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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

I am writing this as we are experiencing a strange time in history. There will be many changes ahead in these uncharted times.

However, we must think about the good times ahead. I hope this newsletter brings some light and happiness as we look at all the amazing and exciting times that pupils have had in the Spring Term.

It was wonderful to see the juniors performing in their Peri-Music concert last month - they all played with confidence and had prepared really well. Pupils in the senior section of the school have taken part in a charity project through art. Please read through the newsletter and have a look through the website at the fantastic (and very different) projects that the pupils have been working on in order to auction their work for charity.

We would welcome any photos of home learning and projects in the meantime. Please stay connected with us in whatever way you can.

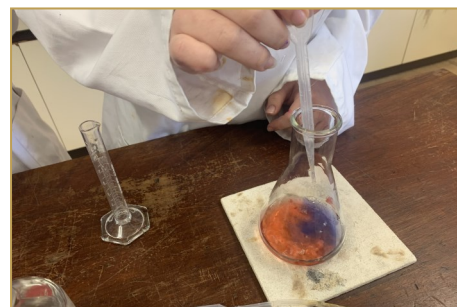
Chloe Moon

Headmistress

Year 10 Study Reversible Reactions

Year 10 are learning about reversible reactions. They have been looking at colour changes of different indicators, and have been able to see how a reaction can go forwards and backwards depending on the concentration of reactants and products.

It was fascinating to see how a solution can turn from white to pink and then back again simply with the addition of acid and alkali at different concentrations.



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Year 7 Compose Music

Year 7 have been studying 'Pictures at an Exhibition' by Musorgsky.



Following this, they then composed their own piece of music depicting a picture by Escher. The class had to choose which picture they were representing from a selection displayed on the board.



A wonderful set of compositions were produced!

Year 11's Last Meal at Braeside

Year 11 had their last meal at Braeside on Friday. They were the generation at Braeside that were most looking forward to the hot meals service that Chartwells provide for the school. Steve Shields (our on-site chef) laid a special table for them with their favourite dessert so they could say goodbye to their friends. They all had special leavers sweatshirts made to commemorate their time at Braeside. Hopefully, their Leavers Assembly will take place a little later than anticipated!



Ocean Scenes by Year 6

Year 6 have been working really hard this term to produce these imaginative and colourful Ocean Scenes. Pupils have explored a range of materials and techniques including drawing, painting and pen and ink.

Pupils considered how scale and perspective helps us to think about composition and layout. Everyone was really impressed with the skills and was blown away by the pen and ink boat and fish drawings produced.

Well done Year 6.



Year 8 Look at Photosynthesis

Year 8 enjoy practical lessons in Biology and so this year they tried to observe photosynthesis using an aquatic plant.

The class can see how fast photosynthesis happens in the plant by looking at how fast the oxygen bubbles are released from the stem. Year 8 worked really well to get their experiments set up so efficiently to be able to observe their bubbles.

They also managed to compare the rate of photosynthesis under different conditions. Lauren and Rebecca wanted to prove the gas in the bubbles was actually oxygen so they tested the gas they collected with a glowing splint.

Very impressive investigative work from Year 8.



Year 6 Learn About Electric Circuits

In Science, Year 6 pupils have been learning about electric circuits, components, series circuits, parallel circuits and how to build burglar alarms throughout this term. Pupils have been learning with great enthusiasm and really enjoyed building the circuits, most of them were able to complete the additional challenge activities well.

As part of their homework they were asked to create a poster on circuits and present the information to the rest of the group. Some of the pupils not only completed their posters but also brought in any circuit related pieces they had at home and allowed the rest of the group to share them.



ISA London North Cross Country Competition

Eight of the senior pupils travelled to Bedford for the annual ISA London North Cross Country competition this term. The recent wet weather added extra challenge to the course and they should all be extremely proud of their efforts.

Special mentions must go to Lola, Year 7, as this was her first year at the event and she came a very respectable 35th, Eva, Year 8, who came 25th out of approximately 70 other runners in her age group, and Daisy who ran brilliantly in a very strongly contested Year 9 and 10 competition and came 15th.

A MASSIVE congratulations must go to Jessica who came 2nd in the Year 11 girls race.



Junior Pupils Visit the Main Site



The junior pupils have been getting ready for the move up to the Main Site in September. The first 'site orientation' day was on Tuesday 10 March when pupils from Kindergarten to Year 5 visited the main site for lunchtime and playtime.

Pupils were able to use the main site servery and choose their lunch as they will be doing in September. They then played



with their friends in the playground on the main site.

Eileen in Reception said, "I have been here before but I have never played outside – it is so big".

Nanaki said, "The lunch was lovely and I felt grown up" and Holly said, "There is so much space to play with my friends and run around".

Trip to The Globe Theatre

Years 7, 8 and 9 went on a trip to The Globe Theatre to see a production of Macbeth. They stood in "The Pit" to watch the play and which was very engaging as the pupils had the opportunity to interact with the actors before and during the performance which was a great experience for them. They all behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school.

"My favourite part of the trip was the actors interacting with the audience because I felt like I was involved and a part of the play."

Gracie, Year 7

"I like how they brought Shakespeare to life and made it seem realistic."

Laila, Year 7



"I enjoyed watching the play as it was very engaging and fun." **Ayra, Year 9**

"Watching the play was a great opportunity to stand in The Globe Theatre and the play was engaging especially because the actors came into the audience where we were stood." **Iman, Year 9**

"We liked the play as it was interesting to watch and the actor brought it to life which helped us to understand the story" **Juliet and Annie Marie, Year 9**

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GCSE Geography Field Trip

The Year 10 and 11 Geography pupils carried out their Human Geography fieldwork on Tuesday 10 March when we were blessed with fine mild weather.

The pupils carried out an Environmental Quality Survey on Whitechapel High Street and Old Spitalfields Market. In order to obtain a reasonable sample size for comparison purposes they carried their investigations out at several sites at both locations, starting at the infamous Blind Beggar Pub on Whitechapel High Street. They also conducted questionnaires to gain people's opinions of the areas, where they came from and why they were visiting the area. In addition, they gave their own impressions in order to produce a word cloud for both places.

The pupils all worked extremely hard to collect their data and we all had a thoroughly enjoyable day.



Year 10 Prepare for Home Learning

Year 10 Biologists were getting ready for home learning last week. They wanted to continue their experiments at home and so they prepared their germinating seeds in petri dishes. They are going to enjoy investigating the effects of light and gravity on the direction of growth of the plants. The aim will be to record their results both as length measurements and as accurate, labelled biological drawings to show the effects.

Good luck Year 10.



Years 1, 2 & 3 Peri-Concert

Family and friends crowded into the hall for the Year 1, 2 and 3 Peripatetic Music Concert this term. The pupils put on a wonderful performance, showcasing all the hard work that they have been putting into their individual music lessons. In addition to many individual performances on the piano and violin, we had some great group demonstrations from the recorder and singing group.

Well done everyone, you should be very proud.



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Years 4 & 5 Peri-Concert

Year 4 and 5 put on a wonderful performance at their Peripatetic Music Concert. The junior Choir started off the even with two great performances of 'Scoo Be Doo' and 'Calypso'. Following this, pupils showcased their individual pieces on the piano, violin, and their voice. Everyone was very impressed with how well they have been getting on in their individual music lessons, and it was lovely to give them the chance to showcase this.

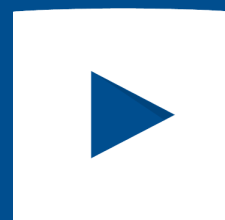
The afternoon performance finished with 'Roar' from the Singing Group and a couple of songs from the Junior Band.

Well done everyone!



YouTube Videos

We have been updating our YouTube account regularly this term and it is filled with some great videos of recent school events including updates from Mrs Moon, the Peripatetic Music Concerts, the Junior Dance Assembly and lots more...



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Mad Hatter's Tea Party for World Book Day

The Juniors took a trip down the rabbit hole for World Book Day. They all came to school dressed as a character from Alice and Wonderland, so there were lots of Cheshire Cats, Queen of Hearts and of course, Alice herself. In the afternoon the pupils were treated to a lovely Mad Hatter's Tea Party with tables laden with cakes. What a lovely way to end a Friday afternoon!



Astronomy Presentation for Year 9 and 10

Year 9 and 10 Braeside pupils joined Normanhurst School to listen to a fascinating presentation on astronomy.

Colin Stuart is a renowned space writer, presenter and fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society. He came to talk to the pupils about how and why scientists study the Sun and the Moon, and about potential future trips to Mars and space that could become more attainable in the future for artists as well as scientists. Year 9 and 10 were encouraged to think about what it would be like to go into space.

A very thought provoking and inspiring session.



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Art Club —Australian Animals and Wildlife

During the new after school Art Club and during some of their PHSE lessons, pupils have been working on creating some wonderful works of art, with a focus on Australian animals and wildlife. The works are now up for auction, with reserve prices set by the pupils.

The money raised from this auction will be donated to the Wildlife Victoria Organisation's appeal to support surviving species in Victoria, while the natural habitat regenerates following the recent catastrophic bush fires.

Find out more and see the full gallery of art on the Braeside website [HERE](#).



Year 8 Study 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst

Year 8 have been composing a piece for 'The Planets'.

Each group was given a planet to compose for without the rest of the class knowing which one. Once they had finished composing and practising their piece, each group performed them to the class, who had to decide which Planet they were depicting.



The Greek god meanings of the planets were the inspiration for this as studied in 'The Planets' by Gustav Holst.

Well done to everyone!

Jack Petchey Award

Aina in Year 7 has been awarded the prestigious Jack Petchey Award. It was thoroughly deserved.

The Jack Petchey Foundation awards recognise the outstanding achievements of today's young people by awarding them for their hard work and positive impact in their community.

Well done Aina!



Getting Social

