

# NEWSLETTER



## November 2021

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### Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful that school (as we knew it) has been returning to normal with pupils on trips and attending sports fixtures. We are delighted that Braeside Year 5 and 6 were victorious in winning the Oak Tree Netball Tournament this month. The pupils were excited to take part and also to then pick up the trophy at the end. Braeside have also seen victory in the Seniors with a double win for both teams against a local school.

We have been observing Remembrance through assemblies and through some beautiful art work. Pupils continue to excel at art and produce interesting pieces of work. We have several art competitions running in school at the moment.

Kind Regards

Mrs Chloe Moon



## Harvest Festival

Braeside Juniors put on a wonderful Harvest Festival on Friday 15 October at St James' URC Church. The children had a great time entertaining the audience of friends and family with songs like the 'Harvest Samba' and poems all about harvest time and Autumn. We even got a performance from the Braeside band!

Thank you to everyone for all your donations, they are sure to make a huge difference.



## Seasonal Changes

Year 1 have been exploring Epping forest as part of their new topic 'Seasonal Changes'. We're so grateful to be walking distance from such beautiful forests!





## Sports Captains Netball Tips

Sports captain and prefect Lily-Ann and Annie have been helping in junior sports club and imparting their netball knowledge to the Year 6's ahead of the U11 Oak-Tree Netball Tournament.



## Football Crazy!

Year 5 took part in a West Essex football league. We're really proud of them as they worked hard in their team, developed strategies and were excellent representatives of the school!



Year 1 took part in a KS1 football match against 5 other local schools last month. They did incredibly well and should all be very proud of themselves!

## Netball Victory

VICTORY for our Year 7/8 netball team!

The Year 7/8's hard work is paying off! The girls performed brilliantly against a very well drilled Ongar Academy side and won 16-12!

Well done to Kristen and Eva for their excellent shooting, Maya V and Scarlet for their non-stop defending and Izellah who worked tirelessly as centre and was awarded player of the match. Well done girls!







## Senior Assembly Remembrance and Rationing

Steve (our wonderful chef) lead an assembly this week for Remembrance on the Home Front. Steve talked about the impact on rationing on families and children during the war. He described and showed pupils what rations were available which certainly gave pupils food for thought about how restricted diets were during wartime. Evie said: "The ration of sweets would last me maybe 10 minutes. I can't believe that was a week's rations".

## Feeling Festive - Buckhurst Hill Christmas Card Competition

Year 6 have worked extremely hard in their recent art lessons to produce these amazing Christmas Cards. We were given the theme of 'Big Ben'. We have explored a range of materials and techniques and pupils wanted to capture the atmosphere of night time in the city at the magical time of Christmas. A huge well done to everyone.



## Guide Dog Visit

We were very lucky to have some special visitors in our assembly this term! Brenda, who is a Guide Dog volunteer, told the junior children how dogs are trained to become a Guide Dog – she also brought along Aero for us to meet, who is a retired Guide Dog. Later on in the year, the School Council hope to raise some money for the Guide Dogs charity, a very worthy cause!





## Poppy Art

Year 3 & 4 produced beautiful poppy art in preparation for Remembrance day.



## Year 6 Science Museum Trip

Year 6 visited the Science Museum in London. Pupils went to the WonderLab where they could have a go at hands on investigations. The pupils loved getting out of the classroom and doing some hands on learning. It's so important to keep learning interesting and fun.

We also visited the Exploring Space and Energy Hall exhibitions. It was a fabulous day and many members of the public commented on the children's outstanding behaviour.

Well done to all of the Year 6's, what a great representation of the school.

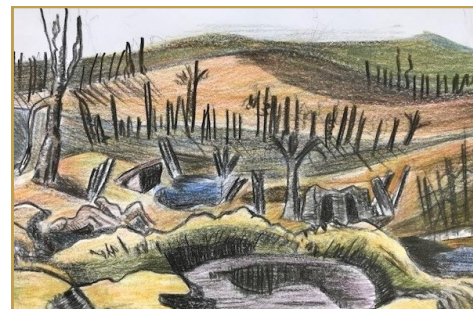




## ISA Regional Art Competition

This year despite working through covid we have had great success at the annual ISA Regional Art Competition. We managed to secure four firsts and two second places.

The winning students are Rebecca, Maya, Eva, Elizabeth, Dilly and Juliet. The winning work included textiles, collage, photography and drawings. A huge well done!



## Thorpe Park Trip

On the Thursday 30 September, the Senior pupils at Braeside had a day out at Thorpe Park. We don't deny this was a lot of fun but there was an important Physics lesson to learn too.

Rollercoasters are an excellent way to demonstrate how energy is constantly being transferred from one form to another. The effects of friction can be shown observing that the loops in the ride get progressively smaller. Tea cups are a great model for circular motion.

It's a perfect background to discuss ideas of momentum and inertia. Students used a work book to apply "text book" equations to infamous rides like Stealth and Saw. Physics is often regarded as an abstract science and this was a perfect opportunity to apply learning to real life situations.





## Another Win In Netball

Success for our netball teams! The Year 7/8 team beat King Harold 16-4. Izellah was player of the match for her brilliant delivery into the shooting circle. The U16 team won 8-5 and Izzy was player of the match for her excellent defending. The hard work is paying off!



## Oak-Tree Netball Tournament

The Oak-Tree Netball Tournament this year was a great success with all 4 of the schools playing fantastic matches and showing wonderful sportsmanship. After a year of no school mixing it was great to see all of the pupils back together for some friendly sports and competition.

All of the pupils have worked hard to improve their skills and prepare for the tournament making their PE teachers very proud. Plus, to top it off, we secured first place!



## Reception Send Letters to Santa!

Reception have carefully written letters to Father Christmas and posted them off to the North Pole. The children even went to the post office to buy brand new stamps to make sure the letters got there safely.



## Children In Need 2021

Braeside pupils came into school on Friday 12 November all dressed up in yellow in support of the charity Children in Need. The School Council organised a fantastic way to raise some additional funds for the charity by making and decorating jelly, which they then sold at break time. At lunch, the pupils enjoyed a teddy bears' picnic in the hall, which was a lot of fun!



## Spelling Bee Buzz!



On Friday 12 November KS3 pupils took part in a 'formal' House Spelling Bee competition. All the pupils really enjoyed the activity with many saying it was "fun" and asking "When will the next be taking place?"

The spelling rounds were: Christmas, Technology, Science, Colours, Literary Techniques, Disney Characters, Countries, Coffee Drinks, Music, Animals, Professions, Phobias and Commonly Misspelled Words. There were 20 spellings in each round, which meant some pupils were nominated to go up again to complete another spelling.

It was great to see our pupils in teams, cheering for each other, learning and building confidence, while showing pleasure, excitement and a sense of gratification upon correctly spelling their words (which were all of varying ability – from elves and grey to Pinocchio, arachnophobia and Azerbaijan). The hardest round by far was commonly misspelled words and Fry did amazingly well coping with that round.

The end results are as follows: the scores were really tight with Fry coming 4<sup>th</sup> with 29, Nightingale in 3<sup>rd</sup> with 32, Mason in 2<sup>nd</sup> (by one point!) with 33 and Bronte in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a massive 47! Well done Bronte house!





## Ancient Greece Day

Year 5 had the brilliant opportunity to take part in Ancient Greek Day organised by Mrs Doss. During the day, the girls dressed in Ancient Greek themed clothing, they wrote their names in Ancient Greek, made laurel wreaths, had an ancient Greek banquet, crushed grapes to make wine, played in their own mini Olympics and designed their own Ancient Greek mythical creatures in art. We all had lots of fun!

## Terrific Tiger Art

Year 3 and 4 have been exploring moving drawings this term. They have used a range of materials and techniques focusing on colour, texture and movement. They've now started to explore movie making with the iPads.

