

Braeside School NEWSLETTER



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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

Despite the Spring Term being relatively short, trips and visits started on the first week back. Year 6 and 7 enjoyed their interactive tour of The Harry Potter Studios where they could see props, engage with the film and texts and experience tasting 'Butter Beer'.

Our youngest children had a real treat when they met a selection of dogs from Barking Dog Club. The owners were supporting children with how to meet dogs safely, how to groom them and pet them. The children were so excited to meet some new furry friends.

The Year 10 and 11 GCSE Art students visited the National Portrait Gallery for a portrait workshop where they could practice their skills for their GCSE portfolio of work. Year 5 have enjoyed using a digital package to create their own unique Greek style vases which you can see in this letter.

The Oak Tree Group of Schools have come together for a range of sporting fixtures this term. We have played football and netball against Coopersale Hall School students and there are more fixtures planned for the term.

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon

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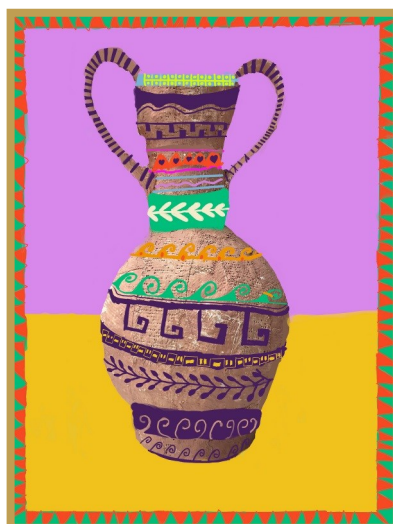
Year 6 & 7 Harry Potter Studios trip

On Thursday 11 January, Year 6 and 7 visited the wonderful Harry Potter Studios in Watford. Around every corner was something new and exciting with various opportunities to re-enact some of the famous parts of the films! Children were able to explore costumes worn by the actors, meet characters and study the set designs and props. The Forbidden Forest, Gringotts Bank and Diagon Alley were amongst the few areas that the children explored. A very magical day!



Year 5 Procreate Digital Greek Vases

Year 5 have loved developing their art-work with another media. We have photographed our Greek Vases and worked in pairs to produce these digital pieces in Procreate. Students explored how to use different brush technique, change colours and selected some of their favourite Greek patterns. It was a big success with great outcomes. Well done year 5!



Barking Dog Training Club

We were delighted to be visited by the Barking Dog Club. Six different breeds of dog and their owners came in to see Kindergarten, Reception and Year 1. The pupils learnt how to safely approach dogs and had lots of cuddles with them! They gave them treats and the dogs showed them some tricks. The children asked lots of excellent questions, it was a lovely morning.



Exam Study Expert

We are delighted to share the success of the Study Skills Workshop conducted by Exam Study Expert for our Year 9 and 10 pupils.

The positive response from the students was evident, as many expressed newfound confidence in approaching their studies. They embraced the practical tips and methods shared by the experts, recognizing the immediate impact on their approach to examinations and daily learning.

We are confident that the skills acquired during this workshop will contribute significantly to our students' success in their academic pursuits.



Coping with Challenges

In PHSE, Years 5-9 have been taking part in an online workshop delivered by the British Red Cross - Coping with Challenges.

The workshop used experiential learning to help young people learn resilience-building skills that help them cope better with the challenges they face.

Students learnt:

- how people can cope with challenges using the four pillars of resilience
- Understand the relationship between connections with others and resilience
- Feel confident to apply what they have learnt to better cope with challenges



National Portrait Gallery

The Year 10 and 11 GCSE Art group had a fantastic day exploring The National Portrait Gallery. Our intention was to undertake our primary research for our upcoming project on Portraits and Identity, but we also had the added bonus of seeing The David Hockney exhibition, which did not disappoint! An iconic British born artist who is one of the most versatile;- covering medias such as pencil, collage, photomontage, paint and digital to name a few. It was a great experience for all and invaluable for the students GCSE Fine Art studies. A great day out.



Reasons To Love January

Experiencing the January blues? In assembly, Year 8 took the lead, shedding light on the deliberate creation of the most depressing day by travel agents to boost holiday purchases. The discussion also delved into the various factors contributing to January blues. The entire class actively participated, demonstrating both confidence and the ability to collaborate independently on a class project.



Volcano Explosions

Year 3 are learning about volcanoes in Humanities this half term. We decided to do an experiment with vinegar and baking soda to see how a volcano



Careers Fair

Year 10 had the pleasure of attending the Forest School Careers Fair. The Careers Fair featured a variety of top universities from across the country as well as some of the biggest employers from a range of different industries, such as the corporate and public sectors.

Over the period of the afternoon, students had the opportunity to speak to current employees, past and present students and careers advisors from organisations who work with young people.

Our Year 10's were fantastic in representing our school, but also really put themselves out there in seeking advice on people who were further along their academic and professional journeys. They all came away feeling as if they had left with something valuable and worthwhile after initially feeling a little intimidated by the slightly mature crowd.



Blood Brothers Workshop

The Year 10 Drama students from Braeside and Normanhurst enjoyed an immersive workshop led by former actors from Blood Brothers. Engaging with the musical's storyline and characters, they created their own scene and learned the nuances of a Liverpudlian accent, bringing a chorus scene to life. The workshop, including a monologue performed by one of the actors, not only enhanced their practical skills but also deepened their comprehension of Blood Brothers as a GCSE text. This hands-on experience, connecting theory with application, provided a valuable insight into the world of theatre.



Young V&A Museum

Year 1 had a wonderful day at the Young V&A Museum in Bethnal Green looking at the history of toys. They used a variety of apparatus to construct models using their imagination. It was an educational and fun day for all!



Braeside Sport

Year 5, 6 & 7 Football vs Coopersale

Years 5, 6 and 7 combined to make two football teams to play against Coopersale Hall School. The Year 5 and 6 team captained brilliantly by Juwairiyah won 8-1! Some excellent goals were scored and they worked brilliantly as a team. The Year 6 and 7 team captained fantastically by Darcey lost 3-1. The score line does not reflect the closeness of the game. Well done everyone.



Year 6 Netball vs Coopersale

The Year 6 netball team beat Coopersale Hall School 10-6! They played some fantastic netball and worked brilliantly as a team. Nahla was Player of the Match for her excellent shooting. Well done team!



Michael Craig Martin Inspired Paintings

Year 9 have been exploring the theme of every day objects inspired by pop artist Michael Craig Martin. Martin is known for his large colourful line drawings of objects that we can all identify with, line head phones, lap tops and light bulbs to name a few. We started with observational drawing, analysed our artist, created compositional ideas considering colour and then produced a larger outcome. Great work everyone!



How Do You Feel?

Kindergarten had a lovely interactive session in literacy. Mrs Patel spoke to the children about the front cover of a book called 'How do you feel?' (an Early Words Big Book). Each child told Mrs Patel how they were feeling and why. This brought awareness of how a book cover can tell you so much about what's inside. Well done Kindergarten!

