

NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

As you can see from this newsletter our pupils have been showing the Core Values through their volunteering work that they have undertaken themselves. We are so proud of our Year 11 Prefect Team who organised the Christmas Collection for the local foodbank, Year 10 pupils who are doing their voluntary service for the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme and to Beatrice in Year 9.

Our youngest pupils demonstrated excellent behaviour and manners on their exciting trip to see Father Christmas and the Elves at a local café in Loughton – we were so proud of them for saying please and thank you to the adults who helped them on the trip.

Pupils have shown courage, determination and resilience in trying new things like Flamenco dance, orchestral music, baking gingerbread, in the annual ISA Art Competition, House Spelling Bee, high ropes activities and in sporting success.

It was lovely to see you at the Nativity Celebrations!

I wish you all a restful break with your families.

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon

Christmas Collection

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of your staff members and school children that participated in Christmas collecting this year. Each year we help provide Christmas food parcels to those struggling during December, to give them a little surprise in the festive spirit with various Christmas goodies inside. With your donations we are able to help multiple people, individual and families with warm food and drinks this winter.

I am so pleased to inform you that your donation this year was 58.9KG worth of food, which is absolutely incredible and weighs more than an average male Artic Wolf.

A great big thank you and well done for all your hard work!



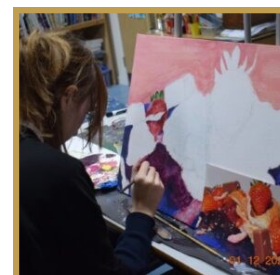
London Symphonic Orchestra

Years 4, 5, 6 were chosen to sing at the Barbican alongside hundreds of other children. They sang songs from Paul Rissman's 'Through The Looking Glass', which was performed by the London Symphonic Orchestra. They have worked hard over the last few weeks to practise the songs in their music lessons. They also enjoyed listening to a few other songs performed by the orchestra, including an amazing rendition of the theme from Star Wars. We spent the rest of the afternoon exploring the Museum of London. They were impeccably behaved, sang beautifully and we were very proud of them all.



GCSE Fine Art Mock Exam

Year 10 and 11 have worked really hard during their GCSE Fine Art mock to produce some fantastic pieces. Pupils have taken inspiration from a range of artists and photographers including Sarah Graham, Holly Warburton, Kehinde Wiley and Diane Arbus. The work is all very unique showing high level thinking, development and practical skills which is great to see. Truly inspirational, a big well done.



Flamenco workshop

Year 8 and 9 Spanish classes had great fun learning Flamenco steps during a workshop run by a professional Flamenco dancer. They also learnt the lyrics to a song so they could sing along in Spanish too!



A Special trip to see Father Christmas

Early Years pupils took the school minibus down to LoBella café in Loughton on Friday 2 December to enjoy a festive afternoon tea with hot chocolate and festive treats. Pupils sang Christmas songs, enjoyed chatting to their friends while the elves served them their food. Pupils were very excited to see Father Christmas and hear his Christmassy stories. Pupils had an individual chat with Father Christmas and they were so well behaved that he gave them a present too! Millie from Kindergarten said "We have had the best day ever today!" and Finn from Reception said "I had such a yummy cake". Staff and pupils would like to thank the café for their hospitality and for making Christmas a special one for the pupils of Braeside.



Braeside Support Children in Need

On Friday 18 November it was the BBC Children in Need charity day. Once again, Braeside excitedly joined in with others around the United Kingdom to fundraise for this good cause. We are pleased to announce we raised an incredible £646!

The Junior School Council and Year 5 Class ran some exciting events to help raise money. Apart from coming in to school adorned in a splash of yellow to brighten up the gloomy near-winter day, pupils could also take part in challenges and competitions. Many pupils put their pencils, paint brushes, glitter and pom-poms to paper to create fabulous and colourful Pudsey or Blush pictures as part of our colouring competition. The entries lined the corridors; wonderful enough to take down a fashion runway!

During lunch break, the pupils and their soft toys were invited to a scrumptious teddy bear picnic and they took part in a BEAR Pong challenge!

The Year 5's also saw this as a great opportunity to raise even more money and held a cake sale, filled with sweet treats for every taste.

Well done to all the Junior Councillors and the Year 5's for raising an amazing amount that will be used to help other children, making their lives a little less daunting and a lot happier.



The Nativity

Wow! What a fantastic nativity performance! This year's nativity was filled with excitement, energy and Christmas cheer! Reception were outstanding with their rendition of 'Twinkle Twinkle' on the hand bells, 'Camel Fury' was a particular favourite and it was lovely to see the pupils acting and performing in front of a full audience of family and friends!



Gingerbread Men

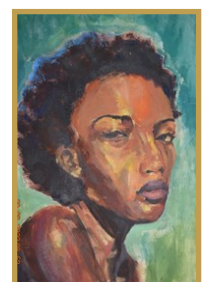
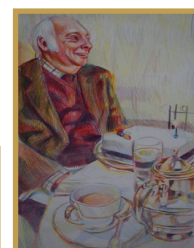
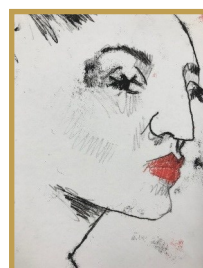
Reception have been reading the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. We liked the story so much that we decided to make our own Gingerbread men, it was lots of fun!



Amazing ISA Art!

This year we have had some fantastic results in the annual ISA Art Competition with the highest number of students being awarded 1st 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 was awarded to Rebecca, Isabelle, Nadia, and Diya .



Year 8 go to Stubbers

Year 8 went on an exciting, confidence building trip to Stubbers Activity centre. They took part in laser tag, archery and high ropes! Mrs Spencer had just as much fun as the pupils and the children shared some excellent team tactics during laser tag. The pupils went head to head in archery to try and score the most points and it was excellent to see them improve throughout the session. Fears were overcome on the high ropes and it was brilliant to see everyone attempt the top level! A fantastic day out.



Spelling Bee

On Thursday 7 December, the KS3 pupils took part in Braeside's second 'House' Spelling Bee competition.

With spelling being something that most pupils are anxious about and especially doing this vocally in front of each House – we are super proud of our pupils and it's commendable how they all overcame their anxieties and performed exceptionally well. It was great to see the pupils in teams, cheering for each other; learning and building upon their confidence, while having fun.

The results: for the second year in a row, Bronte house won the Spelling Bee trophy with an incredible 39 spellings made correctly. 2nd place went to Mason, 3rd went to Nightingale and 4th place Fry.

Although this was a House competition, it was great to see the pupils be excited about literacy and overall the event was a great success! Well done again to Bronte!



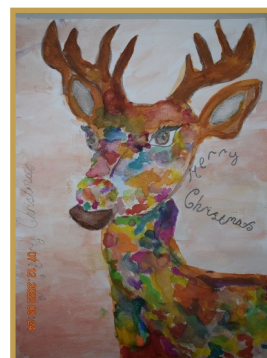
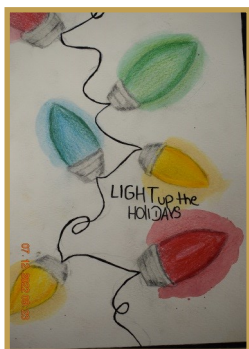
Year 2 Investigate Habitats

This term, Year 2 have been investigating different habitats in Science. After a lesson outside exploring the different habitats and microhabitats, the class all made bird feeders out of pipe cleaner and cheerios. They all really enjoyed it and loved putting them on the tree to help those animals eat through the cold weather. A few days later, they noticed that all the cheerios had gone!



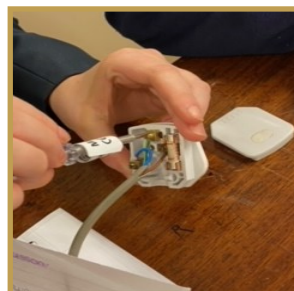
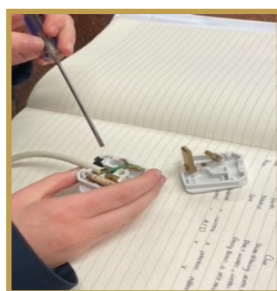
Christmas Card Competition 2022

This year we have had some amazing entries for the annual Christmas card competition. Pupils have used a wide and wonderful array of materials including water colours, pencils, collage and posca pens. The theme was 'Magical Christmas' and students were invited to explore the theme through any way they wished. We would love to receive any one of them. Great work everyone!



News from the Science Department

Year 10 learnt about Electricity in the Home as part of the Physics GCSE syllabus. It's a great opportunity to show the link between theory and real life. The pupils were asked to share prior knowledge of what is inside an electrical plug at the start of the lesson. By the end of the same lesson, they were able to identify the wires and terminals, correct faults in an existing plug and calculate the appropriate size fuse for appliances of different power inputs. Excellent progress and practical skills; it's a remarkably fiddly task but they rose to the challenge and were successful electrical engineers.



Festive Fun

The last week of term is always a lot of fun, and this year was no different, despite the snow. The Seniors enjoyed lots of festive crafts, such as biscuit decorating, while the younger pupils had great fun at the Christmas disco with lots of sweet treats.



Songs for the Residents

Local residents from the surrounding roads enjoyed their very own Christmas concert on the last week of term. Pupils sang many Christmas songs and showed off the tunes they had learnt on the handbells while our guests tucked into mince pies and tea!



Snow Day

Pupils loved getting out into the school grounds on Monday to enjoy the beautiful snow. Juniors and Seniors worked together to compete in the House Snowperson competition!

Looks like cold work!



Greek Art



Year 5 have really enjoyed making their Greek Vases this term. After creating the shape with mod rock it was time for the decoration. Pupils explored geometric patterns in their sketch-books and are now starting to add these to their vases. Great work Year 5!



Needle Felted Decorations

Year 7 have enjoyed exploring needle felting this half term. We discussed the lovely tradition of keeping beloved Christmas decorations from year to year and celebrating simple traditions. We made a lovely selection of Santas, Snowmen, robins and gingerbread men using carded wool and felting needles and tried desperately not to prick our fingers! Lots of hard work but great results. Well done everyone.

Miss Coleman



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Netball Success!

Braeside vs King Harold Academy

The U16 netball team beat King Harold Academy 17-7! It was an excellent game of netball with Lily- Ann and Talia defending brilliantly, Izellah, Evie and Alexa owning the centre court and Humaira and Kristen- who was also player of the match scoring some outstanding goals. Well done team!

The Year 7/8 team beat King Harold Academy 15-4! Another excellent display and a very deserved win! Stef, Chloe and Lou-Lou scored some excellent shots! Maya A, Sienna and Olivia worked hard in the centre court and Scarlet and Maya V - who was player of the match worked as a solid defensive unit. The hard work is paying off.

Braeside vs Epping St. John's

The Year 7/8 netball team beat Epping St. John's 11-3 in their last West Essex league game of the year! Excellent netball was on display and Maya V was player of the match. It's great to see how much they have improved since September. Well done!



Friends of Braeside School (FOBS)



As 2022 draws to an end, we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has reached out over the past month as we have had a lot of interest in FOBS and offers of help.

We are very pleased to say that this term, FOBS have arranged funding for the playground markings, planters and benches for the Seniors, and the new sparkly Christmas lights!

There will be a 'pre-loved uniform' sale in the New Year, so if you are replacing uniform over the holidays or having a clear-out, please do bring any old uniform into school.

Best wishes

The FOBS

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Student News

Well done to Beatrice in Year 11 who has joined the Epping Forest Conservation Volunteers. She will be helping them to clear and conserve the forest. In the first session, she cleared lots of holly from the forest and learnt how to cut down trees using a saw and loppers! Beatrice is enjoying this fantastic experience.

