

Braeside School

Newsletter

Headmistress's Message



Dear Parents,

It is ‘business and usual’ at Braeside to support pupils in feeling calm and consistent as we head towards the festive period.

Following our recent visit to the local food bank, our Charity Reps have been instrumental in supporting their Christmas Collection and I extend my thanks to all our families that have donated food and other essentials.

Early Years pupils have been exploring festivals of light by making diva lamps and looking at the symbol of light and it’s importance in religions and society. Year 10 also supported this theme by delivering an assembly of the importance of light as a symbol.

Pupils have been working hard in Art. We have had work that have reached a national final with ISA and Year 1 and 2 have been incredibly bold and creative with their self-portraits in clay and drawing.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chloe Moon'.

Mrs. Chloe Moon

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Early Years

In Computing and Music, we've been exploring the world of sound with our EYFS class. We ventured into Epping Forest for a sound hunt. The listened intently, staying as quiet as possible so we wouldn't disturb the wildlife. Using an iPad, we captured the sounds of splashing in puddles, rustling leaves, birds singing, and even planes soaring overhead. They were excited to listen back to these recordings, retracing our footsteps and reliving the magic of the walk. Spotting a magical deer along the trail was an unforgettable moment for the children. It's a reminder of how important it is to pause and truly listen to the world around us.

This activity supported several EYFS learning goals, including Listening and Attention, Communication and Language, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts and Design, and Technology. Through this experience, children were encouraged to develop their awareness of sound, reflect on their surroundings, and use technology to capture and revisit their observations.



Diwali



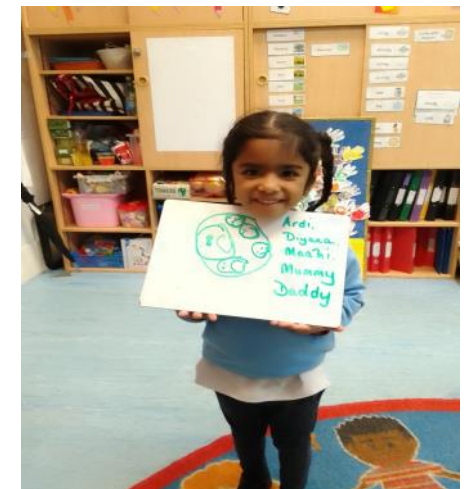
Reception have been learning about Diwali. They have enjoyed making diva lamps out of salt dough, creating beautiful Rangoli pictures and experimenting with salt and water colours when creating a spectacular firework picture.

Three Little Pigs

Following on from our reading of 'Three Little Pigs' story, Kindergarten children created their own re-enactment. Mrs Patel was the narrator, we had three little pigs and Miss Tucker as 'The Big Bad Wolf'! They discussed after just why the house of bricks was the strongest and that he was the wisest pig.



Our Families



The children in Kindergarten independently drew pictures of their family with whiteboards and pens. Well done Kindergarten!

Year 1 and 2 Clay Faces

Year one and two had a fabulous time this week in the art studio making clay faces. They explored their own faces by touch and explored their own and others facial features. A great time was had by all! Well done.



Year 1 Museum of the Home



Year 1 went to the 'Museum of the Home' in Hackney by minibus on Thursday 7th November. They enjoyed looking at objects from the past and comparing them to today's.

Pupils also looked at 'Rooms Through Time' and 'Gardens Through Time'. The children learnt a lot and had a lovely time.



Year 1 and 2 mono print Portraits



Year one and two had a lovely time today exploring mono printing and portraiture. They used line and mark making to create these amazing portraits of ourselves.

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! They all enjoyed looking at each other's creations and sharing what they had learnt about the different habitats.



Year 6 Visit Harry Potter Studios



Our Year 6 pupils recently embarked on a magical trip to Harry Potter World, where they immersed themselves in the enchanting world of Hogwarts. They explored iconic sets, marvelled at intricate props, and even experienced the thrill of flying on a broomstick! From learning about the special effects to seeing Dumbledore's office and Diagon Alley up close, the pupils were captivated by the incredible details. It was a day filled with wonder, laughter, and unforgettable memories—an experience that truly brought the magic of Harry Potter to life!



Year 3 & 4 Trip to Volcano show

Year 3 and 4 went to the Natural History Museum on Friday 11th October to join in with a volcano workshop. They learned about how volcanoes and earthquakes occur through the movement of tectonic plates. After the workshop they explored the Earthquake and Volcano gallery and reflected on their learning.



ISA Art Competition

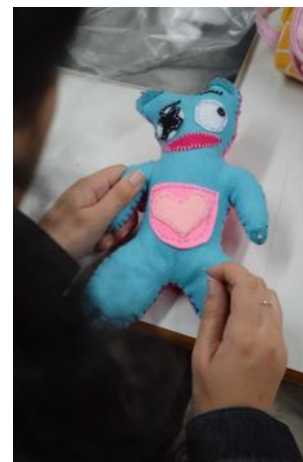
Pupils have worked really hard this year and we have selected some fantastic art-work for the annual ISA Art Competition. Categories include drawing, sketch-book, textiles, group, photography and 3D. It is great to see such great advanced and sophisticated drawing and sculptural outcomes this year.

Great work everyone! Lets hope we get some firsts so that we're off to nationals!



Year 8 Ugly Dolls

Year 8 have had a fantastic time creating their 'Ugly Dolls'. They have explored how designers consider their target audience, work to a specification and complete material testing before making. Pupils loved working with felt and recycling materials and practising embroidery stitches' and applique techniques.



Year 9 Aldo Talino Inspired Portraits

Year 9 have had a great lesson working in response to Australian born origami collage artist Aldo Tolino. They have explored distortion and paper engineering and our subject was pupils much loved music icon Taylor Swift!



Forensic science workshop

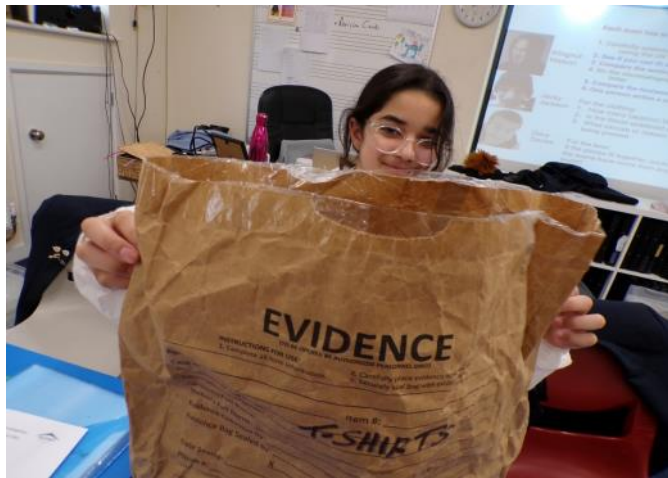
In October all pupils in year 8 and 9 at Braeside School, took part in a unique Forensic science workshop.

The day started with a crime scene that was supposed to have taken place at our school. Pupils then had to commit to a series of decisions that took them through an intensive investigation involving crime scene analysis of blood spatter, hair and fibres, shoe Prints handwriting and fingerprints and forensic experiments including chromatography, DNA profiles and digital forensics

Pupils were given a brief overview of the law, judicial system and courtroom process before the pupils ran their own trial during which their own murder investigation was presented.

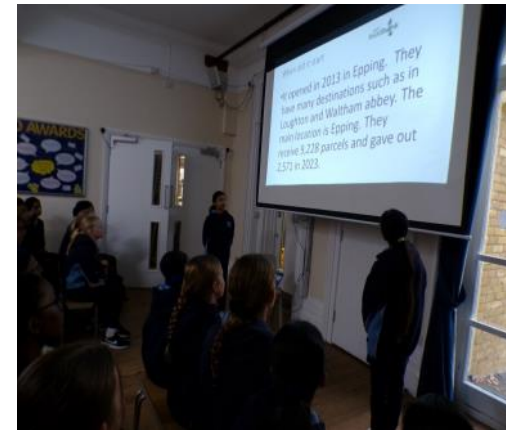
Throughout the day, the children were introduced to a whole host of potential careers within the police, investigation agencies, forensic science, and the law.

This workshop was an interactive day of fun, challenge and excitement which was greatly enjoyed by the girls.



Epping Forest Food Bank

Thank you to Yasna and Nimrit in Year 7 who volunteered to do this weeks assembly about the Epping Forest Foodbank. We support the Epping Forest Foodbank through your generous donations at Harvest Time.



Year 7 Visit the Library

Year 7 went to Buckhurst Hill Library this week to find out how to join, what books are available for Young Adults and how to effectively research topics for homework and studying.

The library staff explained how to make the most of books for research and set Year 7 a group task to locate specific pieces of information. Year 7 were then informed about the Dewey System which they then had to use to locate different topics.

Year 7 learned that the library is part of an area consortium of libraries so that you can use them in Redbridge and Waltham Forest. It was lovely to hear that so many of our Year 7 pupils regularly use the library to support their learning.



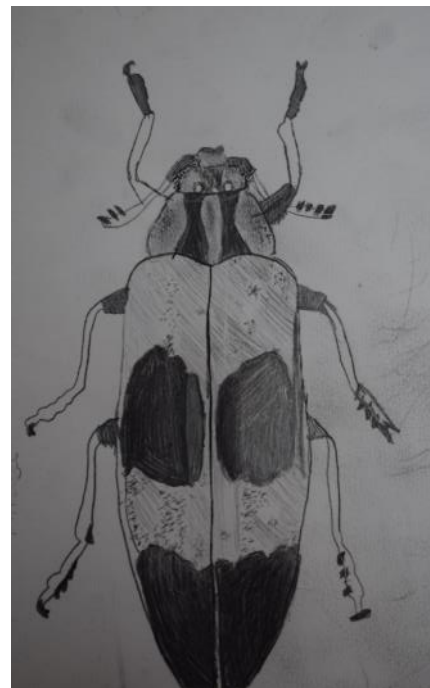
Year 7 team building discovery day

Year 7 went on a team building discovery day to Lee Valley Country Park. They were split into 2 teams for the day. The morning was spent orienteering, using maps and a compass to navigate to find the letters which were worth points for their team. They had a time limit in which to be back- both teams left it very close! Team A were declared the winners! After lunch the girls took part in team building activities which were great fun! They had to work together to use pipes to transport a ball and gave each other instructions whilst blindfolded.



Year 7 insect mono prints

This half term Year 7 have been exploring nature and drawing with a focus on line, shape, tone and texture. They decided to have an analytical eye and produce these super insect mono prints.



National Poetry Day

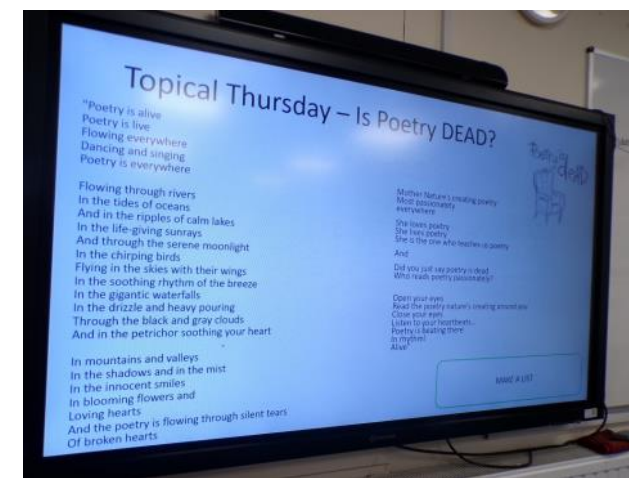
Pupils at Braeside School participated in a range of activities to celebrate National Poetry Day 2024! Throughout the day students completed a range of activities - from debating during form time whether 'Poetry is dead?' to pupils completing a treasure hunt at lunch to find the answers from the all the subject related poems pinned to classrooms Thursday morning!

This year the theme was 'Counting' and pupils were inspired to think about the different ways numbers and the idea of counting 'counts' in everyday life!

During English lessons, all pupils celebrated by watching poets perform slam poetry as well as being exposed to poems with more adept intricacies of various poetic forms. Likewise, teachers across the school celebrated by discussing their subject related poems to pupils throughout the day!

This all resulted in the girls being very creative in writing their own poems on ideas such as 'counting their hopes and dreams' or 'listing ways to impact world change' - an enjoyable day for all involved!

It is great to see the pupils fully embrace the chance to express their inspirational and imaginative voices through poetry!



RS GCSE trip to Waltham Abbey

Year 10 pupils who are studying GCSE Religious Studies visited Waltham Abbey Church to have a tour and talk by Rev Sarah. She explained the religious significance of the altar and how it links to The Last Supper, how light is represented in Christianity, the history of the church itself and how beliefs about Jesus are explained through religious artefacts. Pupils then had a chance to explore beliefs such as the afterlife in a rare medieval painting in The Lady Chapel. Year 10 asked philosophical questions about Original Sin, Free Will and faith and belief.



Belgium Trip

Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils travelled to Ypres in Belgium last week for the bi-annual Battlefields Trip. Pupils travelled by coach and ferry through France to the Salient area of Belgium to learn about the individual stories of soldiers and their families. First, we visited the German cemetery of Langemarck to find out the ethos behind this type of burial and to learn about the causes of WW1 and WW2. Then, we visited Vancouver Corner to investigate the effects of gas used in the war and the first type of gas masks used. We stopped for lunch in Passchendaele before visiting the museum to experience life in the communication trenches in WW1. Pupils also got an experience of army uniform and weaponry and were surprised how heavy the uniform felt. After the museum stop, we went to Tyne Cot Commonwealth Cemetery to learn about the different allies and nations that fought in the war. Some pupils were able to identify their family surname on the memorial there. We got on the coach to Ypres where we braved the hailstones to unpack in our accommodation.

Pupils went to the famous Leondias chocolatiers to purchase the renown Belgian chocolate before taking part in The Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate. It was incredibly moving to see the ceremony and hear the music under the memorial. We headed to the well-known Captain Cook restaurant for Belgian frites for dinner.

The next day, we had breakfast in the hotel and made our packed lunches for the day. We got on the coach to head for The Somme. The first stop was at Sunken Lane in where we learned of the under ground tunnelling that soldiers used to attack. Then we all headed to Newfoundland Memorial Park to learn about a small but significant community of people who signed up to fight in the war despite not having any formal training. We then travelled to the Lochnagar Crater which is still in existence today. This highlighted the impact of mine warfare in the Great War. We had lunch at The Ulster Tower where we learned about the story of the 26th Ulster Division. Finally, Lula and Lilly laid our Braeside wreath at Thiepval Memorial to the Missing and explored whether The Somme was a victory or not. Here we had time to reflect on what we had learned over the 2 days.





Jeans for Genes

The Braeside Charity Committee organised a collection for the charity Jeans for Genes. On Friday, pupils and staff supported by donating some money in exchange for wearing their own clothes that included an item of denim. The committee will be hosting the Senior and Junior assembly this week to talk about what the money raised gets spent on and how every donation helps.



Well-being week movie afternoon

Year 11 Well-being ambassadors organised a movie afternoon watching The Book of Life so mark the end of Well-being Week at Braeside. Pupils voted for a film and enjoyed popcorn that was kindly donated by FOBS. We have has several events this week that have encouraged reflection and pause to support mental well-being.



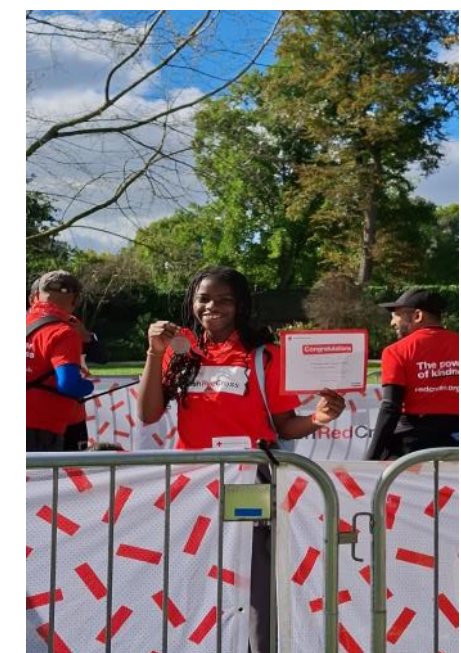
Charity Reps visit Epping Forest

The Charity Representatives from Year 3 to Year 9 were invited to the Epping Forest Foodbank to understand more about why they are needed, who they help and the work of paid staff and volunteers that goes into the work there. The pupils were put into groups to work on the foodbank floor. They had to date food, categorise it and place it in the correct areas for use depending on date and food type. Margot from the EFFB was very impressed with the teamwork that she saw! Pupils had experience of working under pressure and to a time limit to organise boxes of food. After the work on the floor, pupils stayed in their groups to organise a menu for one person for 3 days. It was a thoughtful trip and Sara in Year 8 said 'it has made me think about how privileged I am' and Leela in Year 4 said 'it just goes to show that any donation can help a family who needs it'. Alba, Sara, Ava and Eliza in Year 8 and 9 will now be driving our usual Christmas collection for the Epping Forest Foodbank.



Maham completed the Great Ormond St Walk for the kids on Saturday doing the 5k and has raised a whopping £1790 !

On the 28 September 2024, Matilda-Rose Year 7, completed a 10k walk for humanity, in London, helping the British Red cross charity raise £650 for people affected by war.



Remembrance - Ration Assembly

We are really grateful to Mr Shields for leading an assembly for Braeside pupils in the lead up to Remembrance Day on the world food effort during the war. Mr Shields explained how lots of countries were involved in supporting rationing and supplying nutritious food for soldiers in the war. Pupils were shocked to learn that eggs, fruits, jam, sugar and meat were rationed for everyone. Mr Shields showed pupils the amounts and types of food that were available. It certainly was food for thought.



Black History Month

Years 7, 8 and 9 investigated female black mathematicians in honour of Black History Month and made posters to celebrate the achievements of these amazing women. The winners of the poster competition were: Matilda-Rose Akeru, Katherine Hill and Gemma Scott (all year 7). Highly commended entries were by: Shreeya Mehta and Gracie Palmer (both year 7), Alba Gonzalez and Elysia Miller (both year 8).



Sporting Achievements

Year 6 WESSP Football

On Friday 4th October Year 6 took part in a WESSP football tournament at Scooters in North Weald. The girls showed determination and resilience as they played against some of the top schools in Essex. Well done to Jess for scoring a goal in the final game! Great sportsmanship and team work shown throughout – Well done Year 6.



U9 Oak Tree Netball Tournament



Braeside year 3 & 4 netball team won the Oak Tree Tournament! They beat Oaklands 3-0, Normanhurst 4-0 and Coopersale 2-1! They worked brilliantly as a team and Zariah was player of the tournament!

Yr 8 & 9 Netball Vs Normanhurst

The Year 8 & 9 netball team played against Normanhurst and won 18-3! The girls played some fantastic netball and worked brilliantly as a team. Player of the match was Olivia.



Year 7 Netball Vs Normanhurst

Braeside's year 7 netball team played against Normanhurst. They were leading for the majority of the match but narrowly lost 7-6! Gemma was player of the match.



Year 3 & 4 WESSP Tag Rugby



On Friday 20 September Year's 3 and 4 took part in the WESSP Tag Rugby tournament with other primary school within the Epping Forest area. They had a great day playing friendly games against other schools.

Well done to the girls for their hard work!

ISA Cross Country



Pupils in years 4-9 attended the ISA X country competition. It was Braeside's most successful year yet! Isla (year 4) came in a brilliant 5th place, Nicole (year 7) came an amazing 2nd place, Gemma (year 7) a fantastic 3rd place and Matilda-Rose (year 7) came a very respectable 9th place meaning that all 4 of them have qualified for the ISA National Finals in March! Well done to all the girls who came and represented Braeside- it was a great day out!

Running Club

Well done to all our running club members who attend despite the rain and mud! We had a special running club breakfast ahead of the ISA Cross Country races in Bedford.



U11 Oak Tree Netball Tournament



The year 6's were both excited and nervous to play at the Oak Tree Netball Tournament. They are a relatively new team and still deciding the positions to play to maximise their potential as a team.

They have been working hard on their passing particularly at centre pass and the back line helping them keep possession and attack.

The girls won two of their games and drew on one. Braeside came runners up losing out on goal differences which was a pleasing outcome.



Year 3 & 4 Netball Vs Coopersale Hall School

Braeside's year 3 & 4 netball team beat Coopersale 11-0! The girls worked brilliantly as a team! Gabrielle scored some excellent goals and Asmitha played some great balls into the circle! Our year 6 & 7 netball team won 9-7! There was some wonderful netball on display in what was a closely contested match! Well done everyone!



PGL Netball

15 Pupils from years 7-9 travelled to PGL Liddington for a weekend of activities and netball run by England netball.

The girls had a fantastic weekend taking part in numerous netball matches, doing the leap of faith, zip wire, axe throwing and the big swing to mention a few of the many activities on offer! The year 7 netball team was captained brilliantly by Nahla and they worked very well as a team. The year 8/9 netball team was captained by Olivia and they came in 3rd place over all, bringing home bronze medals! What a great weekend!



House Netball

Thank you to year 9 for helping with junior house netball. They time kept, scored, umpired and gave tips to the house teams throughout the morning.

Junior

First place—Nightingale

Second place—Fry

Third place—Mason

Fourth place—Bronte

Year 7 and Year 8

First Place - Fry

Second place—Mason

Third place - Bronte

Fourth place — Nightingale

Year 9,10 and 11

First place—Fry

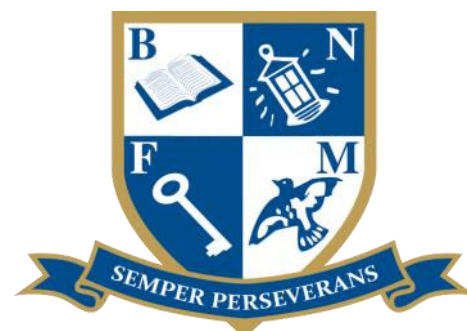
Second place—Nightingale

Third place—Bronte

Fourth place—Mason

Big thank you to Izellah, Scarlett, Kristen, Talia, Maya G for their help running the tournament!





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