

NEWSLETTER

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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

Despite the colder (but dry) weather, pupils have been keen to get stuck into the varied sporting and outdoor opportunities on offer. Kindergarten have been enjoying the garden and reconnecting with their friends after the winter break. It has been such a joy to hear their chatter and laughter.

Year 3 and 4 very much enjoyed the indoor athletics and made new friends across the other Oak Tree schools. Year 8 and 9 have experienced hockey at Old Loughtonians Hockey Club. We have also been very lucky to have an previous Oak Tree pupil come into school to talk about her career in aviation. Pupils were incredibly inspired by her speech.

Kind regards, Chloe Moon

Year 8 & 9 Practice Their Hockey Skills

Year 8 and 9 are travelling off site this half term to Old Loughtonians Hockey club in Chigwell. For many this has been their first time playing hockey and both year groups have enjoyed their first training sessions. The pupils learnt how to dribble and push pass and look forward to learning more rules and hockey skills!



Shree Nathji Sanatan Hindu Mandir

Year 4, 5 & 6 visited the Shree Nathji Sanatan Hindu Mandir. They were given a guided tour of the temple and found out more about how the Mandir is used for worship and celebrations, as well as the rituals and practices associated with their shrines.



Gymnastics

Year 8 have been working hard in gymnastics to form complex group balances. They worked together brilliantly to create challenging balances and understood the importance of good body tension in order to hold them.



Fun In Kindergarten

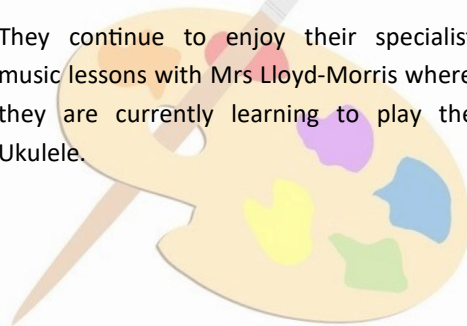


Kindergarten have been spending lots of time outside in the sunshine running around with their friends and searching for mini beasts. They also decided they love when it rains as it creates big puddles for them to splash around in their wellies!



They have been learning their phonics sounds together and created big paintings to practice letter formation.

They continue to enjoy their specialist music lessons with Mrs Lloyd-Morris where they are currently learning to play the Ukulele.



Outdoor Art

After reading 'Mouse, Bird, Snake, Wolf' where a group of children create their own animals from sticks, twigs and rocks, Year 4 had a go at making their own creatures. They used chalk and a selection of natural materials they found in the school grounds to model their animals before heading back to class to write descriptions of them.



A Very Special Visit

Year 4 were visited by Gabriella Celentano who works for an airline at an airport as part of their World Explorers topic. This term the pupils are learning about travel into Europe and beyond, including finding out about jobs at the airport. Gabriella spoke to the class about her role at the airport and discussed the different jobs she completes, from checking passengers in and taking their luggage, to checking boarding passes and helping people board at the gate. Year 4 all enjoyed learning more about life in the airport and the steps needed to get us off on our holidays.

Team Work For Year 1

Year 1 have been learning to work as a team by completing different challenges in PE. They worked in together to help each other complete the tricky tasks they were set whilst building confidence and supporting each other.



Year 9 Olympic Stadium Visit

Year 9 had the amazing opportunity to visit the Olympic park and for a private tour of the West Ham Stadium. The pupils learnt all about the Olympic history behind the stadium as well as how it is now run as a football ground. They even got a chance to run on the track!

It truly was a great day, enjoyed by everyone.



Amazing Netball Skills

Year 5 & 6 Netball teams played some great matches against Daiglen and Gatehouse Schools. Pupils worked really hard to use the skills they have learnt in lessons and showed excellent sportsmanship!

The U16 netball team have been back in action against Normanhurst. It was a very close match with excellent shooting from Humaira and tireless defending from Adiba. Aina played some great balls into the circle and linked up with Eva well. Well done team!



Windrush Exhibition



Years 3-9 got to visit the Windrush exhibition at Loughton library this week. They learnt about those who arrived on the ship, their descendants and the contribution of the Windrush generation to British life. What an interesting exhibition to have on our doorstep.

Polar Worlds

Reception's topic this half term is 'Polar Worlds'. The children have had lots of fun 'living' in an igloo, making their own igloos using papier mache and learning about Arctic animals.



Year 9 Rap Music

Year 9 had lots of fun arranging their own composed Raps in groups, using a steady pulse, accentuated by clapping and voice sounds, expressing their thoughts and hopes for 2022.

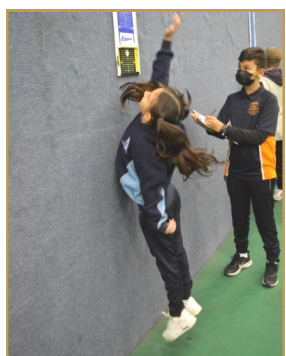


Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics Tournament

Year 3 and 4 pupils from all four schools in the group got together at the Peter May Centre on Friday 21 January to take part in the long awaited Oak-Tree Athletics Tournament. All schools had a go at each of the activities, which included javelin, speed bounce, throwing, long jump and high jump.

After the individual events, it was time for the real highlight of the morning, the relays. These were no ordinary relays, each run was interspersed with obstacles such as hurdles, speed bounce, tunnels and agility runs. Everyone gave it their best shot, and it was great to hear the rest of the pupils cheering on their teams.

Darcy ran brilliantly in the relay and Leah finished the races with confidence for her team. Aliza scored highly on the speed bounce and Nicole excelled at the javelin. Well done everyone, great teamwork and sportswomanship!



Getting Social



FoBs Update

Dear Families of Braeside,

We hope that you are keeping well in these colder times.

We held our AGM on Monday 15 November. An email was sent out a week before inviting you to join us. Sadly only two extra parents were able to join. The meetings are on Zoom so they are as easy as they can possibly be for parents and guardians to attend. FOBS is all about the children and the school and it is really positive to have the involvement of a wide number of parents and guardians.



The FOBS Committee is made up of three parent roles (chair, treasurer and secretary). When we have our meetings we meet with the senior leadership team and other staff that are interested in being involved. At the AGM we had some change of Officers. Elin Walsh stood down as Secretary as her daughter is in Year 11 and will be leaving the school in the summer. Her role was taken over by Dipal Samuel who is class rep for Year 1. Matt Hill also stood down as Chair due to other commitments. His role was taken over by Lea-Anne Pepe who is class rep for Year 6. Thank you to Elin and Matt for all their involvement and welcome to Dipal and Lea-Anne. Thank you to James Pepe for continuing his role as our Treasurer for another year.

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 3 and 7. Please get in touch via email if you would like to put yourself forward.

At the end of last term we were able to support the Christmas pantomime, the school Christmas disco and activities event, as well as the planting of daffodils for the spring.

We are holding a Family Quiz on the last day of this half term - Friday 11 February at 7pm from the comfort of your own home. It will be virtual on Zoom and will use the Kahoot App. This was a very popular way to spend an hour last year. The advert went out on 10.1.22 so please take a look. It is £5 per family and paid direct to our FOBS bank account.

Wishing you warmth and New Year cheer from FOBS.



Braeside School
Buckhurst Hill

**OPEN
MORNING**

**Wednesday 2 March
2022 - 9.15am**

Headteacher's
Speech at 9.30am

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