

Braeside School NEWSLETTER

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Headmistress's Message

Dear parents,

It has been so wonderful having our school community back in the building and learning and playing together (albeit in Bubbles).

Pupils have been very happy and positive about being back at school and the good weather has been on our side so far!

The Senior Pupils were incredibly mature in their approach to the on-site testing and are now carrying these out at home.

Junior pupils have been enjoying the outside space and re-connecting with their friends after a period of time away from school. They have been enjoying playing with the new outdoor PE equipment and being outside in the beautiful garden.

I hope that the weather stays pleasant for you all to enjoy some time to relax over the Easter Break.

Best wishes

Chloe Moon

Welcome Back

On Monday 8 March, all of our pupils returned after several months of remote learning. It has been fantastic to see so many happy faces around the school again. Pupils have settled back into their bubbles, and are so excited to be able to see their friends and teachers. There has been fast and efficient Covid-testing for Seniors, face coverings, social distancing and hand sanitising.

The children and staff have handled the remote learning brilliantly, working together over zoom lessons and online platforms, but they are thrilled to be back and learning in person again!

Welcome back everyone!



On-site Testing



A big well done to our pupils and staff for handling the necessary Covid testing extremely well. Thanks to our well-trained staff it was quick, efficient and all over by lunchtime.



Neurographic Art

Year 3 and 4 have been exploring Neurographic Art. Neurographic Art is a mindful practice that allows students to draw freeform lines and algorithms to transform stress and fear into a beautiful work of art. The pupils found this activity very relaxing and produced some really exciting pieces of art. Well done!



Virtual Open Event

We held our second Virtual Open Event at the beginning of the month. Although this was not the same as opening our doors to prospective parents, we hope it gave a good insight to the happy, vibrant life at Braeside School.

We had lots of people sign up and watch the live event, where Mrs Moon gave a short speech, before parents heard from our Head Girl and Head Prefect and took a pupil led virtual tour. The session finished with a live Q & A event, where Mrs Moon was joined by Mrs Copeman to answer the many questions that were being asked.

A recording of the event is now available to watch on the school website. Please feel free to give it a watch.

[Click here](#) to watch the virtual open event.



**Infants, Juniors and Seniors
March Virtual Open Event**



**Early Years
March Virtual Open Event**

Mothers' Day Cards



Year 3 and 4 had a lot of fun in art making Mother's Day Cards. They explored finger painting and created these colourful bouquet style cards. Well done everyone-great work. We're sure these gifts were very well received.



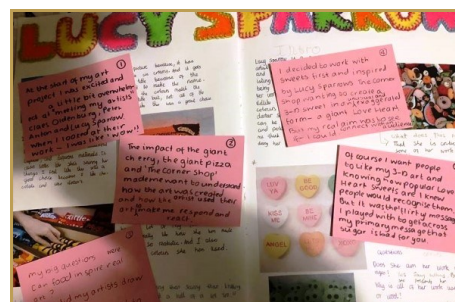
Clowning Around

Year 7 have been exploring a wide range of skills, materials and techniques to create Clown Puppets. We have been mindful to use materials that are accessible and have explored skills like card construction and papier-mache. Well done girls, good work. Our next step will be to make our clowns clothes.



Year 10 Food Sculptures

Juliet in Year 10 has been exploring the work of Lucy Sparrow, Paul Anton and Claes Oldenburg to produce these great ideas and food sculptures. The artists that Juliet has looked at belong to The 'Pop Art' movement where they wanted to make art accessible to all. They questioned the 'norm' and what art should or shouldn't be. Juliet has explored the idea of is one slice of pizza ever enough? And what toppings should I choose? All of them!! Great work Juliet. Well done.



Spring Early Years Activities



Early Years pupils have been getting up to all sorts of activities both in and out of the classroom.

They went on a nature walk around the school grounds with their binoculars looking for signs of spring, made fun masks, took part in craft activities and even had a reading session with each other.



Introducing Boys

As many of you will already know, Braeside has a very exciting change taking place in the near future. From September 2021, we will be accepting boys starting from Kindergarten and Reception.

We believe that a co-educational environment is in the best interests of the children and will benefit their learning and development. An important factor is that whole families will be able to become a part of the Braeside experience and educational journey, benefitting from all it offers. The world is changing, and an increasing number of new Braeside parents are indicating that they would prefer an excellent family school that serves their sons as well as their daughters.

For more information, head to the dedicated page on [OUR WEBSITE](https://www.braesideschool.co.uk).

Hats off to Year 8

Year 8 have now completed their knitted bobble hats. Knitting over zoom had its challenges but Year 8 really rose to the challenge and produced these lovely warm hats. A big well done!



World Book Day Celebrations

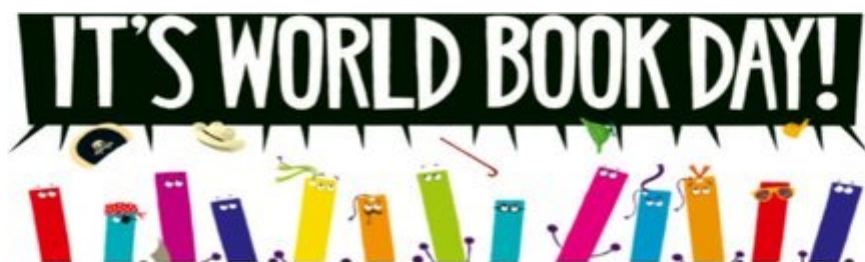
Get Caught Reading

We received some fantastic photos today of our pupils celebrating [#WorldBookDay2021](#) at home. Our theme this year was 'Get Caught Reading' and our pupils certainly found some very creative places to read. The Early Years children who were in school last week dressed in their pyjamas for the day, which they thought was a lot of fun!



World Book Day Celebrations Cont..

We held a Zoom [#WorldBookDay](#) Assembly to discuss why we celebrate the occasion every year, and how important reading is!



Dilly's Home Baking

Dilly has been doing some home baking! She made Hamantashen for the first time to celebrate a Jewish Holiday, Purim. They were fun and easy to make, and tasted very nice! Dilly even snapped a picture of the recipe so her peers could try them at home. Thanks Dilly!

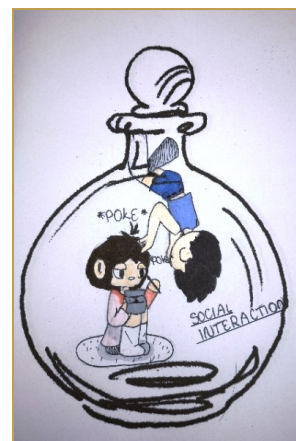


Year 8 Bottle Moments



For PSHE, Year 8 were asked to draw their bottle moments about what they most wanted to do after the restrictions were lifted. Drawings ranged from being able to go on holiday and performing on stage again to being able to go to the cinema and being able to be close to friends again.

Great work Year 8!



Maya's Artwork

Year 6 have been exploring world war art this term. Here Maya has been studying the art of war artist Paul Nash. She has really captured the bleak atmosphere of the battle field using a range of marks and textures. Brilliant work Maya.



Red Nose Day

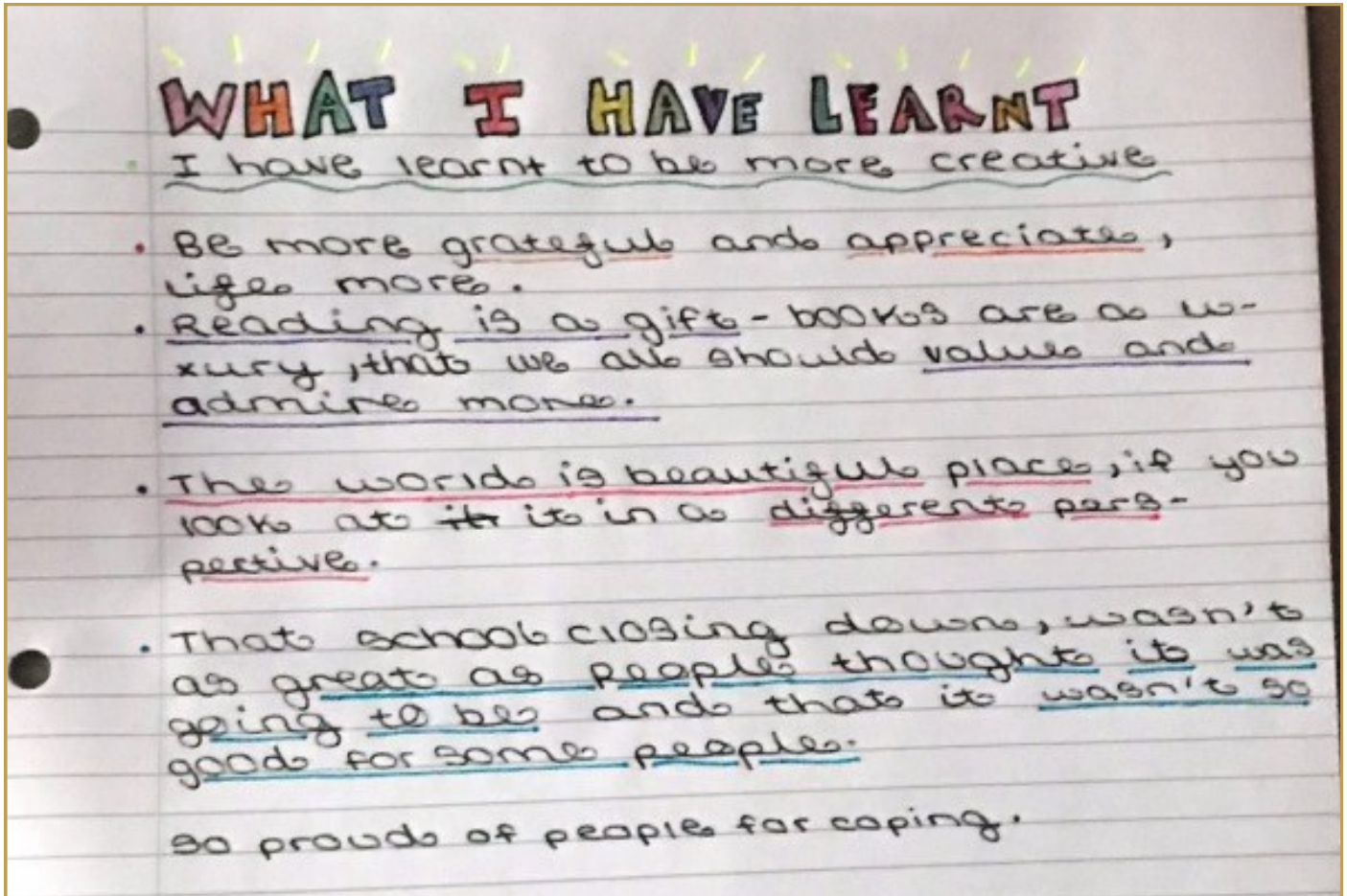
Pupils had a great time dressing up in red clothing for Red Nose Day on Friday 19 March. Pupils took part in lots of different activities throughout the day. In total, the school raised a huge £412.10 for this very worthy cause, which we are sure will make a huge difference to those that are living incredibly tough lives. Thank you all for your generous donations.



What I Have Learnt In Lockdown - Year 8 Posters

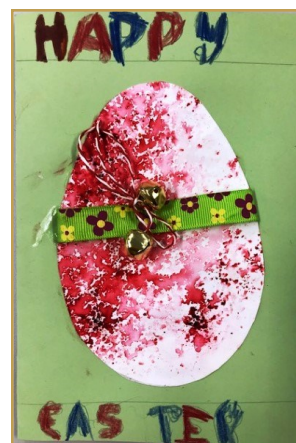
In PSHE, Year 8 have been making posters about all the things they have learnt in lockdown, and since the pandemic began, which is not related to school work.

There were lots of heart-warming answers, well done Year 8.



Easter Cards

Year 3 and 4 have been busy making Easter Cards in Art this week. Although all pupils started with a similar concept, a bunny or an egg, it was great to see everyone putting their own stamp on their card, allowing their personalities to really shine through!



Ballet of the Unhatched Chickens

In Music, Year 7 recently listened to a piece called 'Ballet of the Unhatched Chickens'. After listening, pupils then had to draw what the musical piece made them think of. Great work Year 7!



Year 7 Product Launch



Well done to Year 7 pupil Izellah who has launched her own product range called ZELA, which makes cosmetics such as lip gloss and head wear.

As part of her drive to provide natural Sierra Leonean products in the market, Izellah and her mum travelled to Sierra Leone over the Christmas period to launch the initiative. Izellah set up her products at the Radisson Blue Hotel in Freetown for people to come and browse, and she even made it onto the national news channel!

Kindergarten Activities

Kindergarten have enjoyed a busy half term at school. In their topic 'People Who Help Us' they have been putting together pictures of characters and identifying which ones help us, for example a postman and fireman. They also made lovely thank you cards for the NHS.

They worked very hard on practicing their letters of the week and then had fun doing some imaginative play both in the classroom and play area.

They have been enjoying their PE lessons, especially working on their balance by walking across balance beams and trying their hands at yoga!



Easter Egg Hunt Fun

During the last week of term, pupils had a lot of fun taking part in a fast paced Easter egg hunt. Easter tokens were scattered around the school grounds, and the Junior pupils had to pick up as many tokens as they could for their House. There was a lot of fast paced searching, and even the sun managed to pop out for a while. The older pupils were in charge of collecting and counting out the results.

All the pupils gratefully received their Easter egg prize from the Easter Bunny himself. What a great way to end what has been quite a strange term.



Last Day House Cross Country

What an excellent House Cross Country Event! All juniors and seniors should be very proud of their efforts and it was great to see them all portraying excellent sportsmanship and helping each other to the finish line. The winners of the Junior event were Mason house!

Angel ran a brilliant race and won the Year 5 and 6 race, closely followed by a great run from Bobbie. Nicole won the Year 3 and 4 race, closely followed by Brogan. The winners of the senior event were Fry! Nikki won the Year 11 race, followed shortly after by Ayla and Sam. Eva in Year 9 was the fastest overall runner and should be extremely proud of herself. Special mentions must also go to Hazel, Evie, Rebecca and Maddie who also achieved excellent times in the Year 9 race. In the Year 7 and 8 race Kristen had an amazing run, resulting in first place, closely followed by Sophie A and Eva. Well done everyone!



FOBS Update

Dear Families of Braeside,

The end of term is here. Hooray for us being closer to warmer weather. Let's hope the Easter break brings us some lovely spring days.

We were able to have our committee meeting in January and a number of you joined us via Zoom. There will be another meeting at the start of next term although the date is not yet agreed. Look out for the email inviting you along. The more of us that take part in FOBS discussions and activities the more we can be confident that we are making the right choices for the school, the girls and the families.



This term we organised a virtual family quiz which was held on Friday 12th March. We had about 18 teams of families and teachers. Our chair Matt Hill was our quizmaster aided by his wife Suzanne. Thank you both - they were great questions. The quiz was topped off by a 'guess the teacher from their baby photo' round. Everybody enjoyed themselves and we hope to do it all again in the next term. Our prize winners came from Year 10, Reception and Year 5. It was nice that as members of the Braeside community we got to share some easy and fun time together. We hope more of you will be able to join next time.

We are pleased to announce that despite lockdown the Easter bunny has been able to still supply the school with the requisite Easter eggs to enable the Easter Hunt to go ahead as planned. Thanks Easter bunny and your willing helper Matt.

We still have not got class reps for years 1, 2 or 7. We appreciate it may not be on the top of your agenda at this current time. However if you thought that you would like to make a small commitment to the work of FOBS then here is an opportunity and we would be most happy to hear from you.

Have a happy Easter break.

Keep sane and keep safe.

Best wishes,

FOBS Committee

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Getting Social

