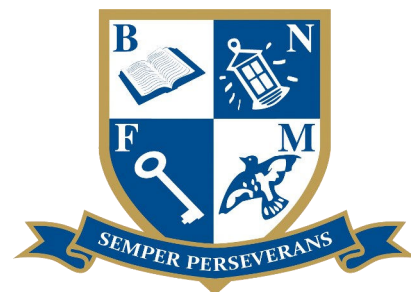


# NEWSLETTER

## November 2022



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### Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

A heartfelt thank you from me for supporting our key events this term. It was lovely to see the hall at St James full with parents to watch the energetic Harvest Festival. As result of the generous donations of food and other items to the Epping Forest Foodbank, Year 11 called for a Christmas collection which has been supported with huge thanks from the staff at the foodbank.

Pupils across the school have attended some interesting trips in London, Essex and abroad. These have been for Science, Geography, History and Religious Studies. Again this term, we have had some winners in the ISA Arts competition and these pupils will have their work judged nationally at the end of the month.

I hope to see you at our forthcoming Christmas events!

Mrs Moon



## Harvest Festival

The church hall was filled with smiling faces for the annual Harvest Festival. All of the Juniors took part this year, from Lower Kindergarten all the way to Year 6. There were also a few Senior pupils who performed music solos and a Harvest thanks.

The performance started with a lively rendition of 'Super Sun', followed by favourites like 'Big Red Combine Harvester', 'A Tiny Seed', and 'Harvest Time is Here Again'. Pupils also told the audience all about food miles, food banks and Harvest Festivals around the world.

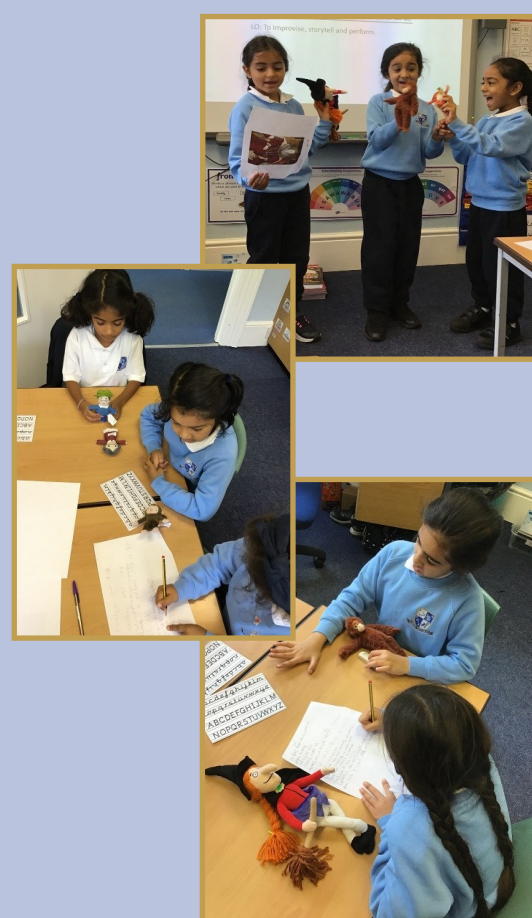
A big thank you to everyone for your generous donations!



## Story Tellers

During English, Year 2 became story tellers. The pupils were given a selection of different toy characters and had to use their imagination to create their own story.

At first, this was quite challenging, however after some discussion the pupils were able to use their creativity skills to come up with a story. They even acted it out using fantastic expression!



## Learning About Autumn

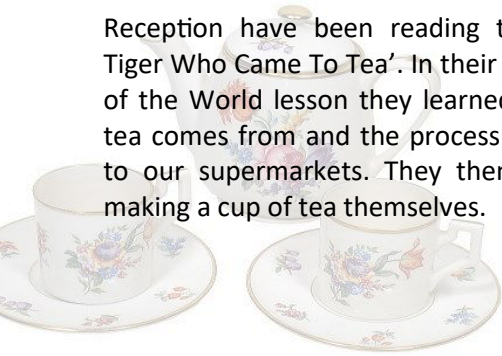
Kindergarten have been celebrating autumn and welcoming the harvest with our Harvest Festival and 'Bertie Scarecrow', preparing pumpkins and planting ready for springtime. There has been lots of discovery in our forest grounds and fun walks to see the ducks! Making autumn owls with the leaves they collected was one of their favourite things to do.





## The Tiger Who Came to Tea

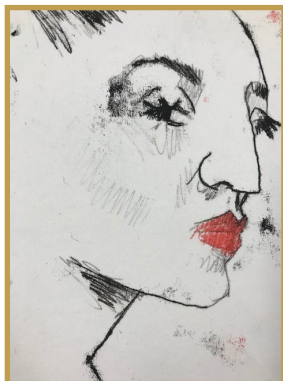
Reception have been reading the book 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. In their Understanding of the World lesson they learned about where tea comes from and the process of how it gets to our supermarkets. They then had a go at making a cup of tea themselves.



## ISA Regional Art Competition

This year we have had some fantastic results in the annual ISA Art Competition with the highest number of students being awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place to date. The awards were much deserved and the winning pieces of artwork were original, highly creative and showed exceptional skill levels.

A huge well done to all the pupils who had their work selected for entry, the standard of work this year was extremely high. First and second places were awarded to Rebecca, Isabelle and Diya.



## GCSE Geography trip to Walton on the Naze

Geography GCSE students took a trip to Walton on the Naze for day of research. They started off by walking down Crag Walk where they observed rock armour—a form of coastal protection. It was really important to be able to observe costal protection in real life. They then worked out the exposed height of groyne's using a metric ruler and tape in order to determine the direction of longshore drift and sediment build up. Then, they worked out the beach profile to see how groyne's and sediment affected the angle of the beach. Finally, everyone threw oranges into the sea to see longshore drift in action. It was a very fun and informative trip, especially for the fieldwork element of Geography at GCSE.



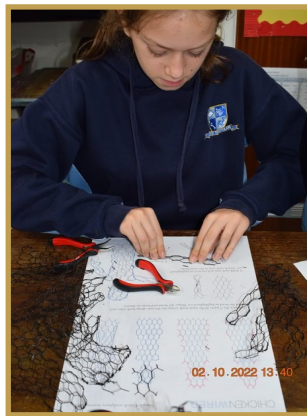
## Year 6 ITZA Challenge



This year, Year 6 took part in the World Wisdom Challenge, run by the WWF and ITZA. The aim of the online challenge was to help improve children's understanding of big cats and the dangers they face. The class took part in a number of online activities and challenges during a two week period, including individual and class quizzes where they completed with schools and other pupils around the world. Our Year 6 class did a fantastic job coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the UK, unfortunately just missing out on the opportunity to take part in the international finals later this year. A special mention was also given by ITZA to Ahana who gained over 60,000 points across the challenge! The pupils should be very pleased with their efforts, particularly as we were one of the smallest classes taking part and the youngest age bracket the competition was open to. Well done Year 6!

## Chicken Wire workshop

Year 9 had a Chicken Wire Workshop where they explored the medium of chicken wire in Art. They started by making birds and then progressed to penguins, spiders, squirrels, giraffes and sea horses. The workshop was great fun and Year 9 had a lovely opportunity to explore a new medium.



## Religious Studies trip to Waltham Abbey

Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies group visited Waltham Abbey on Friday 11 November for a tour of the church, a workshop on symbolism and to find out more about the history of the church as part of their module on Christian beliefs and practices. Pupils were able to ask questions about the sacraments and also took part (and read the 'Young Prayer') in the parish's Remembrance Service amongst members of the public.





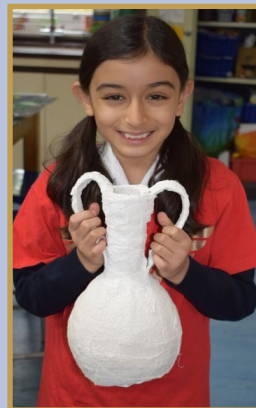


## Humanities Day

Before half term, we celebrated Humanities in the Junior School by taking part in a Geography themed Humanities Day. Pupils have been finding out all about Japan! Year 1 – Year 6 listened to some Japanese stories, as well as finding out about the culture and geographical features of the country. In the afternoon, they took part in a selection of activities, from trying out origami, to Japanese mindfulness and drawing Manga characters! We even tried to write some words using the tricky Japanese writing system. Meanwhile, in Reception, the pupils created some beautiful finger paintings of cherry blossom trees.

## Greek vases

Year 5 are exploring a new medium this term, mod-roc. They are exploring how to make a vessel, taking inspiration from the shapes of Greek vases using a balloon as a starting point and then constructing the neck and handles using card and foam. Pupils rose to the challenge and the vases are now taking shape. Brilliant work!





## Flying Visit to Belgium

The pupils had a fantastic flying visit to Belgium to learn about what life was like during the war. After a long coach journey and boarding Le Shuttle, their first stop was the Hospital Cemetery for a History Lesson.

The second stop was the Bayernwald Trench System. The pupils got a small insight into what life was like in the trenches. The trenches to be seen at Bayernwald are preserved German trenches. There are a number of information boards at various points around the site, and one of these explains that the earliest trenches were built with wood and sandbags, whilst later (1916) trenches were constructed with reversed A-frames connected by wickerwork.



## Colchester Zoo

Year 2 and 4 had a great time exploring Colchester Zoo. As well as seeing so many different animals from around the world, from Komodo dragons to giraffes, they also got to take part in a hands-on workshop exploring habitats and how animals have cleverly adapted to the environment in which they live. A great day was had by all!



It was then time for a visit to the Museum of Passchendaele. The museum is housed in the historic castle of Zonnebeke and focuses on the physical aspects of World War I. Despite being a very long day, everyone enjoyed the trip and have expanded their history knowledge!





## Sporting Highlights

Year 9 and 10 netball team played a fantastic game of netball, beating Park School for Girls 24-14. Year 5 and 6 put on an excellent performance at the Oak-Tree Netball Tournament and competed in their first U13 and U16 West Essex Schools netball competition matches of this academic year. House events have also been in full swing with Nightingale winning Senior House Netball and Fry and Mason jointly winning the junior competition.



## Friends of Braeside School (FOBS)



We are delighted to announce that FOBS have taken ownership of the 'pre-loved uniform' sales for this academic year. We would really appreciate any of the following Braeside uniform items: navy jumpers, navy blazers, skirts / kilts, pinafores, summer dresses, grey uniform trousers, Braeside ties, PE hoodies and PE leggings. These must, of course, be the Braeside branded uniform. FOBS will be collecting this uniform after the Festive Break (in January) ready for the sale in the Spring Term.

FOBS are always looking for new support to help and co-ordinate events such as the Summer Fete, Christmas Fayre and quiz nights. If you are interested in finding out more, please email [FOBS@braesideschool.co.uk](mailto:FOBS@braesideschool.co.uk).

## Oak-Tree Group Fireworks

After a long break due to restrictions, the Oak-Tree Group fireworks made a comeback with a big bang! We are very proud of Lydia from Year 11 who put on an amazing singing performance, and it was wonderful to see so many families from Braeside School attend.

