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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

The pupils from both the Juniors and Seniors have been very proactive in working towards their Oak-Tree Challenge this month with pupils from both the Seniors and Juniors organising charity cake sales for pupils and parents. Thank you for supporting these events both on the day and with the organisation of these events.

Braeside pupils have also been incredibly active within sport and sports competitions this month. We saw some wonderful dances in both drama and from PE lessons and again it was wonderful to have parents watching and supporting them during the event.

I am also so delighted that we won two categories in the East London and Stratford Music Festival and all of the pupils who took part were commended for their performances. The preparation that went into them was impressive and their hard work paid off.

Chloe Moon

Headmistress

Early Years Visit the Library



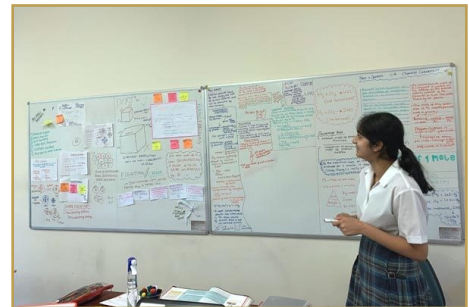
The Early Years children had the exciting opportunity to visit the local library. Kindergarten and Reception walked to Buckhurst Hill library and enjoyed listening to stories relating to their topic of mini beasts and the Arctic.

Afterwards they had time to enjoy choosing some books to bring back to school and read together. **Library staff commented on the excellent behaviour of the children. Well done!**

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Study Sessions Become Competitive!

Whilst most of the class were away on a school trip, the pupils left in school planned an outstanding study session. Each pupil planned and presented their least favourite topic to the rest of the class. Competitive spirit ran high as each pupil tried to make their topic the most interesting!



Year 9 & 10 Visit The South West Essex Reform Synagogue



Year 10 GCSE RS pupils and Year 9 pupils visited the South West Essex Reform Synagogue in Newbury Park to learn more about persecution and The Holocaust. Braeside were invited for a personal tour and seminar that focussed on the history of Jewish people, the symbolism in the synagogue and to find out more about Israel and the people

that lived there. Pupils then listened to three speakers who were 'second generation' Holocaust Survivors who spoke of their parents that had survived and had amazing and powerful stories to tell.

The pupils were really moved by what they heard about the treatment of different groups of people during The Holocaust.

At the end of the seminar, pupils took part in an all faith service that commemorated lots of lives. Aqifa, Ayla and Kiera were asked to light a memorial candle and all pupils were asked to place a stone on the synagogue's memorial. It was a very reflective and moving experience for the pupils.



Haven House Cake Sale

On Friday 14 February, Year 5 held a special cake sale to raise as much money as they could for the Haven House charity. They organised the event entirely themselves as part of the Oak-Tree Challenge Bronze award. They did a great job of collecting all the cakes, which were kindly donated, before setting up the table and working together to sell the cakes to the other pupils and teachers. Well done Year 5.





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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.



YouTube

Subscribe to our YouTube account to watch some of pupils in action in class, during performances, at sports day and more.



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.

Metacognition Assembly – The Art of Critical Thinking



During Mrs Jermutus' Metacognition assembly, pupils were encouraged to reflect on their own abilities to plan, monitor and evaluate their own learning. Mrs Jermutus spoke about the art of critical thinking, which is the ability to challenge and evaluate ideas using logic and reason.

As a school we discussed the meaning of the phrase 'fake news' and how we can apply critical thinking to make better choices and to avoid being manipulated by misinformation that could be spread by social media.

Year 6 Tag Rugby

Year 6 displayed some excellent teamwork and determination at the Oak-Tree tag rugby tournament. Special mentions to Kristen who



worked tirelessly to tag the opposition and scored a brilliant try and to Sarah who was great at communicating and helped organise her team. It was great to see all of the pupils improve throughout the afternoon and enjoy playing with one another. **Well done everyone!**



Loughton Young Artists Winners

This year we have had great success at the Loughton Young Artists Competition!

We had two joint winners! Jessica and Megan with their very unique and original GCSE Identity Pieces and Katie achieved highly commended with her Identity Sculpture. Great work. Well done!



"I was blown away at the standard of art-work at this prestigious presentation evening and extremely proud of the art-work on display produced by Braeside students.



The work included an exciting mixed media collage by Jessica, a beautiful charcoal self-portrait by Megan and an extremely clever self-portrait sculpture by Katie. The event was hosted by Lopping Hall and all students were awarded with a certificate and generous cash prize by The Mayor of Loughton."

Miss Coleman

Oak-Tree Mental Maths Challenge

Two pupils from each year group from Year 3 to 6 were picked to take part in the competitive Oak-Tree Mental Maths Challenge. The pupils were very proud to be representing their school in such a highly anticipated event, and really gave it their all. Year 3 started off the challenge, working together in pairs to answer a series of questions, with only a few seconds to answer each one. Year 4, 5 and 6 then had their turn, with the questions getting increasingly trickier as the challenge went on.



It was a very close competition, but after all the scores were added up, Coopersale Hall came out as Maths champions, well done!

Braeside and Normanhurst Pupils Visit the Royal Festival Hall



On Tuesday 11 February, Music pupils from both Braeside and Normanhurst travelled to the Royal Festival Hall to attend the BrightSparks “Bach to the Future” concert, performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The concert featured pieces that the GCSE pupils are studying for their exam and provided lots of facts about the pieces, their composers and on how the pieces were structured.

The performance started with a piece of minimalism, Steve Reich’s “Clapping Music”, which the audience joined in with, and then took us on a trip through time with music from the 18th century all the way to the modern era, including the iconic piece of film music, “Star Wars”. Watching a live orchestra perform was an invaluable experience, and the information that accompanied the pieces was really helpful for their exam. Afterwards, everyone went for lunch at Pizza Express before travelling home. The pupils behaved impeccably and were a real credit to us, it was a fantastic day out.

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My favourite piece was Steve Reich’s “Clapping Music”. I found it really interesting and I loved trying it for myself. The concert was very useful for my GCSE work, seeing a live orchestra performing lots of pieces that we are studying.”

Riya – Year 10 – Braeside

“On Tuesday 11 February, I visited the Royal Festival Hall to see the London Philharmonic Orchestra. I loved every single bit of it, watching the instruments was amazing. My favourite piece was the Star Wars theme song, it had many instruments all playing in sync. This was really helpful to our GCSE topic on film music. This was one of my best musical experiences.”

Abi – Year 10 – Braeside

Bake Sale for the British Heart Foundation

“The bake sale was an excellent success, we raised £87.03 for the British Heart Foundation. We chose the British Heart Foundation because some of us know people who have suffered from heart problems. We spent the first few weeks back at school organising price lists, float money and what sweet treats to sell. After three weeks we had everything planned; we had the date and the time and most importantly the treats. It was great to work



as part of a team and it was a really important experience of what we needed to do in order to organise a successful event. We sold; cookies, brownies, cakes, donuts, gingerbread men and flap jacks. It was a great accomplishment and lots of fun.” **Lauren**



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Year 6 Work On Dance Performance For Romeo And Juliet Production



Year 6 have been working on a new unit in Drama. Mr Reich-Storer has been showing Year 6 some dance performance ideas for a production of Romeo and Juliet. The Year 6 pupils have directed their own dances, worked as a team, have used the techniques that have been shown to them and have communicated effectively. They really wanted to show the rest of the school their work so far

and asked if they could use assembly time to showcase some of the scenes that they have been working on from Romeo and Juliet. The senior pupils thought the performances were 'mature and thoughtful' and it was great to see Year 6 show some leadership skills.



The Work of Shakespeare



Year 7 have just finished studying Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* this half term. To consolidate their knowledge of the historical play they made posters, working together in groups to present key themes, quotes, plots and character information. They worked exceptionally well together and produced some brilliant posters.

Izzy's Weekend Achievements

A huge well done to Izzy who battled a storm to compete with her pony, Amlyn. She qualified for the Royal International Horse Show at Hickstead, which was the first competition and qualifier of the season.

There are around 22 qualifiers in each category across the whole of the UK so it's just a massive achievement to make it there and an even bigger one to take the first ticket. There is no time to rest though, as there will be lots more training lessons and practice before the Horse Show of the Year qualifiers commence! **Well done and good luck!**



Pancake Day Fun



The Chartwell's catering team cooked up pancakes with a choice of toppings to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Steve, Jenny and Septima cooked mini scotch style pancakes with whipped cream, fruits of the forest, classic lemon and sugar and different sauces (alongside the main meal).



Our onsite chef – Steve – demonstrated flipping pancakes and then pupils were able to join in the flipping competition. Maddie in Year 8 flipped the perfect pancake on her first attempt and Isabella in Year 8 also gave it a go for the first time ever. Year 10 took the lead with the most flips that landed in the pan.

Stratford and East London Music Festival Success



During the February half term holidays, seven of the Braeside Senior School Musicians competed in the Stratford & East London Festival. All performed very well achieving Certified Commendations from the judges. Congratulations to: Nadia Year 7, Maddie Year 8, Emilie Year 9, Abi Year 10 and Isabelle Year 8.

The following two girls achieved even more, by each winning their category's Prize Trophy! Well done to Tamia Year 10 for winning the Popular Song Category and Izellah Year 6 for winning Solo Guitar Category. Excellent!



Year 8 Fitness Lesson

The Year 8's enjoyed their fitness lesson in PE, learning new exercises. They all completed a 12 station circuit with energy and enthusiasm! **Well done girls!**



Young Scientists



This term in Chemistry, Year 11 are making ammonium sulphate fertiliser using titration methods devised by themselves. Mrs Jermutus' geraniums should enjoy a growth spurt this year as the pupils used their products to feed the plants in the lab.

Pupils are almost at the end of their Year 11 GCSE Chemistry course and have worked very hard throughout the whole process.

Chemistry lessons with Year 10 are going to involve more practical work in the coming weeks as we begin to investigate factors that affect the rate of a chemical reaction. As an introduction to the topic, groups of Year 10 pupils worked together to organise presentations to explain to the rest of the class their ideas for methods and hypotheses.



Year 10 are working hard in Science as usual. In Biology we focussed

on the human nervous system. Year 10 are working through their required practicals and investigated the effects of distraction on pupil's reaction time. It was really very interesting to see how distraction (from a mobile phone) was enough to slow down reaction times for the pupils. We discussed how difficult it can be to collect valid data from human volunteers as we are all so different in what we have eaten, how much sleep we have had etc. It is difficult to control for these factors. We are now looking into the mechanism of the reflex arc and how reflex reactions work. Keep up the focused, good work Year 10 and try to



avoid the distractions!

Year 8 have been learning about different respiration reactions. They have looked at anaerobic respiration in yeast cells which is known as fermentation. The class carried out a joint experiment; each team measured the effect of a different glucose concentration on the rate of fermentation in yeast. As a class we found that as the glucose concentration increases, the rate of fermentation also increases.



Year 7 have been using evidence from chromatography to identify unknown substances in mixtures. They set up their own chromatograms to show good separation between colour pigments. They are looking at the applications of chromatography which involve identifying fake painting and identifying nutrients in food. Keep up the good work Year 7!

Year 5 Explore Hundertwasser Inspired Art

Year 5 have started to look at the Austrian Artist Freidrich Hundertwasser this term. Fritz, as he liked to be called, loved vibrant, garish colours and wobbly carefree lines. The next steps will be to explore his love of spirals and nature.



Year 5 Inspired By Austrian Artist Hundertwasser

Year 5 are exploring the work of Austrian artist Hundertwasser this term. We have been discussing how we rush from one place to another and how we are often told 'Don't dawdle!', 'Time is money', 'I can't wait all day'. Hundertwasser sometimes took years on a painting and often thought about how nature took many months or years to grow to become beautiful flowers and trees. Sometimes we might need to look up and notice the beauty around us.

They then created some chalk "Beauty Barriers" outside for the older girls to find, and produced some amazing Hundertwasser style houses.





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Junior Dance Assembly

Lower Kindergarten to Year 5 pupils have worked hard all half term to prepare for their dance assembly. The theme of the dance display was 'Around the world'. Kindergarten and Reception performed a brilliant Hula dance to the song 'Kaholo Hula' which made everybody smile! Year 1 and 2 looked fabulous in their Egyptian headbands and danced to 'Walk like an Egyptian', they worked so hard to perfect the challenging timing of the dance. Year 3 and 4 shimmied away to 'Waka Waka' as they performed their African dance with energy and enthusiasm. Year 5 looked the part as they performed their Bollywood style dance to the 'Punjabi Wedding Song' and it was great to see some of their own choreography on display. It was an excellent morning of dancing by all!



Open Morning

Thursday 5 March at

9:15am



FOBS Update

Hello everyone. We are already in to the second half of the term and hopefully warmer weather is not too far away. We can only hope.

We are not short of FOBS/School ideas but due to our small numbers it can take a while for things to get off the ground.

The next Committee meeting is on **Monday 2nd March at 6pm** in the Senior Hall. All are welcome. We will be discussing the planning of Movies and Munch, the cake sales, the preloved uniform sale and our new plan to arrange the creation of a Braeside tea towel which all the girls can contribute to.

We are hoping that by combining the efforts of willing volunteers from the Committee, the School, the pupils and the parents that we will be able to get all these things up and running. Having volunteers is the key to our success!

Activities

As a reminder here are the events that we know are definitely happening and when:

March: Easter Egg hunt

April: Movies and Munch

July: Summer Disco

July: Talent show and BBQ

We have also started planning for the Autumn Term so that we can get going straight away with activities for the girls.

Class Reps

We have reps for all classes except Reception. We'd love to hear from any parent in Reception who would be interested in taking on this job. Most communication is done via WhatsApp and it is a useful way to pass information around.

Best wishes,

FOBS Committee

