

NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

The weather has truly been on our side for the various sporting events that Braeside pupils have taken part in so far this term. Sports clubs have been incredibly popular and we have seen some dedicated runners arriving early to school for a morning run. Netball fixtures are back in full swing with pupils competing against local schools. This is something that we missed owing to the impact of the pandemic.

This is a very special time in the history of Braeside. We are now a school for boys and girls and it has been wonderful to see children learning and playing alongside each other.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Chloe Moon

Gardening Club Grow Tomatoes

Gardening Club have started planting tomatoes. Pupils planted half a tomato each into their pots, hoping that the seeds inside will start to grow. They will be keeping their pots inside and in little, plastic bag greenhouses, to keep them warm over winter. Everyone is hoping that they will soon have some seedlings begin to grow and hopefully some tasty tomatoes in the future!



First Junior School Assembly

We had our first assembly for 18 months in the hall for the Junior children. Mrs Copeman welcomed us back and discussed the year ahead.



Year 5 & 6 Learn Essential First Aid

Year 5 and 6 were taught some essential first aid skills such as CPR, the recovery position and how to use a defibrillator. Danny, the trainer, said that everyone had a good understanding of these life saving skills.



A Fun Week In Kindergarten!

Kindergarten had a week full of fun! They took part in activities such as singalong, story time, PE and painting. The children are always excited to try out new things and we love seeing them all work so well with each other.



Upper Kindergarten Go On A Listening Walk

The Upper 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 crunching leaves, birds singing and a helicopter in the sky. The children then had a great time having a run about and exploring the outside environment.



The Start Of The Transition To Co-education



Braeside School celebrated the beginning of its first term as a coeducational school, with the first few boys joining our younger children in Kindergarten and Reception. They have already fit in wonderfully with our currently pupils, and have enjoyed taking part in games, class activities and more.

A Sunny First Running Club



Running club is back for Years 3-8! Pupils had a great first run on a beautiful morning in the cricket field. Excellent endurance from Bobbie, Kirsten and Amber. Our sports prefect Annie was an excellent motivator. We now look to improve our distance as a group.

Year 3 Football

School sporting events are back! Year 3 were the first to venture out to the West Essex Year 3 Football Tournament and they should be incredibly proud of their efforts! Amazing goals were scored by Amrita and Sawda, and Summer -Rose was our star goalkeeper saving so many goals! Well done everyone!



Year 7 At The Nuclear High Ropes

Year 7 had an exciting morning at Nuclear High Ropes! They encouraged each other to overcome fears and supported one another to complete challenging obstacles. Rosie said she 'felt powerful after completing the zip wire'. It was an excellent trip and nobody wanted to leave!



Jeans For Genes Day

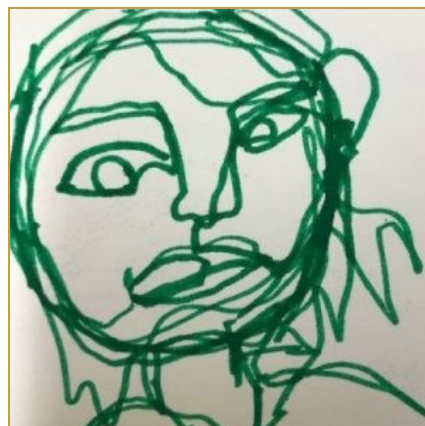
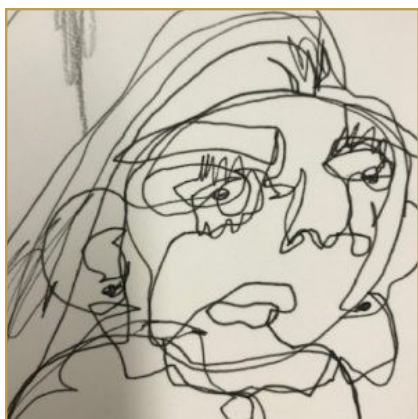
The Braeside Charity Committee decided again this year that our half termly charity event would raise money for Jeans for Genes. Pupils and staff made a donation to be able to wear jeans, denim items and other casual wear for the day. We will keep you updated with our overall figure raised.



Year 8 Experimental Drawing

Year 8 had a fantastic time in Art experimenting with timed drawing exercises. Pupils were asked to look only at their subject and not take their drawing implement off of the paper. The class found this hilarious but valued the time they were spending building confidence with their observational drawing skills and taking risks.

Well done Year 8!



Excellent Tries In Rugby!

Year 3 and 4 pupils attended the West Essex tag rugby tournament, working hard in their teams to score some excellent tries! Special mentions must go to Darcy and Summer-Rose for their try scoring! Great effort was shown by all. Well done girls.



New Year 10 GCSE Classes

Our Year 10 Religious Studies GCSE class worked so hard during their first week of the academic year. They enjoyed getting back into the classroom and were discussing some very interesting questions and topics, such as the nature of God and whether God can exist if he allows suffering.



Netball Is Back!

Braeside's netball squads are back in action! The teams travelled over to Davenant for a tough first game in the West Essex league. Excellent effort pupils, we're already looking forward to the next game!



Oak-Tree Camp

Year 3 pupils from all four of the Oak-Tree Schools had a fun-filled few days taking part in the annual Oak-Tree Camp. Pupils arrived in high spirits, ready to go with their overnight bags. For some pupils, this was their first time staying away from home for the night, so there were a few nerves, but once the activities were in full swing they soon forgot about their nerves.

They first had to put up their own tent for the night, which certainly was as a challenge in itself, before taking part in a range of team-building activities. The pupils loved sitting round the camp fire in the evenings and tucking into a tasty meal, then doing it all again the next day!



FOBS Update

Dear Families of Braeside,

A warm welcome to returning families and those new to the school. We hope the first month of school life has gone well.

In case you don't know about us here is a little summary: All families are automatically members of FOBS (Friends of Braeside). The business of FOBS is lead by a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and we have parents who take on the roles of class representative to help us reach into specific classes. We meet once or twice a term via Zoom with Mrs Moon and other teachers and support staff to think about FOBS and how we can support the school. We ask for parent volunteers when there are big events, although since just before the pandemic we began to move towards more events taking place during school hours with the school staff kindly taking on more of a role to manage the event.

Would you like to be a class representative? It is not an onerous task and entails being part of a Class Rep WhatsApp group and having a group with your own class. When messages need to be passed on then you can help us do that. We are looking for volunteers from year groups 2,3,7 and 8. Please get in touch via email if you would like to put yourself forward.

For this term we have planned for the younger children to create their own Christmas cards and to run a Christmas party. We will be funding popcorn for Years 9, 10 and 11 who will be watching Romeo and Juliet in school on 15 October and we will be paying for refreshments for those children going to see the pantomime in December. We are in discussion with the school in relation to contributing towards enhancing the outdoor play spaces.

We will have our AGM on Monday 15 November at 7pm where we will review the business of the year and agree committee members. We would love you to attend (virtually) and show your support for FOBS and the school. We all have busy lives and the Committee all work so we do what we can and the more people that are involved the more that we can do. An email invitation will be sent out the week before the AGM.

Best wishes,

FOBS



BRAESIDE SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2021 - EARLY YEARS - 9.15AM
INFANTS, JUNIORS AND SENIORS - 6PM

Getting Social

