

June 2023



Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

Thank you, as always, for supporting the various events that we have had at school this half term. It was lovely to see our Early Years pupils (some of whom had only just joined Braeside) singing and celebrating with their friends at the assembly about growth. They certainly have grown and developed over the year!

I would like to congratulate all the pupils who have achieved a LAMDA certificate and medal. We have pupils in Year 11 who have gained their gold medal which is a huge achievement and something incredibly impressive for the CV in the future.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to the pupils who took part in Maths Challenge which is a nationwide mathematical event. Again, we had pupils who scored significantly above their peers in other schools and have been recognised for their achievements.

Well done to the Braeside Artists who continue to show their talent, flair and creativity which again, has been recognised on a national level at the ISA Digital Art competition (in which one of our pupils was awarded first place).

I look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming Sports Day and Speech Day in July.

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon

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LAMDA

Congratulations to the 58 pupils who recently received brilliant results for the LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose examinations that they took in March.

These range from Introductory Stage 1 in Year 1 to Grade 6 in the Seniors. In all, 37 Distinctions and 21 Merits were awarded!

Special praise to Beatrice, Freya, Izellah and Scarlett in Year 9, who were presented with a Bronze Medal for their Grade 6 achievements!



More brilliant news as the final set of LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose results are in! Congratulations to the 5 golden girls in Year 11 - Maddie, Lauren, Rebecca, Isabelle and Adiba – who have been awarded gold medals for their Grade 8 examination.

They should be very proud of themselves for passing the highest and most demanding LAMDA grade, all with Merits or Distinctions!

Humanities Day 2023

The Junior School at Braeside had great fun exploring all things Australian as part of our latest Humanities Day. The younger children got creative making flags and rainmakers whilst the older groups had the opportunity to compile questions on their new-found knowledge before participating in a quiz (buzzers were a must!) The Aboriginal art work the children produced was fabulous and they all enjoyed researching the fascinating animals that live there. It was a great day!



Green Day Fashion Show At Braeside School

To raise awareness of the need to recycle more in school, Braeside's Green Team decided to hold a 'Green Day'.

It was a non-uniform day and the children came to school dressed up in green or any other colour of nature (brown, yellow, orange etc). Everyone gave a donation of £2 which the Green Team is hoping will go some way towards purchasing recycling bins for the Junior classrooms.

On the day, the children participated in a challenge which involved designing and making an outfit from recyclable materials. The grand finale of the day was an incredible fashion show, which gave pupils the opportunity to showcase their creations to the rest of the school. We are so impressed with the outcomes, everyone was very creative!



ISA Digital Art Competition 2023

We are delighted to announce that Rebecca in Year 11 has been awarded first place in the annual ISA Digital Art Competition with her fabulous piece 'You and me'.

The judges were highly complementary and said;

"An impactful artwork, evoking curiosity. I love the sketchy marks in places that are less relevant, yet careful brushwork in the face and especially the eyes. The expression on the left makes us wonder what the character is thinking. The colours are very harmonious with each other with a unique stylised look".



Trip To The Library

Early Years visited the Library in Loughton as part of their topic, 'People Who Help Us'. The Librarians explained how they help us, before reading stories and singing nursery rhymes with the children. To end the session they also had the opportunity to look around the library, play with some toys, look at some books and colour in pictures.

Everyone had a lovely time!





Fun At Forest School

The Kindergarten children were given the exciting chance to participate in Forest School, where they learned about nature and enjoyed spending time in the great outdoors.

During their time there, the children assisted a forest fairy who had lost her home by searching for various objects in the forest – including leaves, sticks, and stones – to help build her a new one. This experience has helped the children develop their independence and resilience.



Year 8 Create Colourful Ugly Dolls In Art

Year 8 have been working hard researching for their ugly dolls, establishing a target audience and finalising their designs. Pupils are making dolls that are unisex and some will be for visually impaired people.

They have discussed sustainability and using a range of fabrics that are hardwearing and that have tactile qualities. They are going to be fabulous, watch this space!



Year 10 Pupils Get Ready For The Annual Garden Refresh!

Miss Barrett and Mrs Moon took Year 10 to Matthew's Garden Centre in Epping for their annual garden tidy up. Pupils divided into 2 groups and each had a budget to work with (kindly donated by FOBS). Pupils asked the staff what they recommended and what would be easy to look after. They looked at the instructions, level of sunlight, water and soil type to select appropriate plants for the garden.

One group decided that they wanted to make an Early Years vegetable patch and bought tomatoes, cucumbers and peas for Early Years children to grow. When we got back to school, they organised themselves into teams to plant.



The Impact Of Social Media

A huge thanks to the Year 9 Oak-Tree Challenge team who, as part of the challenge, delivered a fantastic assembly on the impact on social media to the Junior and Senior pupils.

They took the time to work as a team, research the statistics and put together an appropriate and interesting assembly for the school community. Well done to Amina, Sophie M, Alexa, Eliza and Amaya in Year 9!



Junior Maths Challenge Results 2023

Year 7 and Year 8 pupils at Braeside achieved Silver and Bronze certificates in this year's UKMT Junior Maths Challenge. Over 300,000 students from across the UK sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 5% receiving a Gold certificate, the next 10% Silver and the next 25% Bronze.

Maya in Year 8 was awarded a Silver certificate and Best in School certificate and Eliza in Year 7 achieved a Bronze certificate and Best in Year certificate.

Riana, Ireland and Maya V-T were also awarded Silver certificates. Sienna and Jaswitha were awarded Bronze certificates. Congratulations to all the pupils who participated. Very well done!



Couch To 5k

Every Wednesday morning this term, pupils from Years 5–10 have been taking part in Couch to 5K. Many are on track to receive their Running Club badge by attending at least six times!



Year 5 Bikeability

Year 5 took part in the Bikeability program which aimed at instilling road safety knowledge and new practical skills. They learnt how to safely navigate the roads and it was great to see them on their bikes in action in the local area. They all passed level 1 and level 2!



Braeside Sport's

Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament

Braeside's Year 4 ,5 & 6 tennis team performed brilliantly at the Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament.

Sawda won the Year 4 girls competition and Nicole and Gracie won the Year 5 singles competition! All of the girls improved throughout the morning and it was great to see them enjoying playing tennis competitively!



ISA Athletics

Pupils in Years 4-10 travelled to Bedford International Athletics Stadium for the annual ISA Athletics Competition. They took part in a number of events from long jump to 1500m's. Highlights of the day were; Maya V-T came 3rd in the Year 8/9 300m race, Nicole L came 5th in the Year 5 600m race and the Year 8/9 relay team consisting of Izellah, Eliza, Scarlet and Maya came 3rd overall!



U7 ISA Multiskills Festival

Year 2 were invited to take part in the ISA Multi-Skills event. Despite it being a hot day, the girls showed brilliant team work and sportsmanship, completing a variety of different skill based activities. These included, javelin throwing, football skills, running races and the sack race to name a few. Fun was had by all, and to reward all their hard work, they each left with a medal and a school trophy! Well done Year 2!



Braeside Sport's Continued

Success At ISA Tennis

Ava and Lou Lou took part in the ISA U13 Tennis Tournament at Welwyn Tennis Club. They were unbeaten throughout the event, beating the likes of Sherrardswood, North Bridge House, St Mary's and Mount House School. They performed brilliantly as a pair and should be very proud of themselves for winning such a big tournament!



Scarlett and Kristen took part in the ISA U15 Tennis Tournament. They faced some tough opposition, but played with excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done



House Swimming

The first House Swimming Gala was a huge success! The pupils had so much fun competing in their Houses in a range of events. Highlights include Darcey G winning the Year 6/7 50m front crawl, Kristen winning the Year 8/9 butterfly, Maya G winning the Year 8/9 breaststroke, Olivia 'barking' in the 'doggy paddle' race, and everyone competing in the highly contested 'biggest splash' competition. Thank you so much to all the pupils that took part for making it such an enjoyable event and a special thanks to the fantastic Year 10 helpers!

A huge well done to Fry, our winners this year!



EYFS Everything Is Growing Assembly

Early Years put on a wonderful assembly for their parents, with the theme 'Everything Is Growing'. The children gathered together in the covered garden ready to put on a show, complete with fruit headbands and lots of enthusiasm.

Songs such as 'Two Birds Singing A Song For Me' and 'Down In The Garden' were sung and the children shared facts about plants as well as showing off their tomato plants.



Year 6 War Art

Year 6 have enjoyed exploring a range of techniques to produce these dramatic WW2 London bomb paintings. Pupils worked in pairs so that they could collaborate and share ideas. Great work Year 6!



Year 1 Enjoy A Day At The Seaside

Year 1 had a wonderful time at Southend-on-Sea as part of our Geography/History topic: 'Sun, Sea and Sand.' They enjoyed having a paddle, making sandcastles and creating sand sculptures. They also learnt interesting facts about the pier.

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The Pier employed a horse tramway to convey goods and visitors to and from the pier head. This was replaced by the train that runs up and down the pier today. It was actually the first pier railway in the country!

A mortuary located under the old pier remained after the construction of the new iron pier, despite complaints about the smell by passers-by and traders! Eww.

The pier has dealt with 4 huge fires since the 1970's!



An Informative Eco-Team Assembly

The Braeside Senior Eco-Team delivered an assembly that focussed on making sustainable choices with transport and food purchases. They highlighted the air miles of food and people and then calculated the carbon footprint. All pupils were surprised at how much environmental damage could be done with one flight. The team highlighted ways in which the carbon footprint could be offset with better choices around transport and food. Please do ask your child to tell you about it.



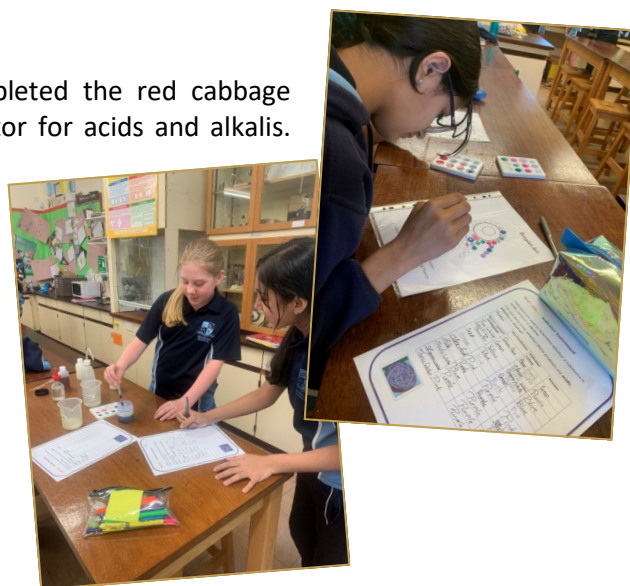
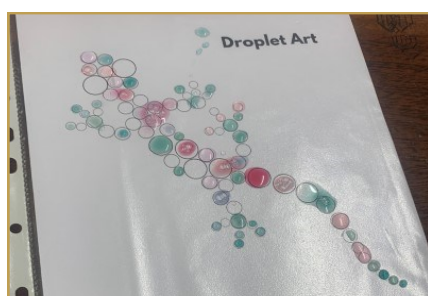
Braeside Became Rock Balancers

Year 10 pupils at Braeside became Rock Balancers in their Physics lesson. They investigated the how to locate the centre of mass of regular shapes like a ruler and used plumb lines to find the centre of mass of irregular shapes. The rocks enabled the pupils to experiment with stable and unstable equilibrium. The centre of mass of any object is the point where its whole mass is believed to be concentrated. When something is in equilibrium and you apply a force to this point, it stays in place. But if the force is applied elsewhere? Your rock tower falls down!



Droplet Art in Year 6

Year 6 have been doing really well in Science! They completed the red cabbage indicator experiment to see if red cabbage is a good indicator for acids and alkalis. They concluded that it was! They also enjoyed some droplet art using the indicator. They found it quite tricky at first but they persisted to get some great results!



FOBS

Dear Parents

As another group of Year 11's prepared to leave the school before they started exam week, FOBS were only too pleased to pay for their Leavers Lunch at Molens in Loughton. We hope the pupils all enjoyed their day!

FOBS have recently paid for some more flowers for the school garden which the senior pupils helped plant to brighten up the outdoor space.

Last year's winners' medals for Sports Day were such a hit, we decided to purchase more for this year!

Our next second-hand uniform sale will be on Wednesday 5 July. More details to follow.

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to offer their help at the Summer Party and the class reps for organising class hampers for the end of term hamper raffle, your help is much appreciated.

Best wishes
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