

September 2023



Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

As you can see from the photo above, we have been busy electing and organising the prefect teams across the school. We have now appointed the Senior Prefect Team and they have arranged their duties around the school. I have had many comments from parents praising the work they have done already around the school. I am also pleased to announce that Year 6 House Captains have been chosen for the year and also we have an Early Years Prefect and Junior Sports Captain. It is always lovely to see so many pupils nominating themselves for positions of responsibility and contributing to our wider school community.

Year 3 had a fabulous time at the Oak-Tree Group Camp. They made friends with their peers across the other schools in the group. It was great to see Year 3 demonstrating resilience and teamwork. They tried out lots of activities and showed courage and determination throughout their time at camp.

We have already had several workshops from a renown artist and the London Fire Brigade this week as well as some sports and local trips in the area to add enrichment and depth to the curriculum.

Best wishes

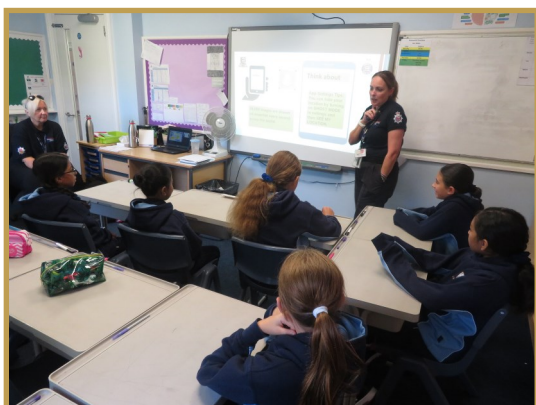
Mrs Chloe Moon

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Cyber Safety

ECFRSS delivered a presentation to Year 6 on Cyber Safety. The aims of this session were to focus on the hidden dangers of social media, online gaming, online predators, cyberbullying, and identity theft. Our objectives were for each young person to:

- Understand the risks of being online.
- Understand what cyberbullying is and the impact and consequences of online bullying.
- Understand what an online scam is and how to keep information safe.
- Understand how to stay safe online when using social media, games, and websites.



Arson and Hoax Call Prevention

ECFRSS delivered a presentation to Year 7 on Arson and Hoax Call Prevention. The presentation linked in with anti-social behaviour and had the following objectives:

- To understand what Anti-Social behaviour is
- To understand what arson is and the consequences of arson
- To understand what a hoax call is and the impact on the community and blue light services
- To understand what joint enterprise is and its implications.



We Explore Drawing —Young Architects

Year 9 had a fantastic experience with visiting British artist Jeanette Barnes from We Explore Drawing. Jeanette started the workshop by introducing her art-work and discussing some of her methods and where her inspiration comes from. Students then went on to explore charcoal and mark-making during warm-up activities. Once students were more comfortable, they then went on to create their own studies using photographs of cities from around the world. Lastly, students explored architecture through engineering making three-dimensional sculptures whilst considering techniques that explored both aesthetics and stability.



Year 3 Oak-Tree Camp 2023

Year 3 went camping with the Oak-Tree Group of Schools, this was a wonderful opportunity for them to get to know other children their age within the group. They had a great time bonding through planned activities such as learning how to set up tents, lighting a fire and learning about what types of wildlife live within their environment. Their overall experience was awesome, the students loved sharing a tent and having marshmallows over an open fire. We are sure this will be a great memory that they will cherish forever.



Braeside Sport's

Year 2 WESSP Football

On a damp, grey Tuesday afternoon, Year 2 travelled to Shooter's to take part in the West Essex School Sports Football Tournament. The weather however, did nothing to deter the girl's spirits, excitement or enthusiasm! They played with real passion and managed to secure two wins and one draw, finishing second overall in the competition. Zariah showed excellent leadership in her role as team captain and a special mention to Gabrielle who scored a whopping four goals. Go Braeside!!



Miss Barrett Hits A Hat-Trick!

Miss Barrett hit a hat-trick as Bishop's Stortford began life back in the East Women's League, Premier Division with a 7-2 win at Upminster. Well done Miss Barrett!



Our Prefect Team 2023/24

Prefect Team 2023/24 – Year 10 and 11 were invited to apply through a written letter and then an interview for positions of responsibility this year. Laila will be Head Girl. Aina is Deputy Head Girl. House Captains are: Isabelle (Mason), Lola (Nightingale), Chloe (Fry) and Freya F (Bronte). Our Well-being Ambassadors are Dilly and Eliza (who will be organising Mental Health Awareness next month). The Inclusion Ambassador is Sophie M. The senior prefects are Sophie A and Amina. Junior prefects are Freya G and Aafiya in Year 11. Caaviya and Rafza are the Early Years Prefect. Izellah and Kristen are sports prefects for the Seniors and Juniors respectively. Humaira is overall Sports Captain. You will be seeing them actively around the school next week when they have been given their responsibilities and assigned a Line Manager for their appraisal. We wish them good luck in the future!



Meet Some of Our New Year 7's



'I really like Braeside School and have made many friends'
Elysia

I have made so many good friends.
Zyna



I am so happy in Year 7. The teachers are nice and I've made some really nice new friends.
Maariya



Our Local Community

Year 3 are currently learning about the local area and community around our school. They used google maps in their humanities lessons to find key buildings arounds the school and then went on a walk to look for them. This furthered their understanding of why they are important to the community and how they help them.



Essex Council Art Competition

Dilly from Year 9 chose the theme of “connection” and illustrated this using a technique where you keep the pen connected to the page and also connected each of the faces. She used collage to add some words she felt went well with the theme .

She received a certificate from Essex Council and also a fabric tote bag with her design on it.

As both a GCSE art student and Well Being Ambassador at Braeside, Dilly feels very proud to have contributed to this Essex Council Mental Health & Well Being Conference.



Ninja Warrior UK

Year 11 Ninja Warrior UK - Year 11 opted to have their first PE lesson of the year with a twist...Ninja Warrior UK in Watford. Pupils wanted a team building and challenging activity to start the year off and what a challenge it was. Miss Barrett and Mrs Moon were challenged by Year 11 to face the ‘wall’ and complete the course alongside them. Highlights of the day were Katie, Freya and Humaira tackling the ‘A Frame’ bars, Nadia scaling 3 different types of vertical wall first time, Isabelle, Aina and Allegra grappling with the upturned punch bags to race across the foam pit. We learned lessons about ourselves – Year 11 showed courage, determination and a drive for excellence as well as having fun with their friends.



Pupil Journalists at Braeside

A huge well done to Eva and Stefanie in Year 8 who have volunteered to be Braeside's resident pupil journalist and photographer. Last year, Eva expressed an interest in helping to gather news items from across the school. She is now joined by her assistant journalist - Stefanie. We encourage any enterprising ideas that show independence of thought and we are very grateful to Eva and Stefanie for creating an article on Year 7 and putting their ideas forward.



Year 7 Go High Roping

The Year 7's went to Nuclear High Ropes as a team building trip. They said that it was a fun, challenging experience and that it helped them bond and face their fears! Most students said that their favourite part was the giant zipline at the end of the course. Everyone also enjoyed watching the teachers Miss Barrett and Mrs Spencer, taking part in all of the activities. **By Alba and Zyna, Year 7**

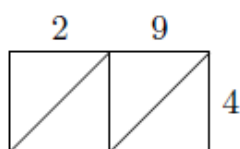


Year 8 Practice Chinese Lattice Multiplication

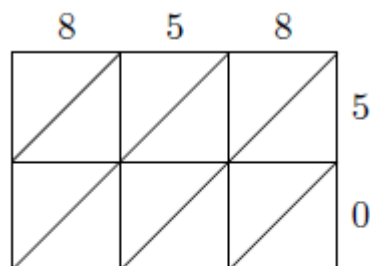
The Year 8 pupils embraced Chinese Lattice multiplication in their maths lessons this week. Some preferred this to the traditional long multiplication.

The Lattice method (also referred to as the Chinese method) is very similar to Long Multiplication, but breaks the calculation down into smaller components. A grid is created and then each box is separated into 10's and 1's.

Try these below:



$$29 \times 4 =$$



$$858 \times 50 =$$



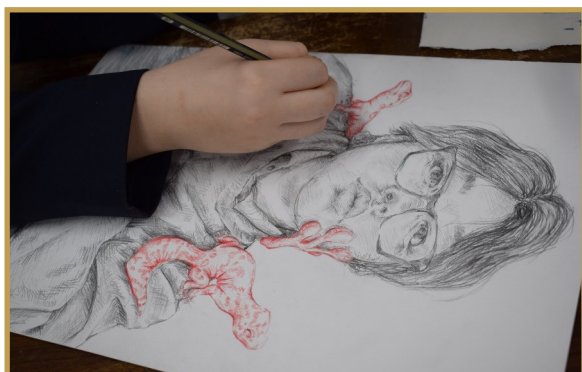
Year 1 Paint Brilliant Self-Portraits

Year 1 have very much enjoyed their Art lessons. They painted some brilliant self-portraits and have developed their observational skills. They created a careful self-portrait using half of their photograph and coloured pencils and also painted each other's portrait in great detail.



Portraits and Identity

Year 10 student Elizabeth is working on her Portraits and Identity unit at present. She has been exploring a range of artists including Peony Yip and Patricia Ariel. She has worked extremely hard in mastering and fine tuning her drawing skills. Fantastic work. A big well done!



Fine Art

Year 10 are now underway with their Fine Art GCSE. We have started our Food and Everyday Objects project with relish. Pupils are looking at artists for inspiration and exploring a range of techniques. Keep up the good work everyone!



'The Oak-Tree Challenge' in its Fourth Year, brings opportunities for students at Braeside!

The 'Oak-Tree Challenge' is an exciting programme offered to pupils in Years 4-9 at all four schools in the group and has been running successfully for four years now. Last year, 25 pupils were awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold awards at both Junior and Senior levels.

Mrs Alahi, the 'Oak Tree Challenge Scheme Co-ordinator' for Braeside School introduced the Challenge in assembly earlier this month and received a very positive response. Many pupils were keen to participate to achieve the Bronze, Silver or Gold awards at the end of the year.

The scheme runs for a year and is aimed at inspiring pupils in Years 4-9 to take part and complete THREE challenges to achieve their award. The pupils record details of their completed challenges, their reflections and photographic evidence in their log books. Information booklets were sent home with all pupils in Years 4-9 to discuss the Challenges with their parents and have a plan of action.

Challenges range from public performances, outdoor pursuits, learning new skills, voluntary service, organising a fund-raising event, school service and completing an independent research project, perhaps to develop a solution to a real-world challenge, culminating in a presentation in class or assembly.

We hope this fantastic scheme will equip our pupils with the relevant skills, knowledge, attitudes and values needed for success in future life and work. We aim to prepare our pupils to be lifelong and life wide learners, to interact successfully and respectfully with other and take responsible actions and work together towards collective well-being.



ISA Awards 2023 Finalist

We are delighted to announce that Braeside School have been shortlisted for Excellent and Innovation in Art and Design. The quality of entries was very high, and the judges were particularly impressed by the work taking place at our school. Results will be announced in November!



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ISA Awards 2023 Finalist

ISA Award for Excellence and Innovation in Art and Design

The Colour Monster

Reception have been exploring the book 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. We have discussed the feelings of happiness, sadness and anger and discussed ways we can stay calm. As a class, we created a collaborative piece of artwork based on the book. We experimented with print, colour mixing and collage.



FOBS

Welcome back to a new school year and welcome to all of the new parents who have joined in both the Junior and Senior School.

For those of you who haven't seen, we had some work done to the netball courts over the summer. Following on from the donation FOBS made last year, we paid for the playground markings in the Junior play area, we have used the same company to update the markings in the Netball/Football court to bring them up-to-date. FOBS will also be making further donations to the Drama department. More details on this to follow!

I also wanted to thank all of the new parents who joined the FOBS Zoom meeting this week. It was really nice to see some new faces. **Our next Zoom meeting will be on Monday 9 October.**

If anyone is available to help at the Oak-Tree Fireworks on Sunday 5 November, please can you email FOBS@braesideschool.co.uk as we still need some volunteers.

Best wishes
The FOBS Committee

