

# Braeside School NEWSLETTER



## September 2022



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### Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents,

We have made a great start to the term. The new uniform (designed by the pupils) looks great and can be seen in the photos in this newsletter. Pupils are very proud of wearing it knowing that they invested their ideas and time in the styling of it!

Year 7 had their 'bonding' trip early in the term to enhance and strengthen the newly made friendships within their class. They did fantastically well and displayed strength of character and resilience from the moment they got to the High Ropes course.

Reception and Kindergarten have been busy using the garden and surrounding areas of school to enhance their literacy skills. Reception have been following the stories of Elmer and looking at important words in the story to support their vocabulary. Kindergarten have enjoyed reading teddy bear inspired stories whilst sharing a picnic lunch with their friends.

I am looking forward to sharing more news as the term goes on.

Kind Regards, Mrs Moon



## GCSE Results 2022

We are so proud of last year's Year 11 pupils. Nearly all of the outgoing Year 11 students achieved 100% passes, with subjects such as Maths, English Language, English Literature, Art, Drama, Music, Spanish, French and Russian recording 100% grades 4-9!



## The New Braeside Uniform Is A Big Hit!

The new uniform was a big hit with pupils on their first day back at school! The smart new blazers give a fresh and modern look to the uniform and will go perfectly with new jumpers when the weather gets a bit colder.

You can see from all of the smiles how happy the pupils are with their new uniform. We can't wait to see them representing our school on their next school trip or event.

All pupils from Lower Kindergarten to Year 11 are expected to look smart at all times and to wear the school uniform with pride. It is part of their education that they are taught to become ambassadors for Braeside when wearing their uniform inside or outside school.





## WESSA Football Festival Success

This month, Year 1 and 2 took part in the WESSA Football Festival at Epping Upper Clapton Rugby Club. The girls had a fantastic time and all took part in the tournament. They all played fantastically and really showed great skill! The tournament was split into four different heats and we won heat 3!

Thank you to Miss Barrett for organising and to Miss Hearn, Mrs Stimpson and Mrs Thompson for accompanying the children.



## Year 4 Football Tournament



Year 4 had great fun at the West Essex School Sports Football Tournament on Tuesday. An amazing 4 goals were scored!

## Year 7 Tackle The Nuclear High Ropes

The Year 7's had an exciting trip to Nuclear high ropes! The pupils worked together to overcome fears, tackling the wobbly bridge, slackline, spider web, and balance beam. It was lovely to see the girls enjoying themselves and making new friends whilst being active and spending time in the great outdoors!





## Year 4 Sound Walk

As an introduction to Year 4's Science topic this term, pupils went for a Sound Walk around the school. They had to decide on the volume of the sound and scale it from 1-5. The Music Studio proved to be by far the loudest!

Banging the drum which was covered in rice proved to be a good way to demonstrate how vibrations make sound. It was a great lesson, although a very noisy one!



## Exploring Artist Marianne North

Year 4 are exploring the art of botanical artist Marianne North. Marianne North was an inspirational Victorian artist who travelled the world. Pupils used magnifying glasses to look at the great detail of Marianne's beautiful paintings. The class thought carefully about the connection between art and science and really enjoyed their experimental work.





## Computing With Mr R-S

Mr R-S, Reception and Upper Kindergarten have been taking a computer apart to see what's inside and to learn what all the components do. They enjoyed using drama to bring the parts of the computer to life, helping them to understand how everything works.



Reception had great fun building and labelling a computer out of junk. They were inventive and used bottle tops for the power cable, discarded plastic for the keyboard, and lots of cardboard

# Braeside School Open Day



**WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER** - Early Years, Juniors and Seniors - 9.15AM  
Seniors - 6PM

Take a guided tour around the school  
Meet our staff and pupils  
See the school in action

## An Inspector Calls

To support one of their GCSE English Literature components, our Year 10s and Year 11s (from both Braeside and Normanhurst) were given the opportunity to watch JB Priestley's *'An Inspector Calls'* at the New Wimbledon Theatre.

The play remains politically and socially relevant and the contemporary, inventive version of the play was under much scrutiny from our pupils as they were talking about their understanding of the play and comparing the similarities and differences to the interpretation we watched. This visual experience, from text to stage, gave the pupils an opportunity to observe, reflect and analyse the text they have been taught and provided further support in understanding stage directions, setting and a plethora of other features the pupils will need to refer to in their exams.

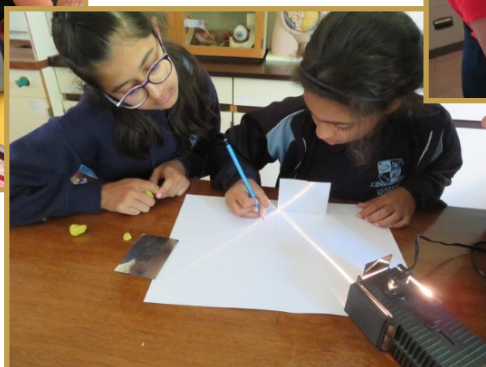
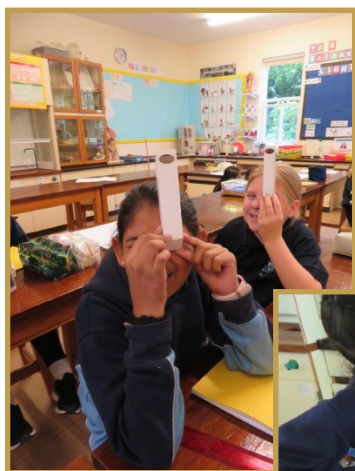
It was clear that every pupil benefitted from the event, both academically and leisurely, as the pupils were laughing, gasping and cheering as the plot's dramatic moments revealed themselves – It was joyous to hear and watch such interaction from our pupils. The trip was a great success!

Mr Bibby



## Year 6 Light Up The Room

Year 6 had a great start to their science lessons in the lab. They are learning about light and how it travels. So far, they have explored how light travels in straight lines, they learnt about periscopes and how they work, as well as discovering how the size of the shadows change according to the distance of the torch from the card.





## Reception Track Down Elmer And His Friends

During their Understanding of the World lesson, Reception went on an animal hunt.

Elmer the elephant had lost his friends so Reception went out looking for them. They used the binoculars they had made during their art lesson to help Elmer find all his friends. It was an exciting journey to go on and the whole class loved getting outdoors and exploring!



## A Very Special Teddy Bear Picnic

Kindergarten enjoyed a very special teddy bear picnic. The children brought their own teddies and shared jam sandwiches and hot chocolate in their garden area.

Alana also got to celebrate her birthday and got to wear the birthday hat!



### Ticket Prices

**£7 PER CHILD**

**£12 PER ADULT**

**OR £34 FAMILY TICKET (2 adults, 2 children)**

Hot dog (or veggie option) included in ticket price.

For more information and to book your tickets, visit: <https://bit.ly/3UGFNQs>

All proceeds go to the Oak-Tree Schools' Parents' Associations.