

# Braeside School NEWSLETTER



## February 2024



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### Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

We have been back only a few weeks after February Half Term and we have already been on trips and had visitors in to school to enhance our learning experiences.

Year 2 travelled to London to explore The Transport Museum where they took a journey back in time to allow them to look at transport through the ages. They made comparisons of vehicles and travels then and now through a workshop and the interactive displays.

We are delighted that three of our senior pupils are standing for election on the Epping Forest Youth Council this month. Our elections run like a 'real' local election so that pupils see democracy in action.

Our U11 and U13 netball team players have enjoyed success against local schools. We are always really proud of our pupils and how well they represent Braeside at these events.

Lastly, Year 10 visited the South Woodford Islamic Centre to enhance their knowledge of the syllabus and they were incredibly inspired by the speakers.

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon

## Epping Forest Youth Council Elections Assembly

We welcomed Di Butler from Epping Forest District Council to give an assembly to the Seniors about their election campaign to elect the new Epping Forest Youth Councillors for the 2024-2026 season. Pupils had a presentation by Di Butler and our current councillor, Izellah in Year 10 to inform them of the wonderful opportunities they can have – regular council meetings, directing projects in the district, making changes for youths in their area and visiting the Houses of Parliament. It is a fantastic opportunity for life and work in politics at a local and national level. The elections took place on Monday 26 February in school.



## Epping Forest Youth Council Election

Di Butler from the Epping Forest Youth Council came in to lead on the Youth Council election. Pupils had a real life taste of local democracy at work. They had to ask for their ballot papers by stating their full name and year group. Pupils read the mission statements from our candidates from Year 10 – Izellah, Dilly and Freya. Pupils then had to vote in a private voting booth, seal their papers and post them in the ballot box. The results of the election will be announced on 26 March 2024 and the recorded version will be available to view in form time.





## Chinese New Year Assembly

We are very grateful to Mrs Sek (who mainly works with our Junior pupils) for delivering an amazing assembly on Chinese New Year to all of our Senior and Junior pupils. Mrs Sek shared her family traditions and the meaning behind each day of the New Year. Mrs Sek also explained what customs are kept. It was so interesting to hear how history, religion and culture have shaped the current traditions of Chinese New Year.



## Year 2 & 3 Visit the William Morris Gallery

Year 2 and 3 visited the William Morris Gallery in Walthamstow. Year 3 have been learning about William Morris and how the natural environment of Epping Forest inspired his art. It was great to see them experience his art first-hand and take part in some live art work while they were there.

Amber in Year 3 said "I enjoyed seeing William Morris art work in real life."

Ruby in Year 3 said "It was really nice to learn about William's childhood and see where he lived when he was a teenager."

Gabrielle in Year 2 said, "I like the brass rubbing activity and drawing the different patterns"

Leela in Year 2 said, "It was great because I got to look at pictures and statues and I liked the sketching book activities."





## Braeside Sport

### ISA Netball Tournament

The U11 and U13 netball teams took part in the ISA North netball tournament at Redbridge Sports Centre. The U13's lost 2-1 to Bedford Greenacre, drew 2-2 against Northbridge, won 7-2 against Knightsbridge and won 6-2 against Akeley Wood. They improved so much throughout the day! The U11s won 5-0 against King Alfreds, drew 1-1 against Normanhurst, drew 1-1 against Avon House and won 3-1 against Howe Green. They progressed into the quarter finals where they narrowly lost 3-2 to Gatehouse School. They worked brilliantly as a team and all should be extremely proud of their efforts!



### Chigwell Netball Tournament

Our Year 8 A netball team were victorious at Chigwell's netball tournament! They beat Highgate 5-3, Chigwell 11-2 and Forest 10-4! Well done team. A special mention must go to Lula and Eliza for stepping in to the team so brilliantly and to Lou-Lou who was Player of the Tournament! The Year 8 B netball team also played some fantastic netball. Afaaf was Player of the Tournament! Year 7 also displayed some excellent netball in their matches against Chigwell, well done all!



## Braeside Sport Continued

### U11 Tag Rugby Festival

The Year 5 and 6 tag rugby team performed brilliantly at the Oak-Tree tag rugby tournament. They drew two games and lost one. Excellent tries were scored by Summer-Rose, Caitlin and Ava. Ta'nia and Nicole defended brilliantly.



### Hockey PE Lessons

Year 7, 8 and 9 are having their PE lessons at Old Loughtonians Hockey Club. They have learnt many new skills and have been able to put them into practise in mini matches.



### Kindergarten and Reception Play Football

Well done to Kindergarten and Reception for their first PE lesson playing football. It was great to see the children so enthusiastic!





## Year 10 GCSE RS Group Visit Islamic Centre & Mosque

Year 10 visited a local Islamic Centre and Mosque (South Woodford) for a trip to support their syllabus for GCSE. Pupils were given a tour of the mosque to discover how buildings underpin worship, to find out what religious centres do for the local community and to have some of their philosophical questions answered. Pupils were interested to hear how free will and predestination can co-exist as concepts, how pilgrimage changes perspectives on life and to understand the differences in beliefs within one religion. As always, our students asked excellent, thoughtful questions and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.



## Pancake Flipping Competition

The Chartwells food team celebrated Shrove Tuesday (since it actually falls in half term). Pupils got to taste some tasty Scotch pancakes with toppings and fillings of their choice. As always, we had our annual pancake flipping competition with Year 8 and 9 taking the prize for the most elaborate flips. Thank you to the Chartwells Team for listening to our students suggestions and making lunchtime fun and informative (as well as feeding pupils)!





## UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

Students from Years 9, 10 and 11 joined schools from across the UK and took part in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Fatima, Riana, Maya and Sienna from Year 9, Amaya, Sareen and Zaynab from Year 10 and Aina, Iman and Nadezhda from Year 11.

This is a national challenge which encourages mathematical thinking by solving 25 demanding and tricky questions in one hour online.

Students from around the world took part and the best performing students will be awarded bronze, silver and gold certificates.

Congratulations and a big thank you goes out to all the students who participated!



## Year 6 Trip to The House of Parliament

On Friday 23 February, Year 6 embarked on a very interesting trip to The Houses of Parliament in Westminster. During the trip we received a fascinating tour learning about the history of the building, as well as visiting the House of Commons and the House of Lords, where we got to see MPs discussing government matters live. Our workshop really made us think about the skills of debating and what makes a good debate. A great time had by all!



## Maya's Digital Art

Maya in Year 9 has produced this beautiful piece of digital art after a discussion about 'A view from a window.' I think we can all relate about dreaming about our special, happy place especially during winter months. This piece will definitely be entered into the annual ISA digital art competition. A big well done Maya this is an outstanding piece of art.



## Year 2 Visit the London Transport Museum

This term, Year 2 have been learning all about travel and transport. To discover how vehicles have changed over time and the fascinating ways in which people have travelled from A to B, the children visited the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden. They took part in a workshop called 'Platform Promenade' which allowed them to step inside a time-travelling machine on an investigative journey through the ages! They learnt how London changed from a city where people relied on horses to get about, to the amazing invention of the electric train and bus. What a great day!

