

NEWSLETTER



January 2023



Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

Despite the term being a relatively short one, we have packed so many events in! The Oak-Tree Schools got together for the annual Maths Challenge last week. It was truly heart-warming to see friendships made across the schools and for pupils to enjoy a level of competition.

Pupils in Early Years have been celebrating the Lunar New Year and exploring facts about other cultures by making lanterns, eating traditional food from South East Asia and learning to use chopsticks. Early Years have also been discussing what healthy eating is.

Year 8 have started a new physical activity in PE at the Dennis and Dyer Boxing Academy which they have thoroughly enjoyed, while Year 7 and 9 have been travelling to Old Loughtonians Hockey Club for their hockey lessons.

Please do read the latest news from FOBS in this letter.

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon

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Year 1 Go Back in Time

Ellen Buxton was a young Victorian girl from a wealthy family in Leytonstone. Ellen loved to write in her diary and make sketches of family life, including many of her brothers and sisters playing with their favourite toys. Ellen's diaries have allowed people to have a better idea of the types of toys Victorian children would have played with.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed the Toy Workshop based on toys from the past and learnt a great deal. The children investigated whether the toys Ellen Buxton played with over 100 years ago are very different from the toys they play with today.

The children compared stilts, hoops and seesaws and enjoyed playing with a variety of old toys such as Jacob's Ladder, spinners, cup and ball and a selection of puppets.

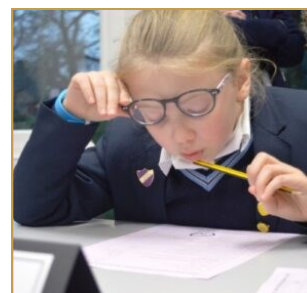
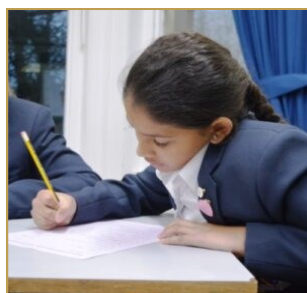
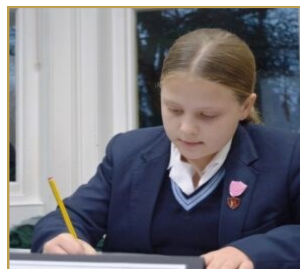


Oak-Tree Maths Challenge 2023

The first Group event of the year was a huge success! Select pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 from all four schools in the Oak-Tree Group came together at Braeside School for a competitive Maths Challenge. After settling in and enjoying a few refreshments, it was time for the tournament to start. Year 3 kicked off the proceedings, with three pupils representing their school. They only had a few minutes to complete a mental maths challenge, before clearing the stage to make room for Year 4. Once all of the year groups had their turn, the judges set about marking the papers.

It was then time for the second stage of the challenge. In this round, the children's teamwork was put to the test, as they had to work together to complete a series of tricky problems.

After the scores from both stages were added up, it was announced that Coopersale Hall pupils were the overall champions. We can't wait to hold another Maths Challenge next year.



Reception Prepare for Chinese New Year

Reception have been learning about Chinese New Year. They learnt about the 12 animals on the Zodiac calendar and about the different types of decorations that are made for the celebrations. The children made red lanterns and fans to decorate the classroom for the special occasion.



Kindergarten Practise Numbers

Kindergarten have loved celebrating the Lunar New Year. They practised picking up long wiggly noodles using tweezers and performed their own dragon dance!



Healthy Eating In Kindergarten

We have been fruit stamping with paint creating a lovely poster for the kitchen staff in Kindergarten. We also created a lunch boxes, where the children could choose healthy food to put in their lunch boxes.



Millie Turns 4!

Thank you Millie from Kindergarten for donating a book for your birthday. Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed the book!



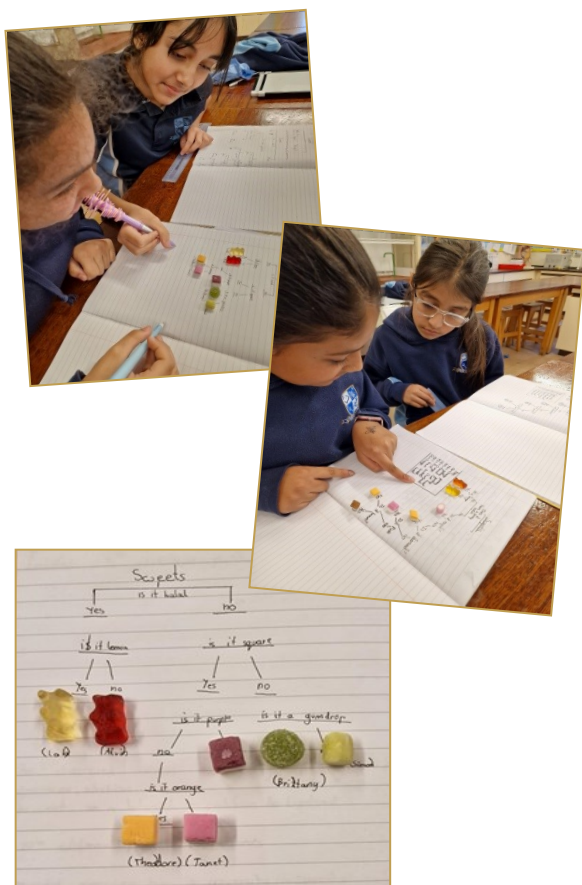
Year 2 Investigation

In Science this term, Year 2 are investigating different materials and their properties. To introduce the topic, the class needed to group and sort a variety of different materials found around the classroom. They had a big discussion about the different feeling of the materials and how they may describe them. The class also noticed that some of the groups overlapped e.g. scissors would be in the plastic and metal group.



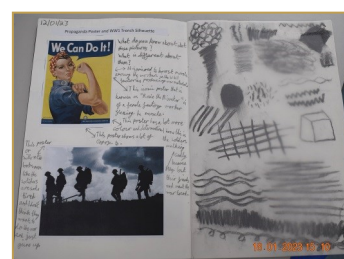
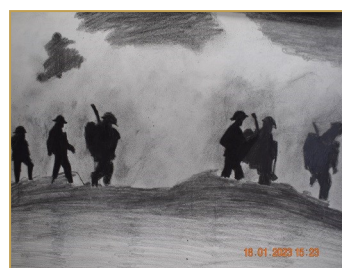
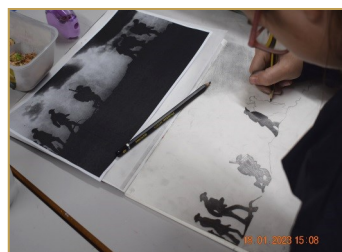
Sweetastic

Year 6 children in Science created their own branching key in groups by sorting different kinds of sweets, before moving onto creating more complex keys to sort different kinds of animals.



Year 6 Create Amazing War Art

Year 6 have been discussing about Propaganda war posters and trench art. Pupils have enjoyed experimenting with charcoal and produced some lovely work. Well done!



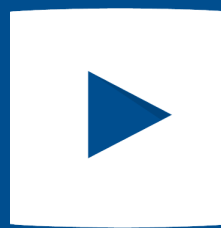
Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics

Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in the annual Oak-Tree indoor athletics competition at the Peter May Centre. They worked brilliantly in their two teams and supported one another through all the track and field events. Alba and Brogan came 1st in the 6 lap paarlauf! Brogan and Nicole gained 2nd place in the 1+1 lap relay and the A team were second in the under/over relay and the obstacle race!

Daisy was excellent at the javelin and Arisha, Nicole and Brogan gained high scores of 41 on the 20 second speed bounce! It was a very fun afternoon of competition and it was great to see the girls competitive sides, well done everyone!



Getting Social



Braeside Sports

Hockey

Year 7 and 9 are travelling over to Old Loughtonians Hockey Club this half term. Year 7 have been learning the basic skills and learning the rules of the game. Year 9 have been implementing their skills into game play and officiating their own matches.



Y5/6 Netball vs Coopersale Hall

Year 5 and 6 travelled to Coopersale Hall for a netball fixture. They played some brilliant netball! Nicole, Ava, Darcey, Marham and Kirika worked tirelessly for their teams and deserve a special mention.

Boxing

Dennis & Dyer Boxing Academy have been granted funding to deliver boxing sessions to girls aged 11-16 for the first quarter of 2023 and Year 8 have been able to take up this fantastic opportunity! The sessions consist of technical based learning and fitness. They all really enjoyed the first session and it was great to see them participating in a sport that was new for many.

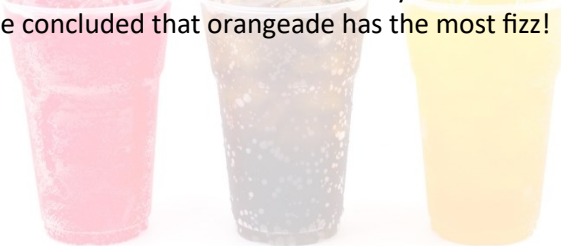




Year 4 Science Experiment

As part of this term's Science topic 'States of Matter', Year 4 have been finding out all about solids, liquids and gases. This week the children were investigating gases and their properties.

Do gases weigh anything and how do we find out? We decided to weigh four different fizzy drinks; before we opened them, after thirty seconds and finally twenty four hours later. We discovered that the carbon dioxide in fizzy drinks does have a mass - we concluded that orangeade has the most fizz!



Forest Club

Forest Club are having great fun this term making new friends and learning new games. The children have particularly enjoyed playing 'Vanish' in the wooded area, which is an adaptation of 'Hide & Seek' and 'Creeping Comanche' which relies on our sense of hearing to detect people. We even have special animal names for our time in the forest! Forest Club runs every Monday and is open for children from Reception up to Year 4.



BRAESIDE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023 - 9.15am

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Friends of Braeside School (FOBS)

Happy New Year to everyone from FOBS.

Although our end of year plans were not able to go ahead as planned due to the snow, we still managed to raise an amazing £1800.04 from the sweets and gift sale and the hamper raffle!

The disco is being rearranged for the summer and the tickets everyone paid for will be rolled over to the summer party.

Every year, FOBS likes to donate one large contribution to the school as well as all of the smaller contributions throughout the year. We are delighted to say we have just donated 8 wireless microphones as well and some extra equipment for the drama department which we hope will help all of our young budding actors and actresses!

FOBS are currently running a competition for a new logo. There is a £30 Amazon voucher for the winner and the logo will be used for all FOBS correspondence going forward. Please encourage your children to give it a go, and we will look forward to seeing all of the lovely designs before announcing a winner on Friday 10 February. All entries to be handed into the school office or emailed to FOBS by Monday 6 February.

We will be holding a 'pre-loved' uniform sale in the summer term. Any Braeside uniform, can be dropped off at school on the last Friday of each month. Further details regarding the sale will be sent later in the term.

Lastly FOBS have arranged via Doughies for pizza and cookie kits to be sent home with the children on Friday 10 February. Flyers/emails have already gone out, but please get your orders in by Saturday 4 February if you haven't already done so. Please share with us photos of you and your children making and enjoying the pizzas to the FOBS email address!

Once again, thank you for your continued and we look forward to seeing you all at our events throughout the year!

Best wishes

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