

NEWSLETTER

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Headmistress's Message

Dear parents,

Time has flown by this term. The blustery and unpredictable weather hasn't prevented Braeside from making plans and achieving our goals.

Year 11 pupils have sat their final round of Mock Exams which started with a highly successful 2 day Art Exam. Pupils have had a public speaker in to help develop their revision skills and build on their academic resilience with Learning Performance delivering a powerful session on goal setting and aspirations.

Sport at Braeside continues to support pupils with their team building skills and prepare them for healthy competition. Pupils have enjoyed success in tag rugby, netball and football. The half term ended with a magnificent dance assembly!

Kind regards,

Chloe Moon

Exciting New Playground Marking!

Fun & Active Playgrounds visited our school to install some colourful new playground markings. Now our pupils have many more opportunities for active play and learning, including a pair of hopscotches, a king square, a snakes and ladders, and a fun safari trail with different themed activities.



What's also great is that these markings will last up to ten years and so will be around for future pupils joining the school too.

Thank you so much to FoBS who raised funds to get the brand new exciting playground markings!



Learning Performances

Year 9 & 10 were treated to a brilliant workshop on learning styles, revision, motivation, and self belief by Steve Beccles from Learning Performances. Pupils learned things about themselves and the way they should revise. Pupils found it really helpful and are looking forward to using these techniques.



Painting Workshop

Braeside pupils were extremely lucky to have a portrait artist in for the morning.

Paul studied at the Royal Academy Schools. He won the 2003 Jerwood Drawing Prize, Britain's foremost award for drawing, and was shortlisted for the inaugural Threadneedle Prize 2008.

Paul examines today's world of politicians, culture and conflict; photojournalism and film stills to inspire his drawings and paintings. The resulting work is sometimes satirical, sometimes serious but never pure reproduction.

The pupils worked with a range of materials including charcoal and paint. They were encouraged to take risks with the materials and techniques and above all enjoy creating art-work. Once again we were blown away with the results produced by all the pupils as they put 100% into the workshop. Well done on a fantastic morning!

Here's what Gracie In Year 9 had to say about the workshop:

"I highly enjoyed the 'drawing to painting' workshop today. We looked at multiple art materials like paint and were able to experiment with lots of different techniques. I enjoyed stepping outside of my comfort zone, and finding solutions to different art problems. The artist was truly knowledgeable and gave us lots of encouragement. I will definitely use techniques that I have discovered today in my future art-work.'

Music

Year 6 worked in small groups to create beautiful Chinese Pentatonic Music.



Reception enjoyed strumming along in time with the pulse on the Ukulele, whilst they sang songs and moved in time with the music.



Chinese New Year

Reception loved learning about the traditions of the Chinese New Year. They got to try Chinese food, make red envelopes and beautiful lanterns.



Small Change, Big Impact

The newly reformed ECO Team led an assembly on the theme of Small Change, Big Impact. The message was to encourage each other to work collectively to make consistent small lifestyle changes to protect the environment. When we work as a group, even the smallest changes have a big impact and the responsibility for change is everyone's, including young people.

To get the ball rolling, members of the team talked about the small changes they are already making; like walking instead of short car journeys, re-using plastic bottles, and cutting the loops on disposable face masks to stop wildlife getting caught up. To encourage wider participation and awareness, a poster competition was launched. Pupils were asked to identify a small change and promote it in an artistic way on a piece of A4 paper.

Good luck to everyone who entered!

Gardening Award

Braeside Gardening club have been awarded Level 1 & 2 Gardening Awards from the Royal Horticultural Society! Amazing work!



Mental Health Week

For Children's Mental Health Week, Year 7 expressed emotion through art. They thought about what colour and shape signifies different emotions and how it made them feel. The end result looks beautiful.





Year 10 and 11 Mock Art Exam

Pupils have worked really hard for their mock exam in Art. They are exploring a range of topics and it is lovely to see that their ideas and the mediums they have chosen to work in are all very different. We can't wait to see their finished outcomes.



Amazing Art from Year 3 and 4

Year 3 and 4 are exploring the work of Alma Woosdey Thomas and have started to begin their sketch-book journey. Alma was the first African American to have her art exhibited in The White House, she loved using bright, bold colours in her paintings and would regularly use small, rectangular blocks of colour. She was inspired by science and nature. As a high school teacher for 36 years, she encouraged the children that she worked with to look closely at nature, and to create art which made them happy.

Pupils have been exploring how to mix colour and use paint, pencil and printing techniques to create their own abstract art. They have been really excited to have their own sketch-book and create art using line, shapes and colour.



Reebops

Year 6 have been learning about genetics and variation during this half term. They demonstrated how genetic diversity leads to variation within a species of imaginary play dough animals called "Reebops". They look great!



Braeside Sports

Tag Rugby

The Year 5/6 Braeside tag rugby teams showed excellent grit and determination at the Oak-Tree Tournament. Ava, Lou Lou, Brogan, Eva and Yumnah deserve a special mention for their try scoring and Amaya and Chloe worked tirelessly to tag the opposition. A great afternoon of teamwork and team spirit was on display and the pupils worked hard to score some amazing Try's!



Netball

The joint Braeside/Normanhurst U11 ISA netball team played amazingly and came 5th out of 23 schools! The team should be extremely proud of their efforts.

The joint Braeside/Normanhurst U13 ISA netball team put in a good battle against a number of strong schools last week. Special mentions must go to Kristen and Eva for their shooting and Alexa for her excellent balls into the circle.



Football

Year 7 took part in a highly contested West Essex schools football tournament at Debden Park. It was great to see the pupils supporting one another and putting their football skills into practise.



Dance Assembly 2022

Friends and family were treated to a wonderful dance assembly from our Junior pupils. In fact, so many parents wanted to attend, the children had to perform twice with two sittings!

First up was our Early Years who enjoyed being elephants, stomping around and showing off their big ears and smelly toes! We were transported under the sea during the Year 1 dance, and then Year 3 and 4 took us into the jungle, complete with animal masks! Lastly, Year 5 and 6 showcased a lively rendition of 'Roar'.

It was clear to see all the hard work that went into learning all the dances, well done!



Year 5 Penguin Art

Year 5 are exploring Antarctica and the wildlife that lives there including penguins. In Art, they started to draw penguins so that they could consider their shape, and then started to make them out of re-cycled bottles. Year 5 are loving using papier-mache to shape the bottles and add character to their birds. We can't wait to see the finished result, they're going to look great!



An Awe Inspiring Trip to the Science Museum

On Friday 4 February our Years 1 and 3 visited the Science Museum.

The trip started with an exciting train ride to London midst pouring rain! Once there, Year 3 went straight to the IMAX Theatre to watch 'A Beautiful Planet' in 3D, where they watched the world from the unique vantage point of an International Space Station. They could clearly see from the stunning footage how humans impact our beautiful planet.



After the exciting experience, pupils took their clipboards and went on a search for artefacts that linked in with their Science topics of Forces and Magnets, and Earth and Space.

Here are some of the comments Year 3 made regarding the trip:

I enjoyed the Science Museum because the Imax theatre was really cool. It was like I could touch it. I love learning about space.

- Sawda

This was a great trip because of the Imax theatre and the miniature hospitals. I learnt a lot of new things and I could turn the lights in the hospital on and off! - Alina

It was my first time in an Imax theatre. I liked it because I felt like I was part of the image and there in the Space Station. - Amrita



Hindu Mandir Trip

On Tuesday 22 February Year 3 and Year 8 went on an educational trip to learn more about Hindu life, explore the inside of a Hindu mandir and Hindu ceremonies. At the mandir we were met by volunteer Girish Patel (who we found out was an athlete competing in the Olympics Pole Vault in the 1980).

The volunteers were very welcoming. Mr Patel guided us through the mandir and explained many of the artefacts, especially the different gods and rituals. He also gave us a detailed insight of being a Hindu, explaining their respect of all life including those of animals.

Here are some of the comments the pupils made regarding the trip:

I liked seeing all the gods in the main shrine. They are beautiful and colourful. I liked that Hindu believers are kind to animals and that there are some animal gods.

- Summer-Rose, Year 3

It was very beautiful and decorative. I loved the displays and details of each room. - Beatrice - Year 8

The trip was fun. It was interesting to see the inside of the mandir and to learn its significance to Hindus. -

Amaya - Year 8



Braeside Boys Settle In Well

With the new academic year well underway, Braeside School has got used to seeing the smiling faces of boys in Kindergarten and Reception.

The school welcomed its first boys this academic year, as the school has officially moved to co-education, starting in the Early Years and gradually moving up through the school as part of a phased transition. Boys who have joined in the Early Years can stay on all the way up until Year 11.

Mrs Moon comments "There is a buzz at Braeside at the moment, both pupils and staff are very excited about this most recent development. We have already had lots of interest from families of boys for the next academic year, so we are excited to see what this next chapter brings. Our currently families are also welcoming the change, especially because it means whole families can become a part of the Braeside experience and educational journey, benefitting from all it offers.

The world is changing, and an increasing number of new Braeside parents are indicating that they would prefer an excellent family school that serves their sons as well as their daughters. We can't wait to see what the coming years bring!



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Buckhurst Hill

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MORNING**

**Wednesday 2 March
2022 - 9.15am**

Headteacher's
Speech at 9.30am

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Kindergarten Hunt For Mini Beasts!

Kindergarten have loved learning all about mini beasts. They used magnifying glasses to count how many legs and eyes they could see and used their hands to feel around for mini beasts in the sand.

