

NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

As you can see from this extensive newsletter—it has been a busy term again! It was wonderful to see our children enjoying themselves at the recent Harvest Festival. The music and dancing was delightful and I am so pleased that so many of you could support and watch.

Pupils have been on educational trips. Year 10 had a GCSE study morning at Waltham Abbey Church where they asked questions about philosophy, ethics and religion. Year 5 and 6 took the train to London to visit the British Museum to explore the Greeks, Ancient Egypt and European artefacts too.

As you can see, we have taken part in the ISA regional and national art competition. We have won many first places regionally and 2nd places nationally for art pieces from across a range of children in the school. We were also nominated for an Independent Schools Association Award for Art and Innovation this year which we are immensely proud of! You will be able to see this award very soon in the foyer of the school.

Our Early Years pupils have had a wonderful start to the term and thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Pumpkin Farm. They used their 5 senses to experience the Autumn outside in the fresh air.

I hope to see you for our various festive activities at the end of term.

Best wishes

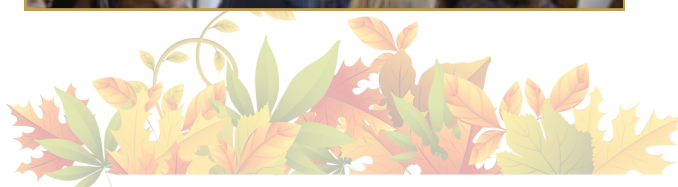
Mrs Chloe Moon

Harvest Festival

The St James' Church hall was filled with smiling faces for the annual Harvest Festival. All of the Juniors took part this year, from 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!



Religious Studies Trip to Waltham Abbey

Year 10 GCSE Religious Studies students visited Waltham Abbey Church on Friday 13 October. Pupils were given a tour of the church and then an in depth explanation as to the physical aspects of a church and how they support significant beliefs and practices.

Rev Peter demonstrated the Eucharist and The Last Supper; discussed beliefs about Heaven and Hell and how these have changed over time and the impact of the belief of salvation on Christians today. Pupils were then invited to ask their own philosophical questions about the existence of suffering, Free Will and omnipotence of God, creationism vs The Big Bang and current issues about war and conflict. Rev Peter was impressed with the higher order questions that were asked and said that he thoroughly enjoyed the challenging questions about theology. Pupils had a good insight into answering questions on the exam paper. Our next trip is to a mosque in February!



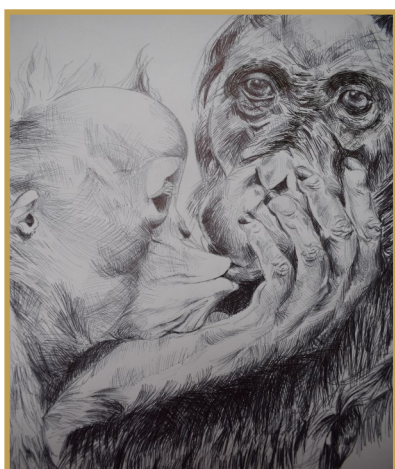
Christina Marks School of Dance

Years 1, 2 and 3 had an excellent dance session in PE delivered by Christina Marks School of Dance. They learnt a dance to 'Flowers' and performed it brilliantly at the end of the session. Finn, Bella and Liya deserve a special mention for their excellent effort and individual free-style moves! Well done everyone!



ISA Art Winners 2023!

Braeside has had fantastic results again this year. We managed to secure five firsts and 6 commended and highly commended. The standard this year were exceptional making the results even more rewarding. Work selected has to fit into various categories including drawing, sketch-books, three-dimensional pieces, textiles and paintings. I would like to give a special mention to Isabelle A, Rebecca, Lauren, Eva K, Freya F, Ireland S, Arisha, Ta'nia and Sawda who all secured awards. Judges were really impressed with the wealth and depth of skills showcased at the competition. A great day and a huge well done.



British Museum Trip

Year 5 and 6 took a trip to The British Museum. Despite it being a very hot day (in October!), they all thoroughly enjoyed learning about various different types of history. We explored The Greeks, Ancient Egypt- where we found a few mummies, Anglo Saxons and The Romans to name a few.



All Things Dotty Workshop

Year 5 and 6 have had a fabulous Art workshop – All Things Dotty inspired by the iconic Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. We discussed the life of the artist before exploring some of her ideas, including her use of colour, shapes and of course her famous dots. Students were absorbed and the day just flew by. The results were magnificent!!



Poppy Remembrance Path

The whole school has contributed to making Poppies for the Braeside Remembrance path. From Early Years, to Seniors and staff. Each class has made a poppy from re-cycled plastic bottles. It has been a great way of thinking about and honouring the many lost lives.



Braeside Well-Being Ambassadors

Well done to Dilly and Eliza who have worked hard since the beginning of term in their role at Well-being Ambassadors. They have asked for some extracurricular events and proposed some ideas to support pupil well-being across the school. They delivered an excellent assembly to share ideas on how pupils can show resilience and suggested ways in which school could support. We are going to trial a 'no homework' week this term, we are having a movie and munch afternoon and we have organised some food workshops for Key Stage 3 pupils.



5 Senses Food Workshop

The Well-Being Ambassadors have supported us in developing the well-being of pupils across the school. Last week was well-being week where pupils were not set homework as part of 'no homework week'. In addition, Year 7, 8 and 9 had a 5 Senses Food Workshop run by our food providers (Chartwells). Priyanka from the company came in to talk about how we rely on our senses to keep us safe and to connect us with the world around us. Chartwells used food as a way of connecting with our senses. Pupils had to smell, taste, listen, touch as part of the workshop. Pupils felt enlightened and more aware of how we use our senses to stay grounded and feel present.



Year 5 Teach Year 11 About St Paul

Year 5 are looking at religious leaders in Religious Studies. At the same time, Year 11 are learning about religious experience as a way of proving God's existence. Year 5 offered to deliver a presentation to Year 11 on the conversion of Saul to St Paul. Year 5 used their independent study skills and presentation skills to come into a Year 11 lesson to teach them about the topic. Laila in Year 11 said: it was very good presentation – they showed confidence and expertise. Isabelle in Year 11 said: I felt enlightened like St Paul himself. Year 5 left their resources for Year 11 to use in their revision.



Mini Beasts

Years 2 and 3 went on a trip to Ray Park in Woodford for a nature walk. It was a fabulous experience for them as one of the park rangers assisted them in understanding the habitats of mini beasts. They explored the different types of plants that can be found in the park such as grass, yarrow, ribwort plantain and nettles and how the mini beasts such as spiders, ladybirds, ant, grasshopper etc... use these as their habitats.



Braeside Sport

Year 3 WESSP Football Festival

The Year 3 pupils went to WESSP Football Festival with other schools in the local areas. We are really proud of the way they played, with Ruby scoring 4 goals in one game and Sahana being a fantastic goal keeper. Well played Year 3!



Year 7 Netball vs Coopersale

Year 7 netball team played against Coopersale. We won 10-4, it was a very good game. Sara and Ava were amazing at shooting and Elysia played brilliantly as Goal Keeper! Darcey was Player of the Match. We really enjoyed it! **Darcey G - Year 7**



ISA Skiing Competition

Kristen (Y10), Scarlett M (Y10) and Lilly (Y7) had a brilliant afternoon at the ISA Skiing Competition at the Snow Centre in Hemel Hempsted. They had a 45min practice/warm up session followed by 2 timed runs. All 3 of the pupils second run was quicker than their first! Scarlett resulted in the quickest Braeside run of 20.27secs. Well done!



Oak-Tree Netball Winners

1st Place for Braeside Year 5/6 netballers! The team travelled down the hill to Oaklands for the annual Oak-Tree netball tournament. They beat Normanhurst 4-2 in their first match, beat Coopersale 2-0 and remained unbeaten beating Oaklands 4-1. They worked brilliantly as a team, captained by Nicole and played some fantastic netball!



Braeside Sport continued

Year 8/9 Netball vs Normanhurst

Year 8/9 netball team played against Normanhurst. The score was 21-11 to Braeside. In the first quarter Lou-Lou scored 7 goals! Overall it was a great game, the attacking and defending was brilliant! We are all very proud of how we played. Ava M got Player of the Match. **Layla, Year 8**



Year 1 & 2 Football Tournament

Year 1 & 2 made history by attending our first ever mixed football tournament! The boys and girls worked incredibly hard, competing in 8 matches. There was great team spirit and everybody improved throughout the afternoon. Well done!



U13 & 16 WESSA Netball

We took part in our first league game of the WESSA netball competition against West Hatch. The U16 netball team lost 25-12, but they showed excellent team work and never gave up! Izellah was player of the match. The U13 netball team narrowly lost 12-10! It was a brilliant game of netball with Elysia and Darcey in Year 7 making their debuts. Stefanie was player of the match. Well done!



Braeside Sport continued

PGL Netball

The Year 8 and 9/10 netball teams took part in a weekend tournament run by England netball at PGL in Suffolk. The students had the opportunity to take part in various activities throughout their stay such as the giant swing, zip wire, abseiling and rock climbing as well as evening activities when they weren't on the netball court.

The Year 8 team were fantastic! They remained unbeaten throughout the tournament and beat Cromer in the final 7-5! They came together brilliantly as a team and it was great to see their determination and competitiveness. All of them played their part to win the gold medal!

The Year 9/10 team also had a very successful tournament and came 3rd overall- bronze medallists! They worked tirelessly as a team and improved game on game against tough opposition.

Well done to all 15 pupils who attended the weekend- our most successful PGL to date!



U16 ISA Netball Tournament

The U16 Netball team played brilliantly at the U16 ISA Netball Tournament! They won 2, drew 1 and lost 2 which meant they narrowly missed out on going through to the play offs. They beat Mill Hill 20-0 (quite a feat in a 14minute match!) with excellent shooting from Aina and Eva and won against Kings School 13-3 with tireless defending by Talia and Kristen! Well done girls!



Pumpkin Picking

Reception and Kindergarten had a blast at Hatter's Farm learning all about pumpkins and how they grow! We saw pumpkins of all shapes, sizes, and colours. We even got to measure some of the pumpkins and take our own home! We also had a blast in the hay bale maze and pyramid. It was a day full of fun and learning!



Mexican Dance Workshop

On Monday 7 November, Years 7 and 8 had a Mexican dance workshop. Sophia and Isabel, the amazing dancers taught us how to Mexican dance. It was really interesting and fun. We danced to 'Jarabe Tapatio' which is danced with a sombrero and was traditionally a courting dance between a man and a woman. We also made marigold flower crowns to dance with. Overall it was a great experience and I would definitely recommend to anyone who wants to learn about Mexican culture. By Eva, Year 8



Curiosity Club

As part of Curiosity Club this term, the children have been busy finding about something which is very familiar to us at the moment – RAIN! We know that clouds are made up mostly of water droplets, but why do they only sometimes release the droplets as rain? Using shaving cream and different coloured water, we experimented how much our clouds could hold before the rain started to fall...



The Junior Citizenship Scheme

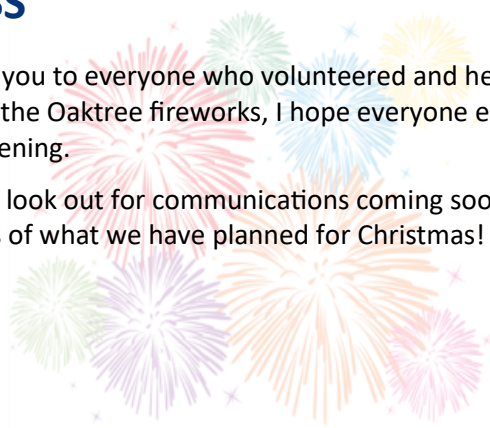
On Friday 10 November, Year 6 took part in a citizenship workshop run by Redbridge Police. A few of the components of the day included; learning about how to deal with a roadside robbery, using DRABC, how to use public transport correctly and finally being aware of the images that we are sending and the consequences faced when sending indecent photos. We had a great time and left with a goody bag!



FOBS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped out at the Oaktree fireworks, I hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

Please look out for communications coming soon with details of what we have planned for Christmas!



Oak-Tree Group Fireworks 2023

The rain didn't stop the annual Oak-Tree Group fireworks going off with a big bang! Well done to all of our children who sung or played in the band. It was wonderful to see so many families from Braeside School attend.

