

NEWSLETTER

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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic end to an incredibly busy year. Pupils worked so hard to prepare for Speech Day and the Early Years Celebration. It was wonderful to see pupils showcase their singing, their speaking and musical talent in the marquee with their friends and family.

Sports Day was a huge success with the entire school meeting at Lee Valley for a fun and competitive event. Pupils worked together in Houses to support each other in their events and Year 10 provided additional support for the event by setting up and encouraging pupils to participate. I am sure you will agree that it was a thoroughly enjoyable day.

The FOBS Festival was a well supported event to end a busy half term. Thank you to FOBS for helping out on the evening. Pupils had a BBQ, danced with their friends and had glitter tattoos to complete the festival look. Crazy Legs DJ once again provided the games, the music and the foam machine for a fun filled evening of friendship.

Have a restful break with your families.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Moon

Fantastic entries for The Oak Tree Challenge Scheme 2022

Many more pupils completed the Oak-Tree Challenges this year compared to last year. More than 40 Braeside pupils initially expressed an interest, with 19 completed entries for the Bronze award and one for the Silver award by the deadline in June 2022.

The Oak-Tree Challenge Scheme was designed to challenge our pupils and they have proved that they went above and beyond, persevered and successfully completed their challenges with great journal entries and reflections both inside and outside of school. Well done!

We are proud of our winners; the Junior Bronze award was presented to Angel and Louisiana in Year 6; the Senior Bronze award was presented to Eliza and Maya in Year 7 and Amaya, Ava, Kristen, Eva, Dylan, Sareen, Freya, Rosie, Izellah and Sophie in Year 8. Great job!

The Senior Silver award was presented to Angel in Year 6. Angel completed both the Bronze and the Silver awards. Our superstar this year!

A special mention goes out to Sareen for the best reflections; to Dylan for exceptional community service and Maya for the best presentation and write up of her project.

For their first challenge, the public performance, most of the participants performed in the Braeside House Drama. Some also performed in the School Christmas concert or the Peri concert. Voluntary work carried out included yard sales, litter picking, gardening, looking after grandparents and Senior school librarians. Many prepared and delivered a presentation in small groups to their classes after they had designed a leaflet on various themes including the Queen's platinum jubilee. Topics chosen for individual presentations were 'The Sausage Dog', 'Vaquita's' and women's football.

Outside of school, Angel performed at 'The Millfield Theatre' in 'Stagecoach'. She also supported younger years at 'Rainbow's', a girl guiding group and also wrote about her outdoor pursuits at Lambourne End. Izellah took on the role of youth councillor while Dylan took on her role as 'Multi-schools ambassador'. Fundraising for Ukrainian refugees is something that both Angel and Eva were passionate about. Well done for making a difference!

Eliza took part in boxing matches as part of a club and Maya wrote about her amazing experience, caring for her neighbour's pregnant dogs, supporting during puppy birth and puppy-sitting.

The logbooks were completed by all the participants with excellent details on planning, the challenges, reflections afterwards and lovely photographs.

The pupils were all mentioned on Speech Day and were awarded with Bronze and Silver certificates and lapel badges at the End of Year assemblies to celebrate their achievements. Well done!

Mrs Alahi

(Oak-Tree Challenge co-ordinator)



Forensic Workshop – Year 9 and 10

Forensic Analysis is just one of many career paths that are opened up with good GCSEs and A Levels in Science. This was one of the reasons why the ForensicFun organisation visited pupils in Year 9 and Year 10 at Braeside on Tuesday 28 June. Armed with evidence from ballistics, medical reports, fingerprints, and testimony, pupils were encouraged to challenge The Warren Commission produced in the wake of the assassination of John F Kennedy in 1963.

A circus of activities was set up to enable pupils to work independently and to consider a range of evidence. This included a 3D view of the motorcade that has been developed from photographic images of Dealy Plaza in Texas, illustrating the supposed trajectory of three bullets with a special focus on the infamous “magic bullet”. There was a board game to play that enabled pupils to construct a detailed timeline from the moments after the assassination and from the different perspectives of Lee Harvey Oswald (the convicted man) and Officer Tippitt, the other victim who was shot later that afternoon.

The event encouraged critical thinking about evidence and the ‘tin hat’ label given to conspiracy theories. Unusually for pupils, the aim of the event was to leave them with more questions than answers – a rare opportunity to look at how science was used at crime scenes nearly sixty years ago and to see how technology and the worldwide web has changed the face of media coverage, making a conspiracy theory less likely to take root in the criminal investigations today.



Year 9 Tackle The High Ropes

Year 9 had a great time overcoming their fears and taking on the high rope adventure. Pupils kept their balance along ropes suspended between trees, wobbly bridges, and wooden beams, before ziplining their way down at the end of the trail.



Reception Forest Walk

Reception loved their walk to the forest. They enjoyed identifying trees and forest animals whilst collecting materials to produce leaf prints and paintings when they got back to class.



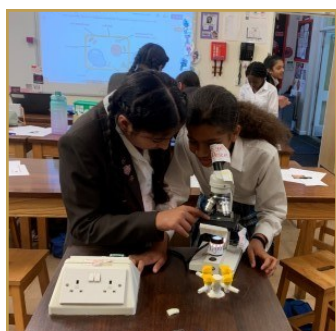
Year 3 Make Fossils

Year 3 had a lovely afternoon learning all about fossils and how they are formed. As part of their learning, they made some fossil casts using chocolate and others made out of plaster of Paris.



Year 6 Take a Close Look at Microscopes

Year 6 spent their recent Science lesson learning about microscopes. They learnt how to name the main parts of the microscope, as well as how to prepare an onion slide. They were amazed to see how different everything looked under high magnification!



Amazing Clay Animals

Year 6 have had a fabulous time this term exploring fantastic animals. They started by looking at the artist Patrick Woodroffe who loved to mix and match animals to create amazing hybrid creatures. They then produced design ideas before putting these ideas into action using clay. The class thoroughly enjoyed the experience and produced some fantastic work. A big well done!



Year 11 Celebration Dinner

Year 11 got dressed up for a fabulous dinner to celebrate the end of their exam period. Well done for all of your hard work this year Year 11!



Tennis National County Finals

Congratulations to Ava, who got through to the Tennis National County Finals!



Braeside Festival

Kindergarten to Year 8 took part in the FOBS and Braeside Festival on Wednesday 29 June. Year 10 were instrumental in helping the FOBS team to decorate the awning, garden and hall with a festival theme. Pupils dressed up in their best festival wear and danced and played party games with our resident DJ Crazy Legs. Pupils had great fun dancing in the bubbles and snow with their friends. Steve and Simone from Chartwells cooked up a tasty BBQ for all pupils to enjoy in the garden. FOBS offered a tasty treat tuck stall and offered glitter tattoos to complete the festival look. A great way to end the term!



Early Years Celebration Of The Year 2022

The Early Years Celebration of the Year was a fantastic afternoon recognising the many successes of youngest pupils. The marquee was filled with energy as the children sang songs about dinosaurs, mini-beasts, and Jack & The Beanstalk. They were then awarded their certificates. The children enjoyed telling the audience of friends and family about their highlights of the year and Reception showed some of the fantastic work they have done this term.

Well done everyone, you should be very proud of what you have achieved this year!



Speech Day & Prize Giving 2022

On Friday 1 July we held our annual Speech Day and Prize Giving, the perfect opportunity to celebrate the many achievements and successes of our pupils throughout the year.

Our pupils gave some wonderful performances, entertaining the audience of friends and family with instrumentals, lots of singing, and comedic poems from our LAMDA pupils.

The roles of responsibility for next year were handed out to deserving pupils and our new Head Girl addressed the audience with a touching speech.

Our guest speaker, Holly Whitbread, spoke about community and how important it is to think of the people around you. She congratulated Braeside on their connections to the community around the school, before handing out well-deserved awards.

It was a fantastic afternoon full of proud pupils, staff, friends and family. Congratulations to all of our prize winners!



Sports Day

Everyone had a fantastic afternoon enjoying Sports Day this year. The whole school took part, from Lower Kindergarten all the way up to Year 10. Pupils competed in a number of races, including flat sprints, 400m races, 200m races, skipping races, obstacle races, and the classic egg and spoon race. The afternoon finished with a series of exciting relay races.

It was lovely to see all of our pupils cheering each other on and supporting each other in every race.

It was then time for the medal ceremony. A huge congratulations to everyone who won a medal, and to Mason House who the winners of Sports Day 2022.

