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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

As always, you can see that we have been busy yet again this half term!

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for the incredibly generous donations to our local 'Toy Appeal'. Through your generosity, we can say that we have provided for children in the local community that may not be able to have Christmas presents this year. I also would like to say thank you to our parents who supported the FOBS Christmas Afternoon as well as the staff and older pupils. Without the support, we would not be able to successfully run these events.

You can see that Year 3 have been to the Science Museum, Year 10 and 11 have had their Geography Fieldtrip to Spitalfields, Year 2 went to a Florence Nightingale workshop and Year 3-6 had a workshop with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Many thanks to parents who attended the Nativity at St James' Church. Pupils enjoyed rehearsing, singing and dancing to celebrate what has been an enjoyable and busy half term.

Seasons greetings and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon

Christmas Toy Appeal

This year we are helping Teresa Watts, the pearly Queen of Clapton with a Christmas toy appeal. We were lucky enough to have Teresa come to Braeside to talk our Junior pupils about what she does. Teresa talked about how the toy appeal helps families in deprivation, supports the Baby Bank and also sensory toys for SEN children. Teresa is a social worker and sees daily the deprivation first hand within our communities.



Bobble Hats

Year 8 have had a wonderful time exploring the craft of loom knitting to create these fabulous bobble hats. Students had to consider how important creating just the right amount of tension was needed to ensure a happy bobble hat! We also explored knots, casting on and off, and colour balance to produce these lovely winter staples! Great work everyone.



Science Museum

Year 3 are learning about 'Time, Place, Earth and Space' in Humanities. On Friday 10 November, they visited the Science Museum. They explored the 'Space Exhibition' on the first floor to have a better understanding of Space. Then they visited the 'Time Exhibition' on the second floor to learn about the importance of watches and how watches were made.



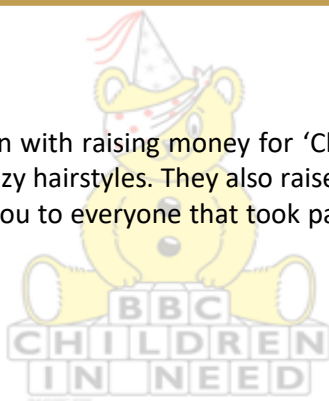
Search For Santa

Kindergarten and Reception were treated to a magical festive show called 'Search for Santa'. The show was written specifically for Early Years and was performed by a professional theatre company. The show took our Braeside children on a magical adventure into the Land of Nursery Rhyme to find Santa. The children loved all the nursery rhymes, action songs and Christmas favourites. It was an excellent way to celebrate Christmas!



Children In Need 2023

On Friday 17 November 2023 we joined in with raising money for 'Children in Need'. The children had a crazy hair day and they came in with some really crazy hairstyles. They also raised money through selling cupcakes. In total we raised £270. We would like to say thank you to everyone that took part in helping us raise this generous amount to donate to the charity.



The Nativity 2023

We were treated to an incredible Christmas performance on Friday by our Junior children! They lit up the church hall with festive singing and wonderful dance moves! They told the audience of family and friends the story of The Nativity, and everyone did a great job of learning their lines and confidently performing. Well done to everyone involved.



Florence Nightingale Workshop

On Wednesday 15 November, the Year 2 children joined with Oaklands School to take part in a 'Florence on the Road' workshop.

Through story-telling and drama, we learnt all about 'The Lady with the Lamp'. We helped Florence to tell the story of her life - why she went to the Crimea and how she improved conditions for the soldiers and nurses and discovering, as a result of her work, what legacy she left for the future of nursing.

We all really enjoyed the experience of meeting Florence in person and learnt so many new things about her and her life!



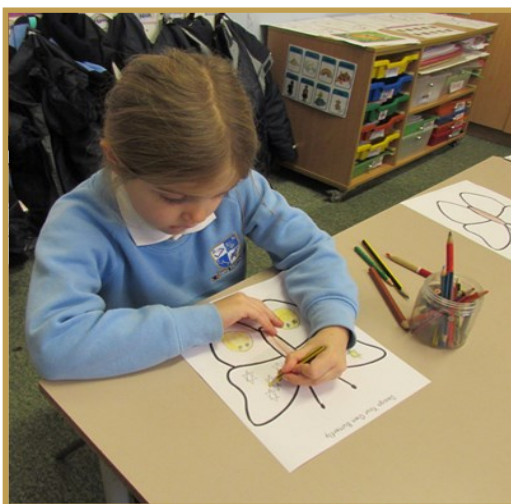
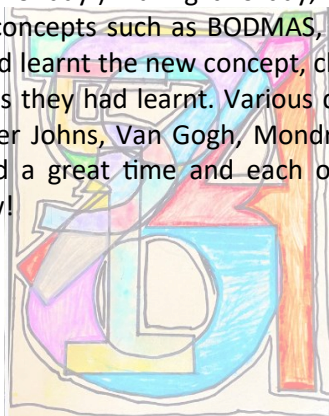
London Symphonic Orchestra

Years 3 to 6 had an amazing time yesterday at The Barbican. We had the opportunity to sing and perform body percussion to 'Jai Ho,' a piece we've been practicing in school. We learned about the story of Diwali and discovered all the instruments in the orchestra that provided the soundtrack for the story. This included some special instruments like the tabla, dhol, and ghatam. Performing body percussion and singing with the London Symphonic Orchestra was amazing. We had all had great fun!



MMM Day

On Monday 20 November, all of the Juniors took part in MMM Day (Marvellous Mathematical Monday.) During this day, children learnt various new mathematical concepts such as BODMAS, Symmetry and measurement. After they had learnt the new concept, children created art work based on the maths they had learnt. Various different artists were explored such as Jasper Johns, Van Gogh, Mondrian to name a few. All of the children had a great time and each one went away having learnt something new!



Geography Field Trip

On Wednesday 6 December, Year 10 and 11 Geography students went on a field trip to Whitechapel Market and Old Spitalfields Market. This trip is specifically to comply with the requirements of the AQA GCSE course and relates to the urban human environment component.

The students compared the environments of the markets and areas around Whitechapel and Old Spitalfields. In order to obtain a reasonable sample size for comparison purposes, they did their investigations out at five sites at both locations, starting at the infamous Blind Beggar Pub on Whitechapel High Street. The students conducted an Environmental Quality Survey so they could compare both areas, questionnaires to gain people's opinions of the areas and their own impressions in order to produce a word cloud for both places.



Youth Council Conference

Year 9 and 10 pupils were invited to take part in the Epping Forest Youth Conference and Debate on the cost of living crisis at the Epping Forest District Council Civic Centre. Izellah (in Year 10) is our representative on the Youth Council and was taking part and helping to host the event. A selection of pupils who live in Epping Forest district got to meet and discuss current issues in the local area with other young people. There were talks by important politicians and business owners – discussing what the future looks like for young people. Pupils got the chance to use their research and persuasive skills in argument and debate. Braeside School pupils are very grateful to the team at Epping Forest DC who provided an opportunity for them to use their voice and use work related skills about some important topics concerning young people today.



Oak-Tree Group Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 15 November, children from all schools came to Braeside to take part in the annual Mental Maths Challenge. Congratulations to all the children who took part and in particular to Coopersale who were, once again champions. A fantastic effort. Well done everyone!



Christmas Community Carols

Braeside School were delighted to invite neighbours and residents in the local area in to school to listen to children perform some festive songs and listen to some cheery readings to start the festive season. Year 10 delivered a personal invitation to our local residents inviting them in for tea and a mince pie. They listened to Year 1 and 2 Nativity songs, a Bible reading, the House Christmas Song (as part of a competition that they judged) and the staff and Key Stage 3 choir. The residents thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children and chatting to the prefect team.



A Cosy, Harvest Thank You!

Hello Braeside!

As it begins to turn colder with Autumn, Harvest celebrations are keeping us on our toes for certain! It was great to have your support this Harvest!

We at Epping Forest Foodbank would like to say a **HUGE** thank you to all of your staff, parents, carers and students that participated in Harvest this year.

Each year we take in Harvest donations to help provide emergency food to those struggling, we are seeing record breaking increases of those needing our supporting help in times of crisis every month, with your donations we are able to help multiple people both adults and children and pets with warm food and drinks this Autumn.

I am amazed to inform you, that your donation this year was...

An OUTSTANDING 211.55KG!

Which is absolutely incredible and is the equivalent to 212 Coppery Titi Monkey's! They are found in Peru and Brazil, they communicate to one another by whistling and sing to each other for up to 5 minutes at a time when meeting with neighbouring groups.

From us all at food bank, a great big thank you and well done for all your hard work.



Braeside Sport

ISA Cross Country Event

13 pupils from Years 3-10 took part in the ISA Cross Country event at Abbots Hill School. Ruby and Amelia in Year 3 competed in cross country for the first time and should be very proud of themselves. Nicole, Ava and Nahla competed in the U11 age category and Nicole came 6th! This means she qualifies for the National Finals in Nottinghamshire in March 2024! An amazing achievement! Ava, Sara, Emma and Aiza took part in the Year 7 competition, Ava M, Olivia and Eliza M ran in the Year 8/9 event and Kristen ran in the Year 10/11 event. All of the students should be extremely proud of themselves as the course was very hilly and muddy!



U11 ISA Football Tournament

Braeside U11 Football team took part in the ISA Football Tournament. They won the first game 2-1 against King Alfred with Freya scoring both goals! In our second game we played against our Oak-Tree friends-Oaklands! Nicole was fantastic in goal but unfortunately we lost 2-0. We then drew 0-0 against St Christopher's- and they had been beating teams 6 and 7 nil! Our defenders Ta'nia, Caitlin and Freya were AMAZING! And Inayah and Ava worked tirelessly! We went through to the quarter finals and beat Avon House 2-0! A brilliant goal from Nahla and Gracie got the second!

We met Oaklands again in the semi- final and after a close end to end game, unfortunately Oaklands scored the winner with minutes to go! The team should all be very proud of themselves. Semi-finalists out of 24 schools- well done!



Braeside Sport continued

Oak-Tree Indoor Athletics Competition

Braeside Year 5/6 came second place in the Oak-Tree indoor athletics competition! They took part in track and field events to earn points. Freya and Gracie were brilliant in the track events and Sadie and Summer-Rose shone in the field events! The whole team contributed to result in a respectable second place position. A big well done! Our Year 9 sports helpers also deserve a special mention as they helped the competition run smoothly and made us proud!



Double Victory

Double victory for our U13 and U16 netball teams! The U13s won 12-10 in a close game! Lou-Lou was Player of the Match. The U16s played some brilliant netball and won 17-1! Izellah was Player of the Match. Well done



Year 5/6 Netball vs Daiglen

The Year 5/6 netball team won against Daiglen 13-4 at Redbridge Sports Centre. There was brilliant team work on show and special mentions must go to Summer-Rose and Caitlin for their excellent defending, and to Gracie and Nahla for their brilliant shooting! Well done everyone!



Braeside Sport continued

Year 6-11 had a cold but fantastic afternoon over on the cricket field for our annual House Cross Country event! Nicole was the winner in Year 6, Emma was the Year 7 winner, Olivia won in Year 8, Eliza won in Year 9 and Kristen won in Year 10!

Mason came first in the Year 6/7 competition and Nightingale came first in the Year 8/9/10 competition! Everyone finished. A big well done to all the students.



Kindergarten's Shopping Trip

Kindergarten had a very important trip to Sainsbury's to buy ingredients to make their own pizza's! Before they set off, the children had to do a shopping list of everything they needed. Once they were in Sainsbury's, they searched for the items and then placed them safely into the trolley. When they had ticked everything off the list, they then went to the till and paid for their items. The children then helped to pack the items away in a bag.



Habitats

This term Year 2 have been learning about habitats, both local and world-wide as well as micro-habitats. The children's challenge this half-term was to design and make their own habitat....**in a shoe box!**

We all enjoyed looking at each other's creations and sharing what we had learnt about the different habitats.



Christmas Card Competition 2023

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed rising to the challenge of producing these fantastic Christmas card designs for this years Buckhurst Hill Parish Council Competition. The theme was 'My Special Christmas' and we have explored a range of techniques including drawing, paint and collage. We have had a great time thinking about and experimenting with narrative and movement to create these magical winter scenes. A huge well done everyone!



Key Stage 3 Spelling Bee

Bronte win the Spelling Bee! KS3 enjoyed an afternoon of spellings. They worked in their house teams to win points by spelling words correctly. Some of the categories were shades of pink, countries, animals and Christmas. Always a very highly contested annual event!



FOBS

This term, FOBs donated two new cameras to Braeside. Mr Hagger approached all Oak-Tree PTA's to see if we could do so as the cameras across all of the schools were quite old and outdated. We were happy to provide these along with memory cards and cases to the school. We will look forward to seeing all the photos taken over the next year!

We also paid for the licence for 'Our Day Out' the drama production, the drama department are currently rehearsing for.

The children are attending the annual Christmas panto next week where as is traditional FOBS have paid for the ice creams for the children to enjoy!

Lastly thank you to all the class reps who have helped organise the class hampers for the raffle and to all those who have offered their support at the Christmas party on Monday.

FOBS wish all the families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to getting together in the new year.

