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Headmistress's Message

Dear parents,

I hope your daughter has enjoyed returning to school. Despite the regulations we now have to follow, we have had fun and enjoyment both in and outside the classroom as you can see from this newsletter.

We are all relishing life as one all-through school. Pupils have enjoyed working with different staff and seeing each other work in different ways. It has certainly brought a new 'buzz' to Braeside.

Sadly, we are unable to go on any trips at the moment but we have made up for it with the Junior's daily mile, Kindergarten's Listening Walk and Reception's Shape Hunt.

I hope that you get a flavour in these news articles of how the new chapter at Braeside is beginning. Art is still very much our showcase and the iPads have proved to be a huge enhancement to the learning of all pupils in the school. We are very grateful to FOBS for providing the money to purchase this much wanted equipment.

Kind regards,

Chloe Moon

Headmistress

Our Daily Mile



Braeside junior pupils have started a daily mile to help them stay active. Year 3,4,5 and 6 pupils are going to try to walk or run for 15 minutes every day at school. To complete their first daily mile, they went to the cricket field—where the teachers even joined in too!



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First Day of Term

It was fantastic to welcome all of our pupils back to school after the summer holidays, and, for the first time, all on one school site! Pupils were very excited to get back to learning in the classroom again, and to meet all their new classmates and teachers.

It's lovely to have our school full again!



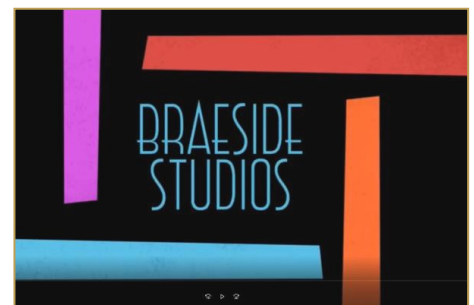
Kindergarten's Listening Walk

The Kindergarten children enjoyed taking part in a Listening Walk around the school grounds. They listened carefully to the sounds around them and talked about all the different things they could hear such as birds singing and a helicopter in the sky. All the children then had a great time exploring the outside environment and having a run around.



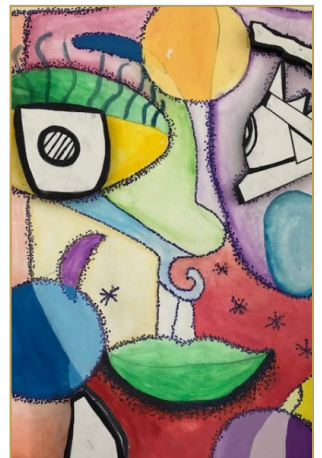
Year 6 Movie Trailers

Year 6 have had fun using the new school iPads to create movie trailers about the new combined school site. They worked independently in their groups to record, edit and publish their trailers, and have done a fantastic job! Thank you to our parent association, Friends of Braeside School (FOBS), for kindly donating the iPads. Watch the movie trailers [here](#).



Year 8 Cubist Portraits

Year 8 pupils produced these fantastic Cubist Portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso. They developed these using ideas from the Cubist art movement and observational portrait studies they have been learning about in art. The Cubists discarded conventional methods and favoured exploring view-points and emotion to explore form. The artwork produced looks fantastic, **well done Year 8!**



Year 4 and 5 iPads

Year 4 and 5 have enjoyed using the new school iPads in their lessons recently. Year 4 used them to do some independent research on the River Nile, whilst Year 5 were creating word clouds based on the Ancient Greeks.



Jeans for Genes Day

Every year, pupils have elected to support the charity that research the function and mutation of genes. They raise money through a day called 'Jeans for Genes' and pupils and staff can wear denim items whilst making a donation to the charity. Pupils marked the day by wearing jeans, dungarees, jackets and shorts made from denim. The 'double denim' look was also sported by staff and pupils this year. Well done to the charity committee who were responsible for collecting the money, and thank you to everyone for their donations!

We raised a fantastic £515!



Year 11 Chemistry

Year 11 Chemists made excellent use of the new iPads in a lesson where they were researching an analytical technique called Flame Emission Spectroscopy. The challenge was to compare this to a technique that A Level students learn about, called Gas Chromatography, and their applications in either medicine or environmental science. This was a great exercise not just to underpin their knowledge for GCSE but also to foster independent learning skills as they look ahead to sixth form. **Well done Year 11!**



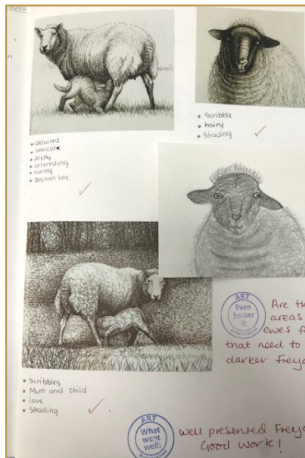
Reception Shape Hunt

Reception class were very excited to go on a 2D shape hunt around the school. They expertly pointed out shapes such as squares and rectangles, and used a tally chart to record their findings. The children really enjoyed their shape hunt and are looking forward to doing another one



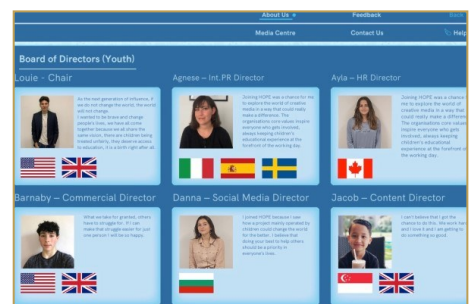
Year 7 Art

Year 7 have been exploring line, tone and texture and the art-work of British artist Henry Moore. Henry loved to draw using spontaneous marks like hatching and scribble to produce lovely ink works depicting nature and the cycle of life. Year 7 done a fantastic job of replicating some of the work from Moore's Sheep Sketchbook. **Well done!**



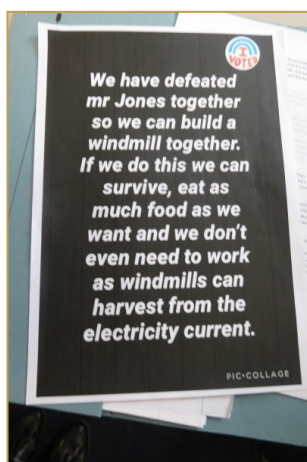
HOPE Children's Company

Year 11 pupil, Ayla, was hard at work over the lockdown period and was appointed as the HR Director for a children's company called HOPE. She has been working alongside other young people who have developed an educational App for teachers made by children. The story was even covered by Newsround earlier this month and Ayla has had the chance to work in London and also with young people all over the world. Ayla said, "Joining HOPE was a chance for me to explore the world of creative media in a way that could really make a difference. The organisations core values inspire everyone who gets involved, always keeping children's educational experience at the forefront of the working day." **Great work Ayla!**



Year 8 Animal Farm Speeches

Year 8 took part in a group speech presentation based on George Orwell's novel Animal Farm. Each group took the persona of either Snowball or Napoleon and stated why the farm should vote for them and whether they were for or against the building of the windmill, which is a pivotal part of the story. Both groups performed really well with a lot of confidence. They also used the iPads and produced some amazing posters explaining why the farm animals should vote for them and displayed them for the speech. **Great work Year 8!**



Symmetry Work with Year 2

Year 2 have been using mirrors to identify lines of symmetry in 2D shapes. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this activity and quickly became pros in being able to identify and rectify common misconceptions; one being that there are no diagonal lines of symmetry in a rectangle. **Fantastic work Year 2!**

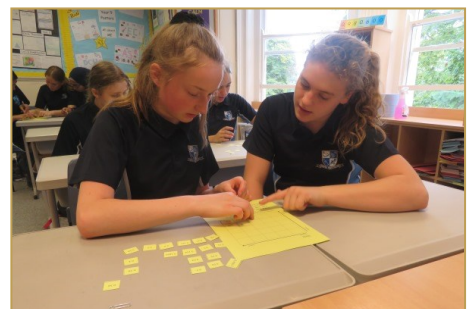


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Fun Maths Activities

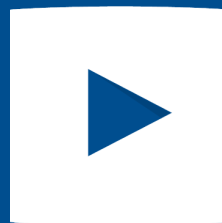
Senior Maths pupils have been completing some fun, but challenging, activities during their lessons recently. Year 8 & 9 pupils worked in pairs to order decimals on a grid, in ascending order, both horizontally and vertically. They were given a square grid and a list of decimals. They competed in pairs at three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The grids were progressively larger as they moved from Bronze to Gold,

with more complicated numbers, including negative numbers, at Gold level. Interesting conversations took place about place value which helped the girls move forward. Mistakes were highlighted and the girls reviewed and moved the position of their numbers to complete the activity. The puzzles had multiple solutions, fantastic work girls, well done!



Year 11 pupils competed in this interactive matching activity which tested their knowledge and understanding of trigonometry. They were given triangles with missing sides and angles and had to match these with the correct formulae. The pupils were asked to discuss and choose the correct trigonometric ratio; SOH CAH TOA and rearrange the formulae correctly. Along the way, key misconceptions were identified and hopefully resolved. Great teamwork with excellent discussions, **well done!**

Getting Social



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Kindergarten Activities

Kindergarten have been enjoying a busy few weeks at school so far this term. During the lovely weather they spent a lot of time playing in their new outdoor play area, they have enjoyed doing some yoga, role playing in their castle and using their sensory objects. They have also done really well practicing their emerging writing skills. **Well done Kindergarten!**



European Day of Languages

European Day of Languages Song Quiz



To celebrate European Day of Languages, Braeside held a house/form competition. Pupils had to listen to song extracts in different languages and guess the correct language for each song. Congratulations to Bronte House and Year 11 form who won the competition. Year 10 came in second place. Well done to Emilie who individually represented Bronte in her form and reached the highest individual score! All the pupils had great fun participating, **well done everyone!**

Bea's Little Princess Trust Donation

Well done to Year 7 pupil, Bea, who donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust at the weekend. Bea has been growing her hair for 2 and a half years so that she could donate it, and has raised over £100 in sponsorship for them too!





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FOBS Update

Hello to everyone,

Hopefully you and your families are settling in to the new routine of the school year. Welcome to all new parents.

Our last committee meeting was in March and at that time we had made plans, in collaboration with the school, for quite a few events. Sadly we did not get to have Movies and Munch, a number of cake sales, a summer BBQ/Fete or a Junior disco. We had also been planning to have a uniform sale and to create a school tea towel with self portraits from all the girls. What is possible is all very uncertain at the moment but our first committee meeting of this new academic year is on Tuesday 6th October at 7pm via Zoom. If anyone would like to attend then please do get in touch with us via our email below.



You may have heard about your daughter or other girls using one of the 32 new school iPads. These were paid for by FOBS during the summer. As you know we all contribute every term to FOBS and we also raise money through our various events. Over several years of saving we were in the fortunate position to have about £15,000 that we could donate to the school for the purchase of the iPads. Let's hope they get plenty of use and are a great addition to the learning environment.

If you are new to the school you may not know that each class has a parent rep. The role is a helpful one as messages and requests can be passed around from FOBS to the different classes and visa versa. Thank you to Dipal, Matt and Suzanne, Anna, Lea Anne, Corrie, Harmeet, Diane and Janice for all being willing to carry on the role for yet another year. We have a few vacancies and would be very happy to hear from any parent in the following year groups: Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 7. Please do get in touch via the email below.

Hopefully we will be able to offer some events and activities over this academic year. We will certainly start making plans at our first committee meeting and we will have our fingers crossed that whatever we decide to do will be able to happen.

Stay safe and all the best from the FOBS Committee

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Best wishes,

FOBS Committee