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Headmistress's Message

Dear Parents

We have only been back to school for a short while and our pupils have already done so much. Pupils in Reception and Year 2 went to Capel Manor Gardens for a science and geography trip to explore pond life, flora and fauna changes. They also learned about the importance of sustainability and how to look after the environment.

The Senior Maths department organised the UK Maths Challenge and we had some fantastic results from Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils who took part. In addition, Year 7 visited the Bank of England to apply their mathematical knowledge to some practical scenarios such as inflation, the value of materials and interest rates. We are very lucky to be able to access London so easily!

Year 7 pupils—together with Year 7 pupils from Coopersale Hall School—enjoyed a topical PSHE workshop as a group in the Braeside hall. They explored issues that young people in Britain currently face and discussed their futures. Both groups of students enjoyed getting together to learn.

We have said farewell and good luck to our inspiring Year 11 pupils. I know our Junior and Early Years pupils will miss them around the school. They will be sitting their public exams next week and we hope you will join us in wishing them the very best of luck as they take their GCSEs.

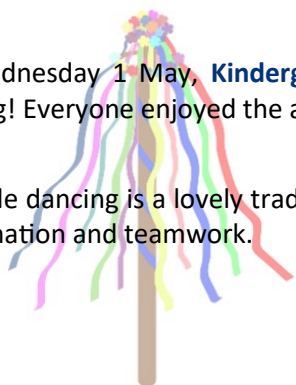
Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon
Headmistress

EARLY YEARS NEWS

On Wednesday 1 May, **Kindergarten and Reception** classes celebrated May Day with some fantastic Maypole dancing! Everyone enjoyed the activity and there were smiles all around.

Maypole dancing is a lovely tradition that celebrates Spring. It's also a great way for our little ones to develop their coordination and teamwork.



EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception and Year 2 had a fabulous time visiting Capel Manor Gardens. We enjoyed a tour of the gardens learning about all the amazing plants and animals that thrive there. The children participated in a multitude of fun activities and games to demonstrate the awe and wonder of our natural world importance and the importance of looking after it. In the afternoon the children had the opportunity to visit the mini zoo and have an animal handling session!



JUNIOR NEWS

Year 1 have been enjoying a variety of practical activities involving multiplication and division. Well done Year 1!



In **Year 3** our Spring Half term project was to make Stonehenge out of different materials. Some of the students had a go and created some fantastic Stonehenge models.



Year 5 have been reading 'Varmints' in their English lessons. As part of their learning, the class have planned different forms of protest campaigns to raise support for the Varmints in the story, as their home has been taken over by 'the others'. The pupils create social media videos to gain support for their campaigns as well as designing the materials they need for their protest before staging a mini march outside.



Year 6 learnt about the various components of blood and their functions. They made model blood bags to help them to further understand this. Well done Year 6!



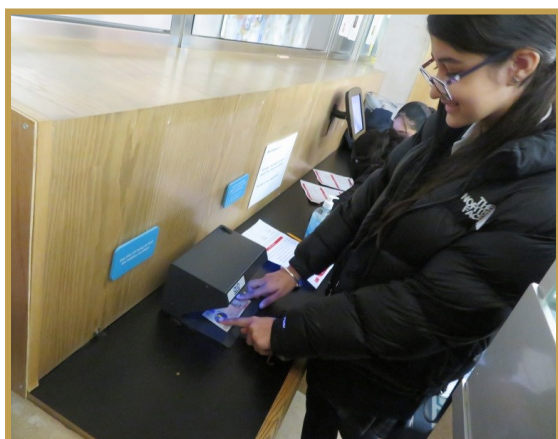
SENIOR NEWS

Year 7 took part in a PSHE workshop called 'Broadcast' run by The Arc Theatre Company this week. The workshop and performance highlighted important issues that young people face today including peer pressure and issues with social media use. Braeside were delighted that Coopersale Hall School pupils joined them for the workshop at Braeside School. The pupils from both schools enjoyed working together and discussing important issues that affect their lives.



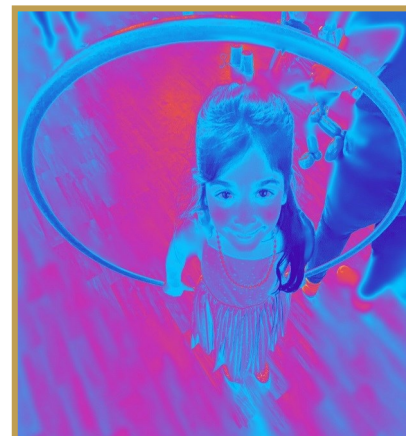
On Thursday 2 May, **Year 7** visited the Bank of England Museum. We explored through the museum and saw all of the artefacts including 400,000 gold bars underneath the grounds of the bank. The bank's history stretches far back as 1694, making it over three-hundred years old. We also had the opportunity to walk on the Millennium Bridge to South Bank and we went past the Shakespeare Globe Theatre. The sites of London that could be seen in the distance were The Shard, Tower Bridge, St Paul's Cathedral and more. Overall, it was a good experience exploring a part of London and a beautiful City that is stored with history, with old architecture and the hidden secrets of London.

By Kirika, Year 7



SENIOR NEWS

Key Stage 3 have had a lovely challenge over the last few weeks. They were asked to get creative with their camera's and consider things like interesting perspectives, depth of field, lighting, reflections, double exposures, colour to enhance mood and thinking outside the box to name a few. It was lovely to see such a lovely range of individual outcomes. A big well done to everyone who participated!



SENIOR NEWS

10 students from **Years 7 & 8** took part in this year's Junior Maths Challenge, run by the UK Mathematics Trust.

Year 7 – Samreen, Elysia, Sarrinah and Amaya

Year 8 – Saffiyah, Jaswitha, Eliza, Amaya, Lilly and Ava

This is a national challenge, similar to the Intermediate Maths Challenge held earlier in the year and also provides an opportunity for students to think and solve problems. The Challenge involves answering 25 multiple-choice questions in one hour on-line.

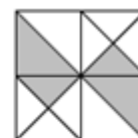
We look forward to receiving the results of the challenge in a few weeks.

Congratulations to all who took part!

Here are a few questions for you to try:

7. The diagram shows a large square which has been divided into four smaller squares. It also shows both diagonals of the large square and two diagonals of smaller squares. What fraction of the area of the large square has been shaded?

A $\frac{3}{16}$ B $\frac{1}{4}$ C $\frac{5}{16}$ D $\frac{3}{8}$ E $\frac{7}{16}$



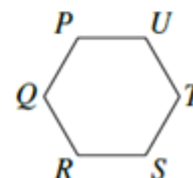
8. Skye has half as many pens as Isha. Ana has twice as many pens as Skye. What fraction of all their pens does Skye have?

A $\frac{1}{3}$ B $\frac{1}{4}$ C $\frac{1}{5}$ D $\frac{1}{6}$ E $\frac{1}{8}$

9. The diagram shows the regular hexagon $PQRSTU$.

What is the size of angle UPT ?

A 30° B 45° C 60° D 120° E 150°



If you want to attempt more questions, they are available on the UKMT website at:

<https://ukmt.org.uk/competition-papers/jsf/jet-engine:free-past-papers/tax/challenge-type:67/>



UK Maths Trust

SENIOR NEWS

Pupils in **Year 9** completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh assessed expedition weekend and I am pleased to say that they all passed! The students set off from Lambourne End on Saturday morning with their supplies and equipment needed for the duration of the weekend in their backpacks. They cooked their dinner on Trangia's and pitched their tents and then it rained ALL night! They woke up, had breakfast, sorted their stuff out and set off for the second day of the expedition. All of the pupils showed excellent determination and resilience. The Assessor said 'What a great group of kids. They did so well to stay so positive in such awful weather! They should be very proud of themselves!'



Tuesday 30 April was a lovely, sunny and mild Spring day – a great day for a Geography fieldwork. **Year 9 and Year 10** GCSE students visited the Epping Forest Field Study Centre to do river fieldwork. This will ensure the GCSE group comply with the requirements of the AQA GCSE course, but it will also be a useful Key Stage 3 study opportunity for Year 9 students.

In the morning they were out in the forest observing infiltration rates and gaining knowledge of the geology and rock types in the area. In the afternoon students visited three different sites along Loughton Brook and worked collaboratively in groups taking measurements of the river's width, depth, bed load and measured the velocity using a cork, ruler and stop watch. Year 10 found the day valuable as supplement the rivers component of their GCSE course.



SENIOR NEWS

Year 11 started their Study Leave today ahead of their exams. They had a special assembly in the morning where they collected their Leaver's certificates, heard fond memories and heard advice from their teachers. Year 11 gave the staff their own 'Little Miss and Mr' awards and made a quiz for the senior pupils. They played their lovely Leaver's video (made by Head Girl, Laila) that shared their memories as a class. Pupils from Kindergarten to Year 10 then formed the human arch and cheered them off the site for the last time. Year 11 then enjoyed a tasty brunch (paid for by FOBS) at Molen's in Loughton. The staff and pupils of Braeside School wish Year 11 the best of luck in their forthcoming exams

Good Luck!



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SPORTS NEWS

Our **Year 5 and 6** football team played in a new fixture against Churchfields Junior School. The students put in a fantastic effort against a strong Churchfields side. Summer-Rose made some excellent diving saves, Nicole worked tirelessly all over the pitch and Gracie showed excellent skill throughout. The team were commended by the Churchfields coach for their brilliant and never giving up attitude!



Year 2 travelled to the Power League in Barnet to take part in the ISA football tournament. It was a gloriously hot, sunny day but this did not deter the girls who showed real resilience and teamwork despite the heat and tough opposition. Although after playing five hard-fought matches, they did not manage to qualify for the quarterfinals, they thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon of football fun. Well done Year 2!



Our **Year 7, 8, 9 and 10** football teams were in action against Chigwell School. Scarlet O scored a fantastic goal from a corner taken by Eliza! Alba was player of the Match for Year 7, Angel for Year 8, Sienna for Year 9 and Chloe for Year 10. All the girls played with excellent determination and a smile on their face!



PUPIL NEWS

Well done to Ruby in Year 3 who won the Central & East Tour at The Connaught Club at the weekend. Ruby played 6 matches of tennis and was the overall winner for the Under 9 Tournament.



ART NEWS

The results are in and we have had some fantastic results this year in the annual ISA Digital Art Competition. We submitted some really good quality art-work this year displaying exceptional levels of skill. A huge well done to Maya A in Year 9, Rebecca former Year 11 and Katherine in Year 6 for these stunning pieces of art!

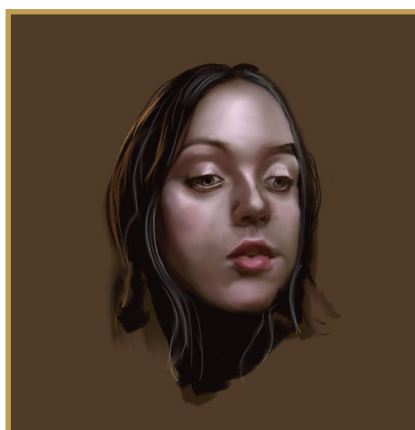
KS3 Maya A 1st place – ISA Digital Art Competition 2014 Winner

KS4 Rebecca awarded 1st place – ISA Digital Art Competition 2014 Winner

KS2 Katherine awarded 2nd place – Digital Drawing and Painting Category



By Maya A in Year 9



Rebecca former Year 11



Katherine in Year 6

MUSIC NEWS

Well done to the fantastic performers in KS3 at the Braeside Senior Peri concert! Your confident singing and skilled instrument-playing were a joy to experience. Clearly, your hard work in lessons is paying off, highlighting the remarkable talent and potential within our school community. Keep up the amazing work!



LAMDA NEWS

There was excellent news when the LAMDA results arrived for the Braeside pupils, who had taken their Speaking Verse and Prose examinations in March! All that hard work and preparation had been worth it!

There were outstanding results for 55 pupils ranging from Year 1, who had taken their Introductory Stage one examination, right up to pupils in Years 10 and 11, who had taken the Grade 6 Bronze or the Grade 7 Silver examinations.

In the Juniors, 15 Distinctions were achieved and 9 Merits were awarded! Amongst the Seniors, 16 pupils gained a Distinction and the other 15 got a Merit! And in addition, a total of 12 Bronze Medals and 3 Silver Medals were handed out.

Ms Smith and Mrs Braithwaite would like to congratulate their pupils for their amazing achievements!

