

NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

It's been an extremely busy and enjoyable end to a very successful Autumn Term. The last few weeks have been filled with festive activities and performances. Once again I am amazed with the pupils' courage, enthusiasm, creativity and ability to learn songs and dance moves. Well done to everyone that took part!

My thanks go to the wonderful staff at Braeside, without whom none of this would be possible, and you, the parents, for your support and encouragement. It was wonderful to once again welcome you back into the school to support them at their performance.

Thank you for all of your generous donations to our chosen charities over the last term, it will help those less fortunate over this festive period.

As we break for the holidays, I wish you all a healthy and happy Christmas and my best wishes for the New Year. I look forward to welcoming you back into School in January.

Chloe Moon

House Drama Competition

The annual House Drama Competition really was back with a bang this year. Our Senior pupils pulled out all the stops to create a wonderful event, with four very different, but equally entertaining, short plays, one by each school House.

The event took place in Lopping Hall in Loughton. As usual, the hall was packed with family members, all eager to see what the pupils have been dedicating so much time to recently.

Bronte House started the show with a lively rendition of 'Alice in Wonderland', followed by Fry and 'My Fair Lady'. The Mason House performance was the scary 'Beetle Juice', and Nightingale finished the show with 'The Customer is Always Wrong'. The pupils were in charge of everything, from the acting and rehearsals all the way to the lighting, sound, costume and set design, we were very impressed!

The judges this year were two past pupils and Pauline Wise, our recently retired office manager. We were very happy to see them all again! After much deliberation, it was decided that Mason House should take the prize with Beetle Juice was Mason! Well done!

There were a few additional awards on the night which were as follows:

Best Upcoming Actress: Layla

Best Actress: Isabella

Best Supportive Roles: Lily-Ann and Izella

What a fantastic event!



Junior Christmas Performance

Although the 'Nativity' this year did not go quite as planned due to a range of unfortunate circumstances, the children still managed to pull off a wonderful performance on Friday 10 December. Dressed in their Christmas best, they danced and sang beautifully, with several festive readings and poems scattered throughout the performance.

Toes were tapping in the audience to lively numbers such as 'To Hospitality' and 'Get in Line', while festive classics such as 'O Holy Night' and 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' certainly got everyone in the Christmas spirit!



Year 8 Bobble Hat Fun

The girls have made these super hats using a knitting loom. The technique requires skill and concentration and the ability to master just the right amount of tension to create a beautiful knitted creation. Their designs displayed both colour contrast and balance and students really enjoyed the experience.



A photograph showing two students in the foreground, both wearing face masks. The student on the left is wearing glasses and a light blue surgical mask. The student on the right is wearing a black face mask. They are looking towards a glass of orange liquid on a wooden table. In the background, other students are visible, some wearing masks, and there are orange cones on the table.

Merry Christmas from Team Science.

A Yummy Christmas Lunch

The Chartwells team cooked up a fantastic Christmas lunch again this year for all pupils and staff in the school. The tables were laid with festive decorations, including crackers, and everyone enjoyed their well deserved lunch. The meal had all the trimmings, complete with a tasty Christmas dessert. It was a lovely way for our pupils to mark the end of the year and spend time with their friends before the break. What a great afternoon.



Winter Bulb Planting

Braeside pupils got out and about in the grounds this week, bulb planting on behalf of FOBS. Both the Juniors and Seniors got involved in the activity, buying bulbs and planting them somewhere in the grounds, with a little help from Rob in the maintenance team. We are looking forward to spring when the grounds will be full of colour!



Bayeux Chemistry

The pupils in Year 9 used a Bayeux Tapestry approach to learning about the history and structure of the atom. Armed with a fact file, key points and an iPad, they arranged themselves in teams, allocating tasks and craft resources to record the findings from the early Greeks, through Dalton, Thomson, Rutherford to Boh and Chadwick, identifying the sub-atomic particles they discovered and famous experiments that they used. They learned about the relative numbers of protons, neutrons and electrons in the atoms of each element and how they are represented.

As well as key ideas for GCSE Chemistry, they practised life skills in management and cooperative learning, economics and sharing ideas. The results are on display in the Braeside science lab – but will they last as long as the inspiration handicraft that inspired them?

Comic Illustrations

Year 8 have been working on the theme of healthy eating to produce these fun comic illustrations. We thought carefully about the message and how characters engage with the viewer. We also explored comic layout including frames, close-ups and speech and thought bubbles. Well done, great work!



A Bottle Moment Win for Bea

Bea in Year 8 took part in a competition organised by Ms Coleman during the summer term about the impact of lockdown on children. Bea was one of the winners and collected her prize yesterday with the Good Morning Team at the Oxford studios!



Annual Christmas Carol Service 2021

The annual Christmas Carol Service is always a popular event in the school calendar, and this year was no different. The pupils sang wonderfully, and entertained the audience of friends and family with a number of Christmas songs including 'Silent Night', 'Midnight', and 'Good News'. Well done to all the soloists and musicians who helped to really bring the music together.

Throughout the performance, we also enjoyed a number of poems, prayers and readings, where our pupils spoke beautifully.

Thank you to everyone involved in making this lovely event possible, it was a great end to the Autumn Term.



Year 5 Create Ancient Mythical Creatures

Year 5 have really enjoyed the theme of Greek Myths in art this term. We have experimented with a range of materials and techniques including painting to create texture, colour and colour balance and how to assemble collages. The theme and materials explored allowed pupils to be creative and highly imaginative. Great work everyone!

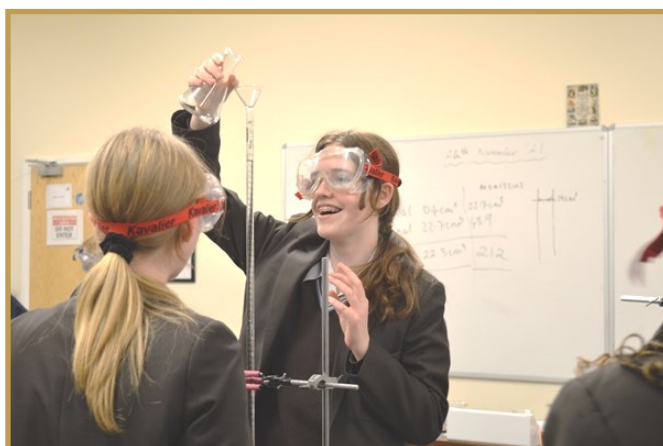


Year 10 Try Tricky Titration

Year 10 pupils tried their hand at an investigative technique called Titration. This is a high precision method used to deduce the concentration of an unknown solution.

By carefully adding small amounts of two reagents, pupils must watch for an indicator to change colour and note the proportions of the chemicals used.

Pupils showed a high degree of manual dexterity using carefully calibrated burettes and pipettes as part of a required practical within the GCSE Chemistry syllabus.



A Christmas Filled Afternoon

Braeside staff (on behalf of FOBS) organised a Christmas Activity Event following the success over the previous years. Pupils from Kindergarten to Year 8 were invited to dance at the disco (with the DJ Crazy Legs), enjoy festive snacks and hot chocolate in the garden with music and take part in craft activities. Year 10 supported the activity in their prefect capacity. This was a fun and lively way to start the festivities of the final few days of the term.

The Charity Representatives at Braeside opted to support Save The Children charity again this year. Pupils dressed up in their most festive items and non-uniform in exchange for a £2 donation to the charity. We even had a Christmas Elf in full green and red for the day. Pupils were very happy to dress up in clothing that they could dance in at the Christmas Activity Event at the end of the day.



Junior House Netball

What a fantastic afternoon of netball! All pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in a highly competitive house netball tournament. Special mentions must go to; Georgia, Chloe, Ava M, Diya, Leah and Freya who were outstanding throughout the afternoon. Fry were the winners of the event- they were unbeaten! Well done everyone!



Year 1 Visit the Epping Forest District Museum

Year 1 visited the Epping Forest District Museum. They took part in a Toys from the Past workshop where they learnt about a girl called Ellen Buxton who lived locally over 150 years ago. The girls were also given the opportunity to learn games from the past and play with a variety of old toys, whilst considering how different they are in comparison to what we have today.



Fun in Kindergarten

Kindergarten have been up to so much the past few weeks! They have had energetic PE lessons and enjoyed a range of Christmas themed activities, including counting down to Christmas with a yoga advent calendar!

They spent lots of time outside in the autumn sunshine collecting and jumping in leaves then using them to make beautiful hedgehogs. They climbed on the big slide taking turns and being considerate of each others feelings.

They used doctors role play to learn that sometimes when the weather changes we get a little bit unwell with colds and how the doctor can make us feel better.

They also enjoyed building towers with bricks when learning about big and small, and danced the day away to their favourite songs and ring games.



Tag Rugby Tournament

Year 5 and 6 had a very enjoyable afternoon at the West Essex tag rugby tournament. Well done to Yumnah and Georgia who captained their teams brilliantly and made sure they attacked and defended as a team. Well done girls!



We Went to the Panto!



Pupils from Kindergarten to Year 9 went to Harlow Playhouse to see the pantomime Robin Hood. It was a fabulous build up to the festive period, which everyone enjoyed. A big thank you to FOBS for paying for the interval ice-creams!

Christmas Art

We have explored colour, shape, perspective and movement whilst producing these delightful winter scenes. Pupils thought carefully about how to use colour and contrast and loved the idea of using collage to do this. Brilliant work pupils, a big well done!

Year 3 and 4 have made these lovely moving Christmas cards. We have used a range of materials including paint, split pins and stencil work.

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.



ECO Reps Litter Picking

The ECO reps at Braeside have been picking up litter from around the school grounds using their new environmentally friendly disposable gloves. What great role models!



A Visit to the Charles Dickens Museum

Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Charles Dickens Museum this term. The pupils had a guided tour around the museum and got to learn how to use a quill to make beautiful Christmas cards!



ISA Indoor Athletics Competition

Our Braeside indoor athletics team had a great afternoon at the ISA indoor athletics competition this term. The team competed in a number of track and field events including relay and speed bounce. Well done all!

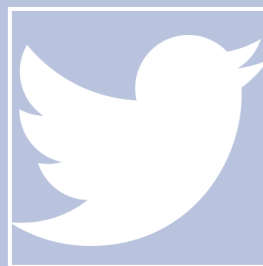


A Visit from the Rabbi

The pupils got a very special visit from the Rabbi of Buckhurst Hill Synagogue. They learnt all about the different traditions and rituals of the Jewish faith and asked plenty of very interesting questions. It was a real pleasure to have him visit the school!



Getting Social



Lots of Healthy Tomatoes

After several weeks of careful watering and nurturing, Gardening Club now have some strong, healthy tomato plants. They are now taking their tomato plants home, to nurture them indoors over the winter, in the hope of some tasty tomatoes next summer!

