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Headmistress's Message

Dear parents,

This certainly has been the strangest term. It has been lovely to welcome back Junior pupils in all years and groups of pupils in the seniors. I know that the staff were just as pleased to be back as the pupils. I have been so impressed with the way pupils have come back to a different way of life – and adapted so well.

Year 11 came back for a socially distanced farewell for their school for the last time. It was lovely to hear their exciting plans for post 16 study.

Thank you for all your end of term messages and gifts. As always the staff appreciate your kind words and thoughtfulness. We have been busy in the few weeks that we have been back at school as you can see from this newsletter. Have a restful and safe summer holiday. I am really looking forward to sharing more great news with you in September!

Chloe Moon

Headmistress

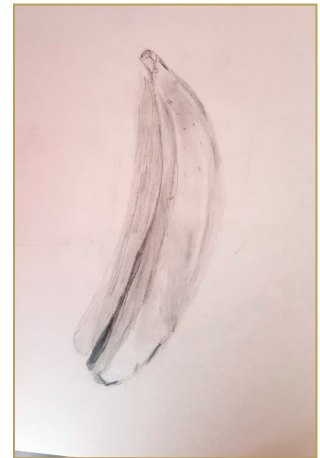
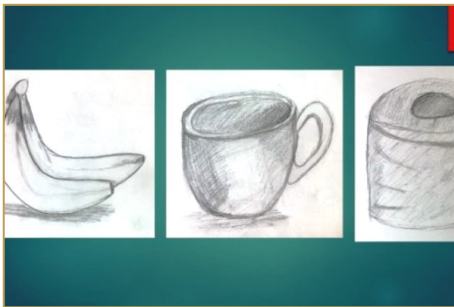
Amaarah's Artwork

We were blown away by this fantastic piece of artwork that Amaarah has painted at home. Inspired by her favourite season, Spring, and her favourite holiday, Bali, she created the piece using a kitchen sponge, a make up brush and two falling apart paint brushes! **Well done, Amaarah.**

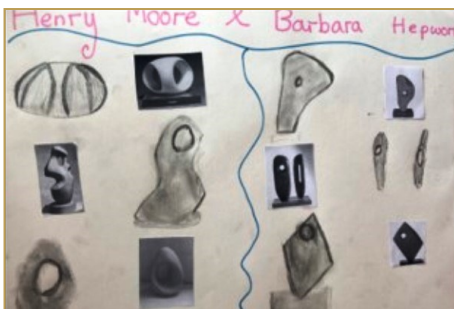


Year 7 Still Life Drawings

Year 7 have been practising their still life drawing. They started by looking at basic shapes and then adding surface quality textures like hatching and gradation of tone to create three-dimensional form.

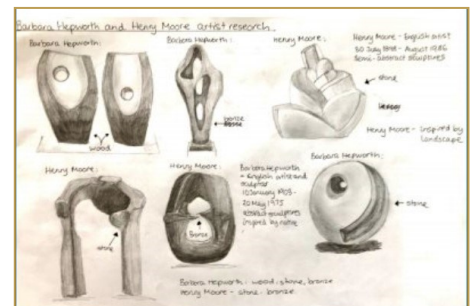


Year 8 Explore Abstract Artists



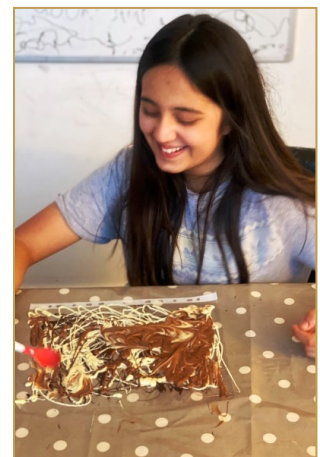
Year 8 have been exploring, and then sketching, the work of abstract artists Barbara Hepworth and Henry Moore.

These artists were inspired by landscapes and nature and wanted to portray the idea of holding a beautiful thought using shapes and natural curves.



Jackson Pollock Inspired Artwork

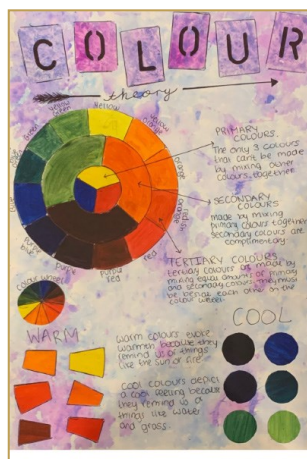
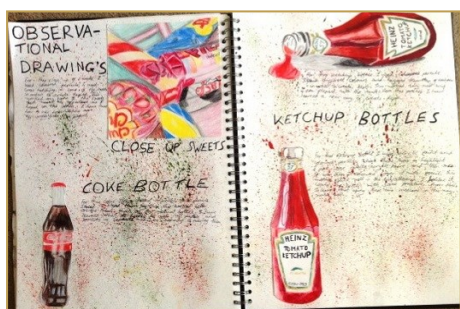
Year 7 pupils had fun producing chocolate artwork inspired by the American artist Jackson Pollock. The best part of the challenge was eating their delicious creations afterwards! They look fantastic, **well done Year 7.**



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Year 9 Art

Year 9 have been exploring basic drawing and mark making skills to prepare for their GCSE studies. They have been exploring how to use textures and marks and colour theory to create form and three-dimensional form. The artwork produced has been so detailed, **well done!**



Anoushka's Art Coursework

Anoushka has been exploring the idea of concealment for her unit 2 art coursework and wanted to focus on climate change, pollution and the effects of war. Anoushka has worked on a large scale and experimented with a range of media including ink, collage and acrylic paint. **Fantastic work, Anoushka.**



YouTube Videos

We have been updating our YouTube account regularly this term and it is filled with some great videos of recent half term highlights, lots of home school work and much more...



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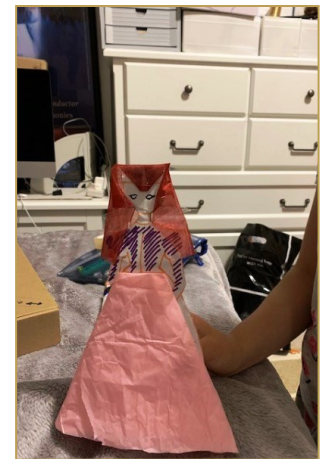
Reception and Year 1 Lighthouses

Reception and Year 1 have been learning about the seaside in the UK and as part of their work have been reading 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' story. They made their own version of Mr Grinling's lighthouse using papier-mache and a tea light so that they light up when it is dark. They also now know where to find lighthouses and what they are for.

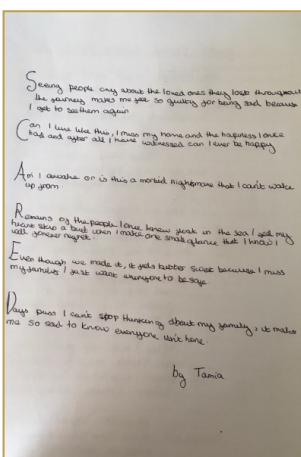


Drama Set Designs

For their drama homework, pupils have been creating set and costume designs. The designs were fantastic, including the set and costume designs for Kate and Petruchio in Taming of the Shrew. So much detail and effort has been put into these designs, **well done!**

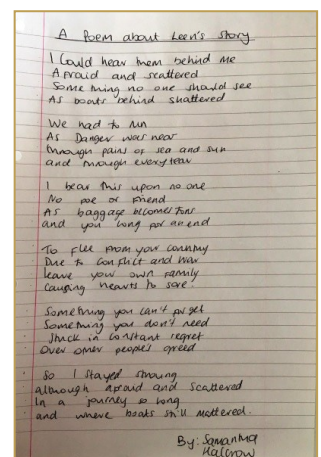


Year 10 Refugee Poems



In PHSE, in the context of refugee week, Year 10 explored how empathy and sharing other people's stories can help understand those with very different circumstances. In a particular activity, pupils were asked to imagine they were a refugee girl from Syria having just landed in Greece and to describe her feelings.

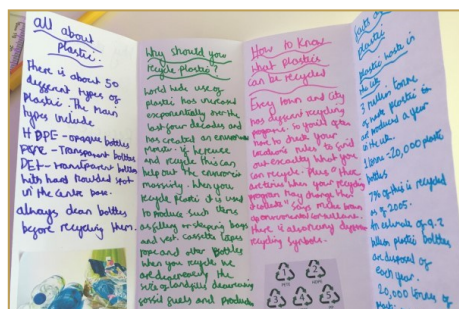
Some pupils chose to write poems and others diary entries. They all showed great understanding and maturity in expressing the feelings of refugees. **Well done Year 10!**



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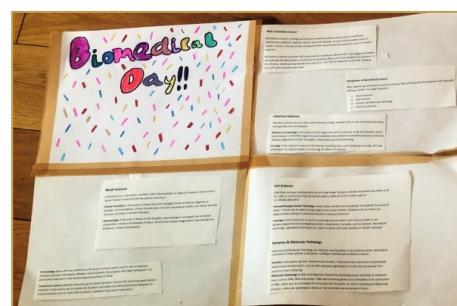
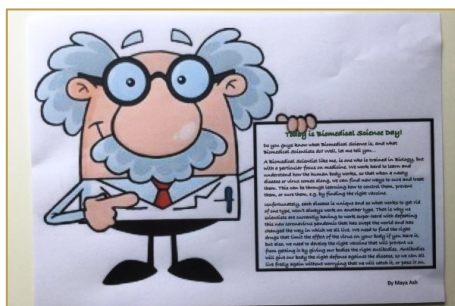
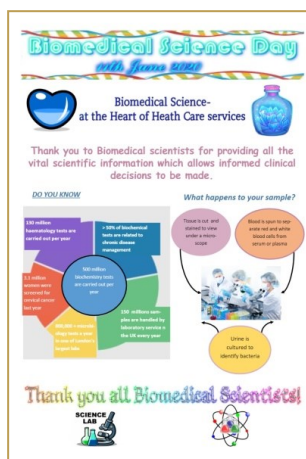
Year 8 Recycling Leaflets

In Chemistry, Year 8 have been learning about climate change and recycling. They have produced some very informative leaflets to evaluate the effectiveness of recycling.



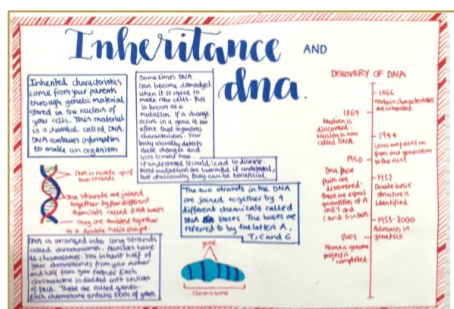
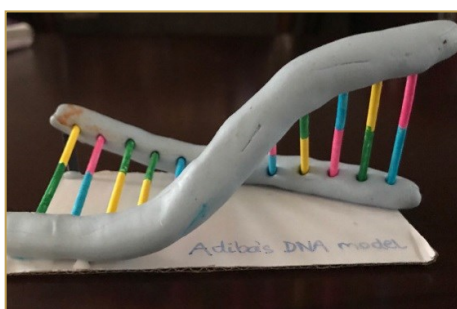
Biomedical Science Day Posters

In preparation for Biomedical Science Day, Year 5 pupils created these incredible posters to help tell people about biomedical science and why we need to be particularly grateful to the scientists at this current time. Mrs Wood sent the posters to the Institute of Biomedical Science, thanking them all for their hard work, and got a lovely reply back and were even [published on their website!](#)

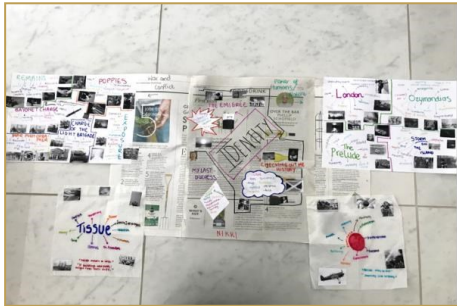


Year 8 DNA

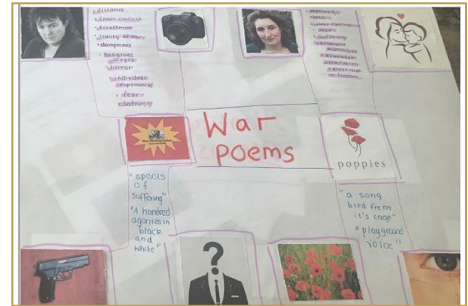
Year 8 have been studying DNA as part of the topic of inheritance and evolution. They have been making posters and models of DNA and investigating the structure of the DNA molecule and how it relates to genes and chromosomes.



Year 10 Poetry Revision



Year 10 pupils, Nikki and Riya, have made some fantastic revision posters for their Power and Conflict poetry topic in English. Great work girls, **well done!**



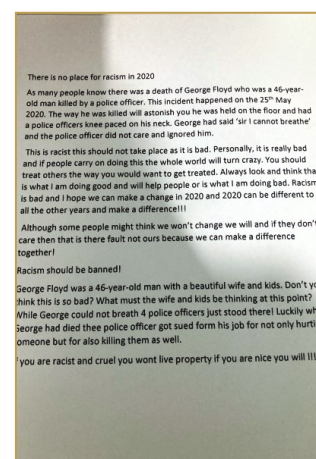
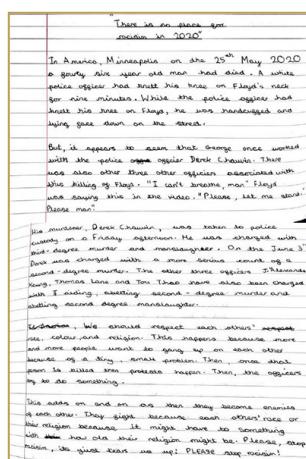
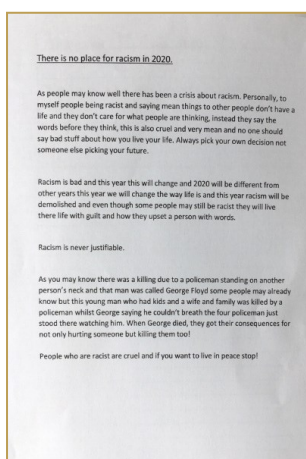
Welcoming Year 10 Back to School

We were very pleased to welcome our Year 10 pupils back to the school. The classrooms were arranged to accommodate the pupils with social distancing in place. Although the classrooms may be a little different from what Year 10 are used to, they were all very pleased to be able to see their friends and teachers again, and we were very pleased to have them back!



Year 7 'No Place for Racism' Poems

Year 7 have been looking at famous speeches in history this half term. They then wrote their own speeches with the title "There is no place for racism in 2020". They all wrote amazing speeches showing a great deal of maturity on the issue. **Well done Year 7!**



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Kindergarten Lessons

Kindergarten are currently split into two different bubbles but are all having lots of fun outside and in the classroom. Each pupil has her own tray with different resources to use each day. One group got very creative making different items with playdough whilst the other group had great fun making beaches with their trays of sand. The girls have all behaved excellently since returning to school and have adapted to the changes very well. **Well done Kindergarten!**



Friendship Cakes



Humaira and Aina made these fantastic cakes together over FaceTime. They followed the same recipe and then decorated their cakes at the end. Well done girls, what a lovely idea!



Virtual Tour

You can now enjoy an insight into life at Braeside School with the help of our [virtual tour](#), which showcases some of the main areas of the buildings and grounds.

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Welcoming Our Pupils Back to School

We were so pleased to have been able to welcome some of our younger pupils back to school this term, even if it was only for a few weeks. The classrooms looked very different, as was the day to day running of the school, but our pupils all took it in their stride and we are very proud of them.



The Importance of Keeping Healthy

Year 1 children, both on Zoom and in the classroom, enjoyed their assembly on 'Staying Healthy' last month, led by Mrs Copeman. The children who were in school loved the chance to see their friends again, even if it was via a screen!



Year 6 Reading Group



Some of our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed spending their lunch break reading their favourite books this term. It was made even more enjoyable when the sun was shining and the reading group were able to head outside with their books and read on the lawn.

Animal Auction Art Results

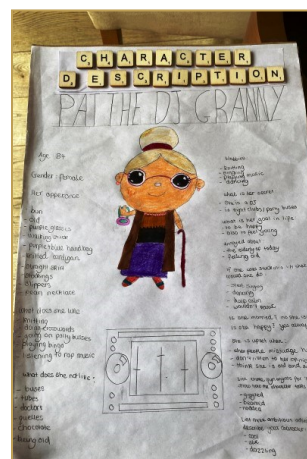
Thank you to everyone who donated to our charity auction this year. We are pleased to announce we raised a huge £678 to go to the Wildlife Victoria organisation!



Creating Character Profiles

In their Drama lessons, pupils have been looking at character profiles. They have learned that acting isn't just about getting up on stage, but actually understanding the character that is being portrayed. For their Drama homework, pupils created some in depth character profiles.

Teaching Drama and having Drama lessons virtually is not the easiest of tasks, but the teachers and pupils rose to the challenge. Well done everyone.



Saying Goodbye to Our Year 11



We may not have been able to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 pupils the way we would have liked this year, but we would like to wish them all the luck in the world for whatever path they take next. You will be missed!



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End of Term Fun

For the last Friday of term, the Juniors enjoyed a picnic together in the playground whilst Year 6 were treated to a Tea Party. The lunchtime ladies prepared a delicious lunch of sandwiches, sausages, fruit and crisps with a special cupcake treat to finish for the picnic, and everybody had fun chatting together and listening to music. Year 6 had a fun afternoon on the field, signing shirts, listening to music and taking pictures, with an array of tasty treats to choose from. It was a fantastic afternoon in the sunshine!

