idea with the majority of the pupils asking to take part.

For those who are stuck for ideas about what to read <https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/> is a great website to go to for age appropriate book recommendations.

Those who do read 30 books will be entered into a prize draw for a gift voucher at the end of the school year. Happy Reading!

## Jeans for Genes Day 2019

Pupils from both the Senior and the Junior site enjoyed taking part in Jeans for Genes Day last Friday. The pupils all came to school wearing a piece of denim, be it a pair of jeans, a jacket or even dungarees. They all also brought in a donation for the Jeans for Genes charity, which will make a big difference to the lives of children and families living with genetic disorders.

The Charity Committee were responsible for raising awareness and collecting the donations and Mrs Moon and Mrs Jermutus delivered an assembly to the Juniors and Seniors about genes and how important they are in making our bodies work in the right way. Thank you everyone for your generosity.



## Hip Hip Hooray We're Having a Jeans for Genes Day



The Lower Kindergarten children did more than just wear jeans for Jeans for Genes day. They also got creative and made some beautiful cards. They used denim for the hearts and the words on the card say "Hip Hip Hooray we're having a Jeans for Genes day."



Well done Lower Kindergarten, they look great.

## Leadership Roles

Congratulations to the pupils who volunteered their services and were elected into the following positions:

### School Council

The following pupils will be representing their peers in the form groups and putting forward their opinions and ideas on school related issues:

Beatrice, Zaynab, Freya, Sophia, Lauren, Isabella, Ayra, Emilie, Raveena, Nicola, Sofia, Katie.



*School Council*



*Eco-Team*

### Eco-Team

Congratulations to Sarah, Iman, Elizabeth, Phoebe, Maddie, Daisy, Grace, Ayla, Simran, Ellie and Mackenzie, who have been elected to join the Eco-Team and help lead the school towards becoming more Eco-friendly.

### Charity Committee

Helping to organise charity events with the school will be Anaaya, Aina, Emily, Iman, Athithya and Alex.

These positions of responsibility are great opportunities to make a change within our community. We look forward to the exciting initiatives and student voices to come!



*Charity Committee*



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## The Oak Tree Challenge Brings Opportunities for Students at Braeside!

The 'Oak Tree Challenge' is an exciting programme offered to pupils at all four schools in the group. Mrs Alahi, the 'Oak Tree Challenge Scheme Co-ordinator' for Braeside School introduced the Challenge in assemblies to Junior and Senior pupils earlier this month and received a very positive response from pupils. The pupils were keen to participate to achieve the Bronze, Silver or Gold awards at the end of the year.



The scheme runs for a year and is aimed at inspiring pupils in Years 4 to 9 to take part and complete THREE challenges to achieve their award. The pupils record details of their completed challenges, their reflections and photographic evidence in their log books. Information booklets and 'Log Books' were sent home with all pupils in Years 4 to 9 to discuss the Challenges with their parents and have a plan of action.

Challenges range from public performances, outdoor pursuits, learning new skills, voluntary service, organising a fund-raising event, school service and completing an independent research project, perhaps to develop a solution to a real-world challenge, culminating in a presentation in class or assembly.

We hope this fantastic scheme will equip our pupils with the relevant skills, knowledge, attitudes and values needed for success in future life and work. We aim to prepare our pupils to be lifelong and life wide learners, to interact successfully and respectfully with others and take responsible actions and work together towards collective well-being.

Please contact Mrs Alahi (Head of Maths) at Braeside Seniors for more information about the 'Oak Tree Challenge Scheme'

## FOBS Update

Hello everyone. Here we are back at the start of a new academic year. We hope that you are settling back into the routine of school.

### Summer Festival

The Summer Festival turned out to be a great event at the end of the last term. The weather was just right despite all the rain the night before. Lots of people came. The pupils performing in the Talent Show and with the Street Dance club were all excellent.



Thank you so much to the pupils in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 who were wonderful running the beauty, craft and games stalls. Thank you to all the school staff who gave up their weekend time to help on the bottle tombola, sweet tombola, the raffle, with the Talent Show, with face painting and keeping the bouncing girls in order. Many thanks to Rob and Mark the caretakers who were excellent at organising the infrastructure for the whole event.

Thank you so much to Steve, the chef who also gave up his weekend time to run the BBQ for us. And finally a big thank you to the parents who helped set the whole thing up and helped with the raffle, the BBQ and ran the cafe, the gate, Lucky Dip and the Talent Show.



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## FOBS Update Continued

Through everyone's efforts we managed to raise in the order of £900. Although it was great to raise so much money for the school, probably more importantly everyone had fun and enjoyed the day.

## More Thank Yous

In relation to the last year can we also say thank you to all parents who have donated to the class hampers, volunteered to help and attended events. Also many thanks to the class reps (Dipal, Mel, Sam, Matt, Suzanne, Anna, Lea Anne, Leah, Diane, Janice, Karen and Lucy) who have done a great job being the link between the Committee and you and creating the wonderful hampers.

## FOBS Donation

Over the last couple of years we have been saving so that we could pay for 30 iPads for the school as a whole. We are happy to say that we have now raised the £15,000 required to do this. Thanks to all the parents (and others) who have made that possible. Hopefully it won't be too long before your daughter tells you about using the iPads in class.

We will also be making our regular donations this year to the Senior House Drama for props (November) , to the Juniors for their ice cream at the pantomime (December) and to the Year 11 girls for their leaving drinks (July).

## Requests for Help

In November the Oak Tree Schools will have the annual Fireworks event. We will have a stall selling glow items and handing out hot dogs. Can you help? Any adult helper will get a free adult ticket. It is on Sunday 10th November at 4.30pm. Please get in touch via the school if you can help out.

## We Need Your Opinion

We have some ideas for the usual activities that we host during the year and would like you to fill in a short Survey monkey questionnaire to let us know your thoughts on what you would like to see us organise and what help you might be able to offer. The link will be sent out via email when it is ready.

Kind Regards,

## FOBS Committee

Louise Mead Co Chair

Elin Walsh Secretary and Co Chair

James Pepe Treasurer



**Open Days**  
**Braeside Seniors**  
**Wednesday 2 October at 6pm**  
**Braeside Juniors**  
**Thursday 3 October at 9.15am**