

Braeside School

Newsletter

Headmistress's Message



Dear Parents,

This is our last Braeside newsletter but one filled with celebration and joy as we close the year having spent time in the last few weeks celebrating pupils' achievements. It has been wonderful to spend time with your children on various events such as the residential trip to Lambourne End, at the FOBS Festival and also on Speech Day.

I hope that you can read through this final newsletter and reflect on what a happy time we have had.

With best wishes

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

Mrs. Chloe Moon

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Year 7 Enjoy English in the Sun



Year 7 enjoyed a beyond the classroom activity reading "Lamb to the Slaughter" by Roald Dahl. In the sunshine the girls read about Mary Maloney, a devoted pregnant housewife, who kills her husband, Patrick, a police detective, after he announces he's leaving her. **Spoiler alert-** In a moment of shock, she bludgeons him with a frozen leg of lamb. To cover her tracks, she cooks the lamb and serves it to the police officers investigating the murder, effectively getting rid of the murder weapon and making them complicit in her deception. The story is a dark comedy exploring themes of betrayal, manipulation, and the unexpected darkness that can exist within seemingly ordinary people.

Year 10 Science Practical

Year 10 continued to develop their practical skills when they investigated rates of reactions using two different methods. The first method was by using two chemicals, sodium thiosulphate and hydrochloric acid. When sodium thiosulphate reacts with hydrochloric acid, a chemical reaction occurs that produces a cloudy precipitate of sulphur, which eventually turns the solution opaque. The rate of this reaction can be studied by observing the time it takes for the sulphur precipitate to form and make the solution opaque. The class carefully changed the concentration of the compound sodium thiosulphate, keeping the concentration of hydrochloric acid constant and observed how quickly the solution became opaque.

The second method pupils used to measure the rate of reaction was to use a specialist piece of apparatus called a gas syringe. In this experiment they added magnesium powder to hydrochloric acid to produce hydrogen gas. When pupils changed the concentration of acid added to the magnesium powder, the hydrogen gas produced moved the syringe plunger at different speeds. The class attentively measured the hydrogen gas produced every 30 seconds to find out how concentration affects the of a rate of reaction.



Year 11 Prom



Year 11 pupils at Braeside School attended their end of exams 'Prom Party' at Harry's at West Essex Golf Club. We had exclusive hire of the party room with a sumptuous party buffet, a doughnut wall, sweet stall and our famous 'Braeside' balloon arch. Mrs Pipe had organised a photo wall of pictures of the pupils first and last day attending Braeside. Year 11 came to the party with their best outfits on to chat, eat and dance into the evening. They had a mocktail on arrival and soft drinks at the bar. Year 11 also collaborated to make a playlist of music with the favourite songs to play whilst dancing with glow sticks. The weather was also on our side to get some photos of the memories made.



FOBS Festival

The children had a wonderful time at our Disco this week.

Themed around festival season, we had a DJ, fun games such as the limbo and a transfer tattoos station. The children also enjoyed lots of ice cream from the local ice cream man!

Thank you to FOBS for organising such a wonderful event for the pupils.



FOBS Festival Continued



Sports Day 2025



This year's Sports Day at Braeside was a tremendous success, thanks in large part to the incredible efforts of our Year 10 pupils, who took the lead in organising the day. Miss Jemal would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to Riana, Seetal, Taara, and Scarlet for their outstanding contributions. Special thanks to the year 9 girls who showed their support with equipment and helping out with the younger classes— that is Olivia, Lulu, Safah, Leyla and Jessie.



The day was centred on fun, inclusive, and varied events that encouraged participation from all. Pupils represented their Houses with pride, earning points through their performance. It was fantastic to see so many girls taking part in multiple events—competing with energy and determination while also cheering each other on. Their support for one another truly embodied the Braeside spirit.

A big thank you as well to all the parents and guardians who took part in the sprint race. The Braeside pupils thoroughly enjoyed watching you in action. Your participation was genuinely appreciated and served as a powerful message that we lead by example.

And in Jayden's own words: *"Never give up."*

Congratulations to everyone who helped make the day such a memorable occasion!

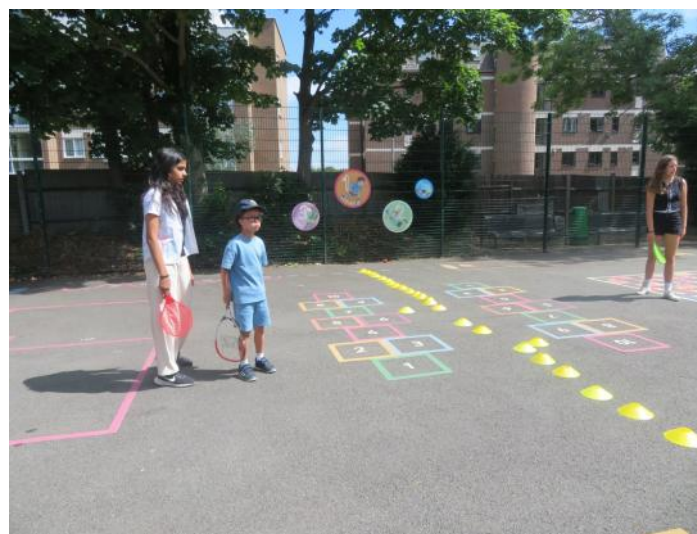
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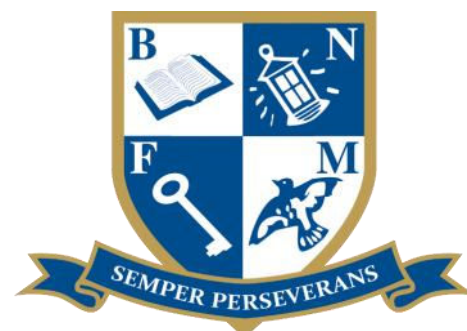
Our final Speech Day was held at St James Church this year which was a fitting place since that's where we have our joyous events like Harvest and Christmas Play. Mr Hagger and Mrs Moon gave a welcome speech about the wonderful year of events we have had and how we should all take the Braeside spirit with us when we move on. There were prizes for academic subjects and endeavour and effort. Year 9 students received their Duke of Edinburgh Awards for completing Bronze. Some Year 6 pupils were awarded their Bronze, Silver and Gold Oak Tree Challenge badges after a successful year of working towards the project. Pupils who have undertaken LAMDA exams read some jovial poems and the Early Year to Year 8 Choir sang finishing on 'Breaking Free' which was an uplifting song to finish on. Freya (Head Girl) made a heartfelt speech about her time at Braeside. We also had some exceptionally talented pianists to welcome families in with their music. It was a lovely afternoon of celebrations.



Ballfest

Miss Jemal organised a fun and inclusive Ballfest again this year. The morning saw Year 10 perform an Inspector Calls play for Year 4 to Year 9 to watch which was delightful. We then headed outside in the garden for table tennis, court tennis and beach ball volleyball in a house event. After a whole school lunchtime, we made our way to the field for a house games of rounders and cricket in the glorious sunshine.





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