

Braeside School NEWSLETTER

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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

This term has been one of celebration and enjoyment for all pupils in the school. The End of Year Celebrations were a fantastic opportunity for pupils to showcase their music, work throughout the year, dance, poetry and language learning. I am so grateful to all the parents that attended to celebrate the year. The weather was on our side too!

Sports Day was a huge success. Pupils enjoyed a range of sporting events at Lee Valley Sports Centre in bubbles. Again, thank you for attending this event to celebrate sporting fun across the school.

The term has ended with a charity walk for all pupils and a festival of cricket.

I hope you have an enjoyable Summer Break with your families!

Best Wishes, Mrs Moon

Year 7 Explore the Circus

Year 7 have produced these fantastic Circus compositions. We have been exploring perspective and scale to create drama and looking at the artist Toulouse Lautrec. Toulouse was fascinated with the vibrant colours of Japanese woodcuts and loved to capture 'snap shots' of life.



Year 9 Create Clay Cupcakes

Year 9 have been exploring the medium of clay to produce these fun cupcakes.

The class started by looking at three-dimensional artists like Peter Anton and Claes Oldenburg. These artists were inspired by 'Pop Art' and popular culture meaning they wanted to produce art that 'ordinary' people could relate to.

Well done, excellent work.



Athletics Competition

The Year 6 athletics team did amazingly well at the Ashton Playing Fields Athletics Competition.

All 8 of them took part in the 75m sprint, 600m, vortex throw, long jump and relay.

The relay team consisting of Rosie, Eliza, Scarlet and Alayna got the gold medal position and Bobbie, Tian, Maya and Nanaki got Silver.

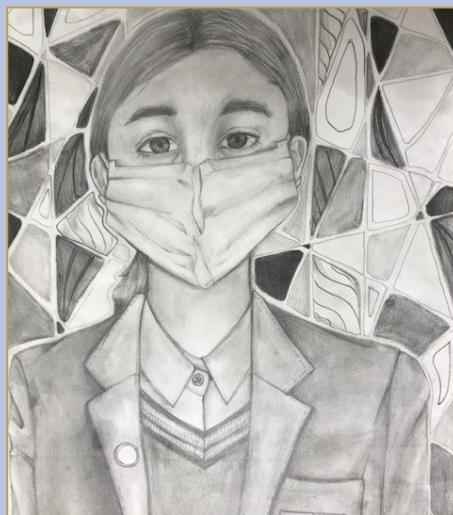
Well done!



Amazing Self-Portraits

Year 8 have created these amazing pencil portraits.

We firstly explored facial proportions and scale and then went on to investigate three-dimensional form and surface textures with a range of pencil grades to achieve these great portraits.



Kindergarten Enjoy the Sun

Kindergarten have had a busy half term playing outside and making the most of any sunny weather.

They have enjoyed water play, story time and snack in the sunshine and exercising on the bikes and scooters.

They have practised very hard for the End of Year Celebrations and it has been lovely to see them celebrating their friend's achievements.



Year 2 Hydroponics

In Science, Year 2 have been growing sweet potatoes hydroponically.

They now understand the benefits of growing plants in water rather than soil, however they have also learnt that extra nutrients need to be added to the water to maintain a healthy plant.

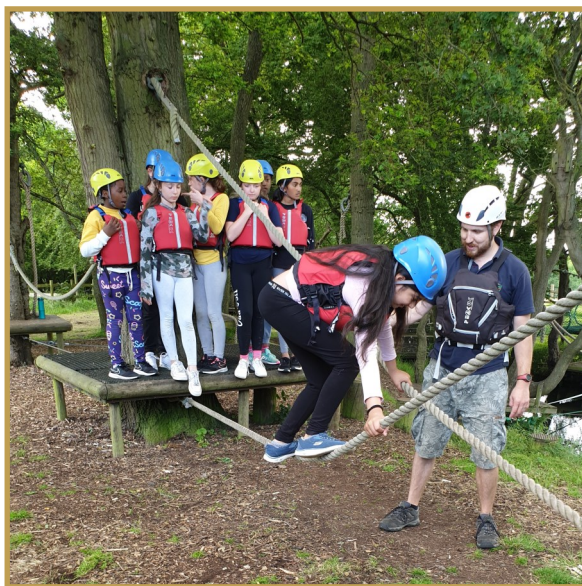
As herbicides or pesticides are not used, hydroponically grown crops are far better for the environment.



Lambourne Residential Trip

On the 24 and 25 June, Years 5 and 6 went on their residential trip to Lambourne End. It was one of the first trips to take place since the pandemic and very a well-deserved one. Everyone had a brilliant time, conquered some fears, gained new-found independence and were brilliantly behaved. Here is a trip report from Holly, Year 6:

“On Thursday 24 June, Year 5 and 6 went on a residential trip to Lambourne End. We arrived at Lambourne End in the morning and stayed there until home time on Friday 25 June. During our stay, Year 5 and 6 took part in a variety of activities including caving, raft-building and a ropes course. We also learned independence by making our own lunches and packing our own bags. Overall the trip was a roaring success and the future Year 5 and 6s have a lot to look forward to.’



End of Year Celebrations

Each bubble had an End of Year Celebration at the end of the term to highlight all the amazing work that the children had produced over the year; to celebrate being an all through school on one site and to invite parents in to share the wonderful work and performances.

Musical items included African drumming, popular holiday songs, body percussion and beautiful solo performances from the GCSE Year 10 music group.

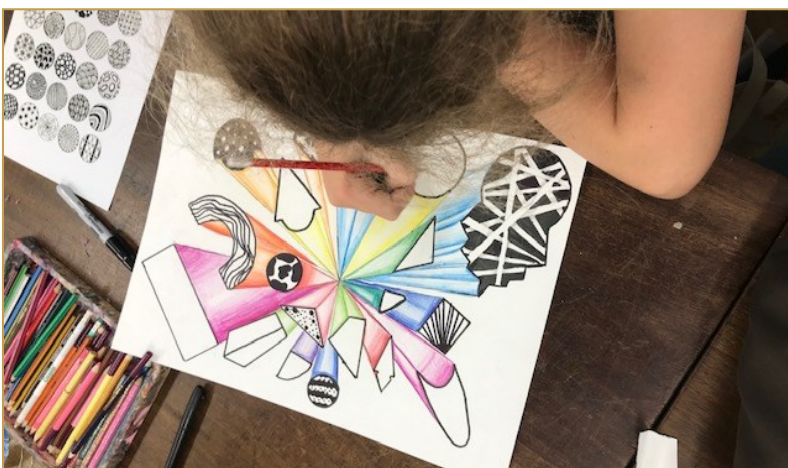
Well done to everyone who took part and to those pupils who won awards.



Year 7 Explore Zentangles

Year 7 are really enjoying exploring zentangles and one-point perspective to create super cool art. Zentangle means mindful tangles.

The class have loved exploring colours and patterns and are having lots of fun after their end of year exams.



Junior Maths Challenge Success

In April 2021, ten of our Braeside Senior pupils from Years 7 and 8 took part in this year's Junior Maths Challenge, run by the UK Mathematics Trust.

Year 7 – Ava, Sareen, Anisa, Eva, Eliza & Amaya

Year 8 – Nadezhda (Nadia), Iman, Caaviya & Isabelle

This is a national challenge, similar to the Intermediate Maths Challenge and also provides an opportunity for students to think and solve problems. All students take the same paper regardless of age.

The Challenge involves answering 25 multiple-choice questions in one hour and is normally sat at school under normal exam conditions. Last year, under lockdown, our students were able to complete the challenge on-line from home. This year they were completed on-line at school.

A special well done goes to Nadia who was awarded a Silver Certificate and Best in School, Iman and Isabelle who were awarded a Bronze Certificate and finally Eliza in Year 7 who was awarded a Bronze Certificate and Best in Year.

All students will receive a Certificate of Participation.

Congratulations to all who took part!

If you want to try some of the questions, they are available on the UKMT website at

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/sites/default/files/ukmt/JMC%202021%20paper.pdf>



Year 7 Pupil Receives Prestigious Award

Bobbie, Year 6 pupil, has received the Diana Award. The Diana Award honours young people who work to improve the lives of others. The Award is the most prestigious accolade a young person aged 9-25 can receive for their social action or humanitarian work.

After Bobbie's father passed away, she heard stories of orphaned children in Mwulunga, Zambia and was inspired to fund-raise to support their school.

Bobbie started with a bake sale, held at Braeside, and has since raised £125, which has supported the education of 89 children in Zambia and inspired other children in her school to also support and raise money. Bobbie now makes weekly videos to connect with the children in Zambia and to teach them to trampoline, as well as videos for other bereaved children in the UK.

Through her videos, Bobbie shares the tools that helped her through her own difficult times. She is determined to help other children and wants to channel her grief into doing something positive for other people.



The Oak-Tree Challenge

The Oak-Tree Challenge has been taken on by many students in the last 2 years. Deadlines were extended due to Covid lockdowns and restrictions meant that some of the planned challenges could not be completed.

The Oak Tree Challenge Scheme was designed to challenge our pupils and looking back, they were certainly challenged and we are proud of the five Braeside pupils who rose to the challenge, persevered and successfully completed their challenges both inside and outside of school.

The Junior Bronze Award was presented to Nishtha, Year 6. The Junior Silver Award was presented to Nishtha, Holly, Nanaki and Rosie, Year 6. The Senior Silver award was presented to Hannah, Year 9. Nishtha completed the challenges for both the Bronze and Silver Award.

For the Bronze Award, Nishtha's new skill was learning how to cook. She cooked pasta bakes, lamb kebab rolls, tuna pastries, vanilla cheesecakes, Indian desserts and many more. Her next challenge required her to put together a PowerPoint presentation about her journey at Braeside School from Sept 2013 to July 2021 which she presented to her class. For Nishtha's final challenge, she volunteered to help Great Ormond Street Hospital send memory packs and invitations to 420 families who had lost a precious child.

Nishtha's Silver Award outdoor pursuits challenge involved cycling, walking, kite flying and badminton in Richmond Park. For her second challenge, she led her form's Bake a Cake charity event in school, raising £125.50 for Haven House Children's Hospice. Her final challenge involved helped her dad build a greenhouse during the Covid lockdown period. Well done Nishtha!

The Oak-Tree Challenge continued...

Holly also took part in her form's Bake a Cake Sale, raising money for the Haven House Children's Hospice, for her Silver Award. Holly put together a PowerPoint presentation about her baby sister, Summer for her second challenge. She did a lot of research and completed a weekly journal for 4 months which she presented to her class. Holly learnt how to play the piano for her final challenge. Well done Holly!

Nanaki's Silver Award outdoor pursuit challenge was to become a zoo-keeper at Helmsley Conservation Centre for one day. She helped clean cages and feed the animals. For her second challenge, Nanaki also took part in her form's Bake a Cake Sale, raising money for the Haven House Children's Hospice. Nanaki went to a residential pony care at Old Piggery Yurts, where she mucked out stables, went hacking and groomed the ponies for two days for her final challenge. Well done Nanaki!

Rosie's Silver Award outdoor pursuit challenge involved hiking and climbing trees in Epping Forest with her uncle and grandad. For her second challenge, Rosie also took part in her form's Bake a Cake sale, raising money for the Haven House Children's Hospice. Rosie's final challenge was supporting her parents when they both caught Covid-19 and fell very ill. As the eldest sibling, she helped clean, cook food and look after her baby sister. Well done Rosie!

Hannah completed her Senior Silver award last year. Her outdoor pursuit was to improve her bike skills. She started at the Olympic course at Stratford and went on to cycle in Epping Forest and Hainault Forest Country Park. Hannah's second challenge was completed during the 5-day residential football tour to Madrid. She took part in lots of football training and attended her very first professional football match. Her final challenge was organising, with a few friends, a school Cake Sale, to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Well done Hannah!

The girls' logbooks were completed with excellent details of their challenges, planning and reflections afterwards, accompanied by wonderful photographs.

Our pupils were presented with their certificates and lapel badges at their End of Year Assemblies to celebrate their achievements.

Many congratulations to you all.



Sports Day

On Monday afternoon we held Sports Day at the very impressive Lee Valley Athletics Centre. This year was extra special as we could finally welcome the family and friends back in to cheers the pupils along after a year of social distancing. For weeks pupils have been training for the event, and were all very excited to get started. Every single pupil got into the spirit of Sports Day, supporting their classmates when they weren't taking part, and giving the races and events their all.



For the Seniors, events included several relays and track events such as the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m. The Juniors took part in over and under races, sprints, egg and spoon and even sack races.

The competition was tight but Nightingale came out on top. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who came to support and cheer our racers on!

Year 3 Make Seawigs!

In Year 3 we have been reading the fabulous book, Oliver and the Seawigs.

We got to know Oliver, the mermaid Iris, the rambling isle, Cliff and the importance of having an amazing Seawig (decorations on the islands' heads, that they gather while roaming the oceans).

We created amazing stories and descriptive writing pieces and end the topic with our own Seawig competition.

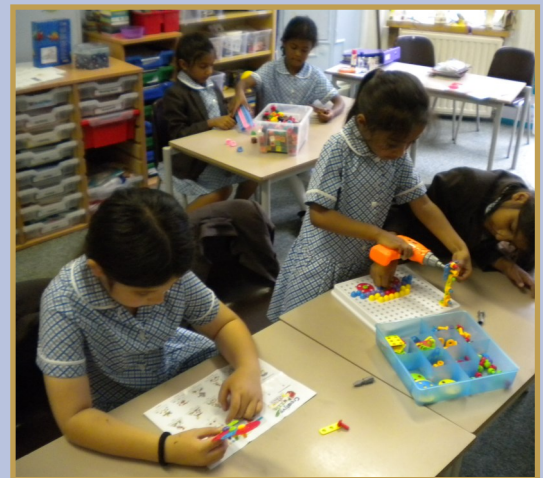
What do you think of our wigs? The girls found shells, mermaids and naughty cheeky sea-monkeys to decorate their wigs.

We had lots of fun and looked lovely!



Year 2 Learn New Life Skill

Year 2 experimented with new construction resources, where they learnt how to use a screwdriver and a spanner to tighten screws, nuts and bolts. As you can see, they were very pleased with themselves after learning a new life skill.



Year 11 Say Good-Bye

Year 11 were invited back to school on 2 July to celebrate the end of the Braeside chapter and the starting of a new one.

They came dressed in the best dresses to sing their favourite song (Abi and Tamia also sang a solo) and to collect their awards for subjects, progress and achievement.

Steve Shields (our much loved chef) cooked up a barbecue and pupils ate in the glorious sunshine of the afternoon.

FOBS kindly paid for a Disco Dome for the pupils to play their music in and dance and bounce. It was so much fun!



Year 4 Tie Dye Pencil Cases

Year 4 students have used two colours to create their own tie dye pencil cases as part of our end of year fun and celebrations.

They carefully tied elastic bands around the pencil cases which they hope will create the traditional circular tie dye patterns.

We look forward to seeing the results before the end of term.



Friends of Braeside

Dear Families of Braeside

The end of term and the school year is here. A chance for a break from all the routines that come with school life.

We were able to have our committee meeting in May and a number of you joined us via Zoom. There will be another meeting on Tuesday 21st September at 7pm via Zoom. 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 pizza kits provided by Nonna Zenone Mobile Pizza Company from Loughton. At the time of writing we have not yet had our delivery. Let's hope they were delicious and all those that ordered kits had great fun making them.

We also created a virtual fair and gave all the girls a chance to guess the number of sweets in a jar and find the hidden treasure. We also asked for photos of pets and baking extravaganzas as well as drawings of funky sunglasses and ideas for next years fair. We have some great prizes. Good luck to all those who entered and congratulations to the winners.

We have already begun planning for next academic year. We will be running an evening School Dinners event for adults on 1st October. We held one a few years ago and those that attended had a great time. Steve the chef will produce his finest school dinner for our delectation.

We also plan to hold another Kahoot quiz in late Autumn term and organise the sale of special Braeside tea towels at Christmas. All the girls (and boys) will be able to get their names and drawings on to them.

Thank you to all those families that have supported FOBS this year. We are a small team in a small school and we do what we can to contribute to the school experience. All support is much appreciated.

We hope you have a happy Summer break.

Keep sane and keep safe.

Best wishes

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Getting Social

