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Headmistress’s Message

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of another incredibly busy term of school. I am truly grateful to our parents who offered to give up their time to offer their career advice to students across the school. The pupils had such a great day and it gave them insight as to what steps they might take towards their own future studies and career paths.

Early Years pupils have enjoyed a fun and interactive day at the local fire station, a visit from Essex Police and a travelling animal workshop to learn about life cycles.

As always, it was great to be able to get together with other Oak-Tree Schools to take part in the annual Spelling Bee competition. We are very proud that we also won the Gold Standard in spelling.

Finally, we finished the term with Science Week with awe and wonder of space in the Wonderdome.

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Kindergarten have all helped to create a beautiful space for the fairies to come and visit when the school is nice and quiet. They have decorated their doors and these have been put on the tree ready for the fairies, other houses are dotted around with pebbles and shells so the fairies can find their way. Our very own fairy wings, wands and individual fairy names all the children have all enjoyed being part of the magic at Braeside...



As part of Careers Week, **Kindergarten and Reception** went to Chingford Fire Station to find out more about what a Firefighter does. The children watched a Fireman come down the pole, went inside a fire engine and even used the firehose to spray a target!



EARLY YEARS NEWS

Continuing with Careers Week, **Kindergarten and Reception** had some very exciting visitors come into school to tell them all about what they do. We were very lucky to have three Police Officers come from Loughton Police Station. The children learnt all about what different roles the Police have within the community, what equipment they carry and even tried on some police hats and jackets. The children then had the opportunity to sit in a squad car and learnt why the cars have three different types of sirens!



EARLY YEARS NEWS

The **Reception** children have really enjoyed our class text Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis. A book about two little girls who go walking in bluebell wood and rescue a Bog Baby. They make the small creature a beautiful home in a bucket, tickle him and feed him cake crumbs. Despite the girls' care and attention, the Bog Baby gets sick, so they confide in their mother, who tells them they must let their Bog Baby go back to the wild.

As a class we made our own clay bog babies. We made a home for them and wrote some thoughtful instructions on how to take care of them. Later on, in the week, our class Bog baby escaped causing us to go on a Bog baby hunt. Without any success we notified the rest of the school and made some detailed missing posters. We soon discovered our Bog baby had been exploring the school and having lots of fun. After he was returned we thought carefully about what would be best for the Bog baby and together we decided it was important to set him free back into the wild so we took him to Buckhurst hill pond and said goodbye to him. The children have been writing him lots of letters since to let him know we miss him lots!



JUNIOR NEWS

Year 1 very much enjoyed using oil pastels to create texture and tone to replicate Vincent Van Gogh's technique. The children brilliantly created their own version of 'Starry Night.'



Years 2, 3 and 5 went to the Natural History Museum. After exploring the museum, they attended a 'Dino-dig' workshop. Here they discovered how palaeontologists study fossils and even had a go at finding some fossils themselves. They had a great day learning about different types of dinosaurs and their characteristics.



JUNIOR NEWS

Year 6 have been exploring the formal element of LINE in art. We have been looking at the American artist Charles McGee who was obsessed with lines, thick, thin, long, short, wavy, curvy, hard and soft. At present pupils are working in 2D but they are going to use this to produce 3D paper sculptures. Well done everyone.



JUNIOR NEWS

On Wednesday 6 March, nine students from **Year 3, 5 & 6** drove to Oaklands, on the minibus, to take part in the Oak-Tree Spelling Bee. We all had to wait for the year group to be called and a set of random spellings were read to each group. At the end of the each round, the winners of the groups were read out. Overall, Braeside came second. A fantastic achievement! **By Year 6**



We had a wonderful day at Braeside celebrating **World Book Day** and our love of reading. Students and children alike joined in with the fun and dressed as their favourite book character or dressed in their Pyjamas ready for a bedtime story. We started the day with a special World Book day assembly and then a World Book Day parade allowing the children to show off their costumes to their friends and teachers. We wrapped up books to swap with friends and joined in with a number of book related competitions such as a wooden spoon book character for EYFS and KS1 and recreating a book cover for Year 3-6. Throughout the day pupils enjoyed a multitude of book related activities.



SENIOR NEWS

Year 7 visited SES Water in Bough Beech near the River Eden in Kent. We travelled by coach to the water treatment centre to learn about the water cycle, different rock types and how water is cleaned ready for use. The day included engineering, science, geology, geography and sustainability. We visited a reservoir, learned about the transportation of water, the chemical and mechanical engineering that goes into water treatment and how we can be mindful of water use. We had an outdoor experience, we went underground, we went behind the scenes and were in the classroom. The day was full of experiences and information. It was especially interesting to hear about the different jobs you can do associated with water as we also had careers week this month!



SENIOR NEWS

Year 8 travelled into London to visit the Radha-Krishna Temple in Soho. Last term they studied Hinduism and it was lovely to see such a beautiful temple and hear all about the religion. They explained the cultural aspects, teachings and philosophies, dancing and dressing, monks life in a temple, arati ceremony and many more topics. We were given delicious cookies to eat with our lunch in Soho park.

After visiting the Hindu temple in Soho, we walked to Madam Tussaud's Museum. The next unit of work in Religious Studies focusses on what makes people an inspiration to others. Pupils considered beauty standards today and how these have changed over time. Pupils were questioning whether beauty is about physical looks or whether it is about kindness. Year 8 had a 'London Taxi' ride through the museum to learn about influential people who had an impact on the social, economic and religious fabric of London (and England) as a whole. Students learned that in the past, the monarchy was important to Britain in terms of trade and wealth but over time the influence of parliament became more apparent. Students also discovered how film and music became more influential from the 1960s. Year 8 questioned the role that organisations such as Marvel and Lucas Film have had in constructing what modern day heroes 'look' like. It gave students some philosophical questions to consider about power and influence.



SENIOR NEWS

Year 9 are now extending their 'Everyday Objects' project by exploring three-dimension and are creating a sculpture with personal meaning. Everybody started by making a hand and then had the free choice to personalise their hands to communicate their own ideas and express aspects of their personality or ideas that they feel strongly about. It has been lovely to see how different each pupils ideas are and the commitment and diligence seen. Well done everyone!



SENIOR NEWS

Year 10 students were chosen to attend an exclusive talk by Dr Alice Roberts. Dr Roberts hosts science programmes for the BBC, has written books about medicine and history and still lectures in medicine at university. She focussed her talk on her new book about the origins of life. The lecture was full of interesting discoveries about biology in terms of cell structures, embryology, evolution of animals and theories that have changed from the times of Aristotle. Year 10 said that they felt privileged to have been chosen to attend the lecture as it was something they knew was special to supporting them in their sixth form applications in the future.



SCIENCE WEEK

On Tuesday 12 March, **Year 6** took part in the fantastic Science Fair at Bancroft's School. During the afternoon the students took part in many activities, these included: making slime, watching the effect of chemical reactions and investigating the biology of water flies. A fantastic afternoon had by all!



SCIENCE WEEK

Kindergarten learnt all about how scientists keep safe by wearing PPE equipment of a white coat, goggles and gloves so the children understood why they need to protect themselves in certain scientific studies. We conducted experiments to show a rainbow cloud making rain, making a rainbow and creating explosions of colour in trays. The Wonderdome was very exciting and the children all looked up in 'wonder' at all the different planets and stars. We also learnt lots of fun facts about animals when they visited the school and found out never to upset a skunk!



Year 2 and 3 students were involved in a Science challenge – The Pendulum Investigation.

Pupils were split into groups of three and given the appropriate equipment for the experiment. They then had to investigate how different variables such as how the mass of the pendulum or the length of the string affected the time it took for the pendulum to stop swinging and come to a standstill. Pupils had to work as part of a team, make observations, record readings and conclude their findings. They all worked extremely well and are most definitely the scientists of the future. Well done Year 2 and 3!



SCIENCE WEEK

As part of Science week, all year groups got to take part in the **Wonderdome**. When we arrived to the hall, we saw a big bubble! A lovely man led us inside and then something magnificent happened. Around the bubble were pictures of outer space. It felt like we were in space. The picture changed to Mars and the Galaxy. It was very interesting to find out facts, which were beyond mind boggling! We also got to see a picture in Australia where people could see the Galaxy. Overall, it was really enjoyable and very fascinating to find out many, many facts about our planets, Galaxies and our very own Milky Way. **By Juwairiyah, Year 6**

Please click [HERE](#) to be taken into space!

Early Years to Year 6 took part in an interesting **Animal Workshop**. It included holding and stroking animals, and learning all about the minibeasts, their adaptations and life cycles. First, we were able to hold a hissing beetle. It felt very spikey and sometimes it was on the run from our hands. We also had the opportunity to hold a salamander. We all had to wet our hands as that's what the salamander's are use to. Next, some of us faced our biggest fear, a boa constrictor which is a type of snake! There was also a skunk, which thankfully didn't let out any liquid. Finally, we got to see an owl and had the opportunity to see it fly! **By Juwairiyah, Year 6**



Art Meets Science

Year 7 have really enjoyed looking at the Swiss artist Cornelia Hesse-Honegger. We have explored a range of mediums and techniques including oil pastels, water colours and pen and ink and explored the lives of bugs and insects living on the Chernobyl site. Students then worked collaboratively to produce these dramatic art pieces. Great work everyone!



CAREERS DAY

Braeside pupils from **Kindergarten to Year 10** recently experienced a highly engaging and informative Careers Day. We welcomed several special guests into the school for the afternoon, who kindly gave up their time to speak to the student's about their chosen careers. Their talks included how they chose their career path, how they got the job, and what the job entails day to day. Students also asked interview style questions.

Special guests included:

Miss Goodman - Nursing Apprentice at GOSH

Miss Pipe - Film Make-up and Hair Stylist

Miss Park-Dempsey - Hospitality

Mr Karim - Barrister

Mrs Neighbour - Advertising and Media

Mr Levack - Sports Agent

Mr Kainth - Chartered Accountant / Property Developer

Ms Liaquat - Lawyer

Dr Rizvi - GP



A huge thank you to all of our guest speakers, you certainly gave our pupils a lot to think about as they look towards their futures.



SPORTS NEWS

The **Year 6 football team** had a great afternoon at Fairlop Powerleague. They played 7 matches and improved massively throughout. Nicole was outstanding in goal and made some excellent saves. Ta'nia defended brilliantly and Gracie showed off some fantastic skills. It was a great team effort!



Year 5 and 6 played Chigwell school in a netball fixture. The A team won 8-5! Ava and Nahla were Players of the Match. The B team lost 10-4 but should be extremely proud of their efforts! Gracie and Isabelle were Players of the Match.



Year 7 and 8 football team took part in the WESSA Football Tournament. Angel did some excellent saves in goal and Ava S and Olivia worked tirelessly to gain possession. Isabella delivered some fantastic throw-ins down the line! Well done team!



PUPIL NEWS

Gracie in Year 6 has recently joined She Can Play Football Academy. 25 SCP players signed contracts with professional Football Clubs and Associations recognised under The FA's Female Talent Pathway. If players work hard, the programme at She Can Play provides a clear pathway to becoming a future Lioness!

When did you join Braeside School?

I joined Braeside School in Lower Kindergarten.

How long have you been playing football?

Since I was in Reception. I joined West Essex in November 2022.

What did you need to do to get into She Can Play Academy?

I needed to do a trial. For the trial, I had to take part in a match and score a goal from a certain point on the pitch.

How often do you train/play in matches with the Academy?

I train every Monday with them and I had my first match a few days ago against Norwich City Girls. We won this match and I scored in the second half and assisted with two goals.

Who is your football idol and why?

My idol is Alessia Russo because she plays striker like me. She also plays in the Woman's Super League and England. She won Player of the Year and Top Scorer.



PUPIL NEWS

Epping Forest District Council have awarded Dilly in Year 10 “Highly Commended” in the category of “Young Citizen of the Year 2024.”

As an Ambassador for The Multi Schools Council, Dilly works hard to challenge perceptions of difference and raise awareness of challenges young people may face.

Dilly’s dedication and contributions have been recognised recently through several awards and opportunities to work with organisations such as The National Autistic Society & Essex County Council. Dilly is also a member of the steering group for Autism Essex & has contributed to university research and national news publications.



Friends of Braeside School (FOBS)

Dear Parents

As the Spring term comes an end, we wanted to say thank you to parents who have offered to help at our events. Please do contact us at FOBS@braesideschool.co.uk if you would like to join the FOBS team or if you would be interested in supporting at any of the events. New ideas are always welcome so please do get in touch if you feel inspired.

We hope the children enjoyed their Easter treat this week which was organised by FOBS.

We wish you a lovely Spring break.

FOBS Committee

