

NEWSLETTER

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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

We have been exploring the core values of the school this term and as you can see from this newsletter, pupils enact these every day.

Young Voices for Year 5 and 6 was a truly heart warming event where friendships in the class grew stronger and new friends were made across the Oak Tree Group of Schools.

Year 11 officially left for their Study Leave ahead of their exams and were giving a wonderful send-off by the entire school. The morning was a display of friendship across all ages at Braeside.

Year 6 have been enjoying science and showing excellence in their skills and knowledge in the laboratory with dissection and investigation of the heart. This took courage and bravery to do something new (another core value).

The value of determination has been displayed most prominently in our sporting events this half term with pupils trying their hardest and gaining success in tennis and football.

We are incredibly proud of all the hard work and effort that the pupils show in every aspect of school.

Kind regards,

Mrs Chloe Moon

Year 11 Leavers

Friday 6 May marked Year 11's official last day. The sun was shining and the whole school gathered to give the pupils the send off they deserved. It was a fun, happy and emotional day for our eldest pupils at the school. We wish them all the best!



Outdoor Learning

Our new covered area at the back of the school is coming along nicely! It is already providing a great area for our younger pupils to enjoy, no matter the weather!



Year 6 Science

Blood Bags

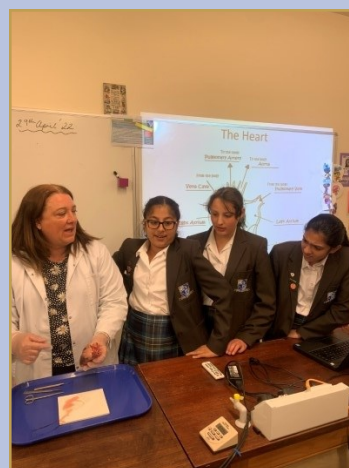
Year 6 loved learning about all of the components that are found in our blood, they even got a chance to make their own blood bags!



Heart Dissection

Year 6 are also learning about the circulatory system in their Science lessons. They learned about the structure of the heart and how the blood flows through it. They also dissected a lamb's heart for a better understanding of the basic structures they were discussing.

All of the pupils found the study extremely interesting and were surprised by how complex the heart system was. Getting to see the heart in real life allowed the class to get a much better understanding of how it works.



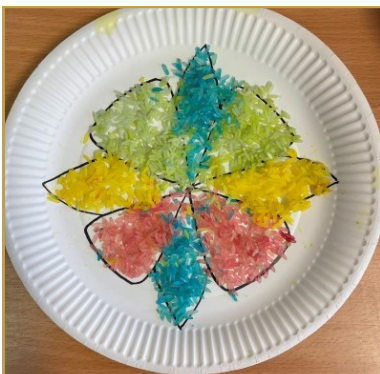
Shakespeare!

Years 9, 10 & 11 had a very special visit from The Travelling Shakespeare Company who put on a wonderful performance in the classroom.



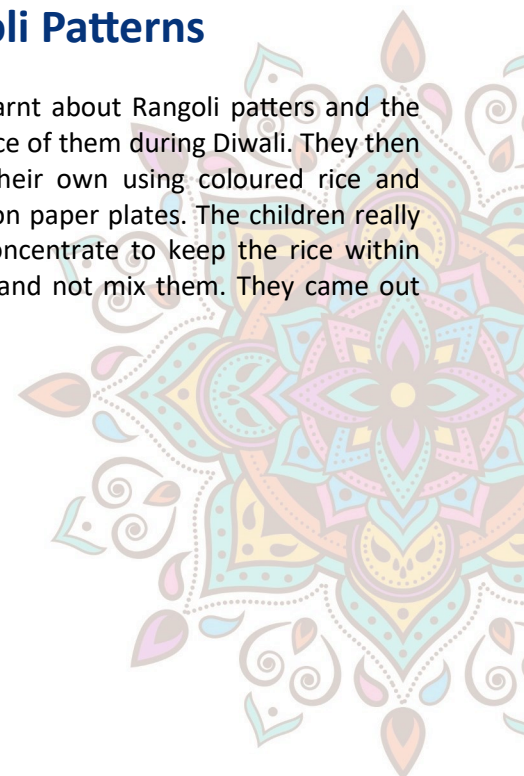
Playground Re-vamp

Pupils visited Matthews Plants to pick up lots of beautiful flowers and shrubs for the playground revamp. The large pots around the playground will bring colour and decoration to the grounds and provide a great opportunity for our green fingered Gardening Club!



Rangoli Patterns

Year 1 learnt about Rangoli patterns and the significance of them during Diwali. They then created their own using coloured rice and patterns on paper plates. The children really had to concentrate to keep the rice within the lines and not mix them. They came out great!



Young Voices

On Friday 6 May, Year 5 and 6 and their teachers took part in Young Voices - The Largest School Choir in the World! This year was extra special as the Young Voices Choir celebrated its 25th Birthday. With special guest performers such as Ruti Olajugbagbe, who won the voice, Urban Strides, who are led by Europe's most qualified street dance instructors and The Beatbox Collective, who are World Beatbox Champions; it truly was a spectacular event.

The pupils sang and danced their hearts out and even got the chance to compete against their teachers and parents to see who were the best singers, dancers and beatboxers. Of course the pupils won! Performing as part of an 8000 person choir at the O2 was a fantastic experience for all involved and they were amazing ambassadors of the school. Well done to all of Year 5 and 6!



Braeside Sports

Tennis

Ava teamed up with Cleo from Oaklands school to enter the U11 Essex independent schools doubles tournament representing the Oak-Tree Group of Schools. The girls played 4 group matches, one against a tough Brentwood A team, where they won the set 6-4. They continued to remain unbeaten and qualified for the final. The girls won the final against New Hall A team 6 sets to nil, which is a really fantastic achievement! They displayed amazing sportsmanship and the quality of the tennis they played was brilliant. We are very proud of them!



Football



Year 3 and 4 showed off their football skills in a competitive match against Chigwell School. The pupils worked so well in their team and really worked to each other's strengths.



Year 9/10 A football team drew 1-1 against a tough Chigwell team. Well done girls! Great goal from Lily, and Humaira was player of the match.

National Citizenship Scheme

The National Citizenship Scheme came in to speak to Year 9, 10 and 11 about the scheme and to run through final details with the Year 11 who have signed up for their summer placement. Exciting opportunities await!



Year 1 Great Fire of London

Year 1 made beautiful Tudor houses for their humanities project over the Easter holidays. They used mixed media like card, paper, straw and paints to make the houses look and feel authentic.

The houses were placed close together like they would have been built in 1666 then a small fire was started in one building just as the Great Fire of London would have begun. Year 1 were amazed at how quickly the fire spread through all of the buildings and where surprised how hard it was to put out.

It was a fantastic experiment that really showed what it must have been like in the Tudor times and how unstoppable the fire would have been. Year 1 didn't even mind sacrificing their projects for such an exciting experiment!



The Young Shakespeare Company

The Young Shakespeare Company came to Braeside School on Friday 22 April to perform 'Romeo and Juliet' by William Shakespeare to our GCSE pupils from Year 9 to Year 11. The actors brought the story to life and it is no wonder why the company has been cited by The Arts Council as an example of excellence in Arts education practice.

They used the pupils in such a way that everyone got involved. The actors made the experience immersive and interactive by asking questions and getting the pupils to volunteer to be different characters in the play. At first, they took the pupils through a workshop on acting and context, where they could relate Shakespeare's work to themselves and humanity; they then gave a modern, abridged interpretation of the play. They performed for about two hours and both the pupils and staff really enjoyed the event and experience.

The actors made the play much easier to understand, as Shakespeare is normally quite hard to interpret. Everyone, at some point, was laughing or crying. Overall, it was said by all that it was a brilliant educational experience. This event was set up so that we could also celebrate Shakespeare's 458th birthday and continue to appreciate and understand why Shakespeare is so important to study today – this was definitely achieved.

Mr Bibby

Head of English



Number Hunt

Kindergarten enjoyed a number hunt around the school grounds!

The children had such a great time, they decided to go on a bear hunt a week later!



Epping Forest Youth Council

Braeside's two newly elected Epping Forest Youth Councillors, Sophia and Izellah, had their official induction and welcome by Councillor Chris Whitbread. Cllr Whitbread chatted with them about projects for the future, their aspirations and the expectations of them in their new roles in the local community. Di Butler, who runs the Epping Forest Youth Council, was there to explain the agenda for their next meeting.



Kindergarten News



Kindergarten have been busy getting arty this term. They used bright colours and patterns to make a beautiful mural for the Kindergarten display.

The children have been looking at lots of different modes of transport, from cars and buses to boats and hot air balloons. They decorated paper plates with paint and glitter before attaching them to hanging baskets to make a beautiful hot air balloon display.



Kindergarten practiced their letter of the week 'X' in the sensory tray, drawing the letter with their fingers in flour. Finn did a fantastic job finding the right letter in the classroom!

