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Headmistress's Message

As you will read in this newsletter, the Braeside pupils have enjoyed a wide range of events, competitions and activities so far this term.

The junior hall was full for the peripatetic music concert. We had a lovely afternoon listening to the girls' performances and my thanks go to the peripatetic music team for the helping the children rehearse and prepare.

Many of our pupils were entered for LAMDA speech and drama exams, some of the seniors took part in the UK Maths Challenge, others designed scientific posters for an annual competition in Science Week and finally a minibus of pupils went to Rushmoor School for the ISA Regional Athletics Competition. You will see just how successful the girls were as you read this newsletter. Well done girls!

The Year 11 pupils are now taking their GCSE exams and our good wishes go to all of them in the busy few weeks ahead.

Mrs Claire Osbourn

Headmistress

Lower Kindergarten Mark Making



Lower Kindergarten have been enjoying working on their topic of 'Transport' recently. In one of their lessons they got creative and used the tyres of toy cars to do some mark making. The colour of the



week was green, and all the different shades helped to make some great patterns. Good work!



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Social Networking



Website

Go to the School Calendar page for upcoming events and our News page for all the latest news and lots more photos.



App

Keep up to date with the latest news, calendar dates, and much more by downloading the Braeside School App for your phone or tablet.



Instagram

Follow us on Instagram for regular photo updates! Search for **braesidesch** to find us and then click follow.



Twitter

Follow us **@BraesideSch** on Twitter to get the latest updates.



Facebook

Facebook is our newest form of Social Media. Like us on Facebook to get news, photos, events and updates posted straight to your newsfeed.

Year 4 Explore the Mayan Empire



This term Year 4 have been putting on their historian hats to find out about Mayan cities. As part of their topic 'AD 900', pupils are learning about the Mayan Empire and began their studies by researching the various remains of Mayan cities. In pairs the pupils completed research and planned their own presentations to teach the rest of the class about their Mayan city. They then shared their findings in class and discussed some of the similarities between the settlements.



Year 10 Investigate the Rate of Reactions



Year 10 have been working through their required practical content as part of their GCSE Chemistry course. This term they have been investigating the effect of concentration on rates of reactions. The required practical investigations are an essential element of the Science GCSE course and it is important that the pupils understand how to follow and write up their own scientific experiments. It can be a lot of fun but is also quite a serious learning experience.





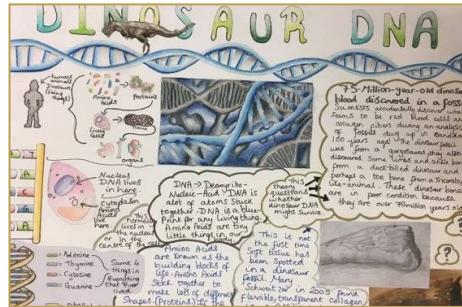
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British Science Week Poster Competition

In celebration of British Science Week, which took place in March, pupils created some fantastic Science posters. 5 of the finished posters were sent off to the British Science Association to be entered into their poster competition. Nell's poster was selected as a runner up in the competition and is published on the British Science Week Facebook page.

All entries this year were of a very high standard, therefore the runners-up of the competition were given the chance to claim a grand prize in the 'popular vote' category. Whichever entrant got the most 'likes' on their poster on the Facebook page was awarded additional prizes.

After the votes were counted, Nell received a runners-up prize in the Junior popular vote category, well done!



Visit from the Essex Fire Brigade



On the morning of Tuesday 1 May, Year 3, 4 and 5 children welcomed Roy Evans from the Essex Fire Brigade, who came to talk to everyone about the importance of fire safety. The pupils learnt all about potential fire hazards in their homes and how vital it is to have devices such as smoke alarms fitted.

They discussed the importance of getting out of a fire as quickly as possible and what they can do at home to try and prevent the likelihood of fires and stop them from spreading. Mr Evans also spoke to the pupils about safety at home when answering the door and making sure they are only letting people in who they know and trust.

A Very Tasty Topic for Year 5

Year 5 are currently in the middle of a very exciting topic, learning all about chocolate! The topic has both a historic and geographical focus, with the children learning about the discovery of chocolate, the

importance of the cocoa bean for trade, where cocoa beans are found and factors that will affect their growth.



As an entry point into the topic, Lily and Elizabeth worked hard creating cups in the style of the Aztecs ready for drinking 'Chocolatl'.





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The Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award Practice Expedition



On Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 May, the Year 10 DofE participants from Breaside and Normanhurst Schools worked tirelessly over 2 days, learning camp craft, orienteering, first aid and developing team skills.

On the first day participants arrived feeling excited and ready to develop their skills further. After a quick check on how well pupils had packed their bags and re-training on map reading skills, they began putting their knowledge into practice by walking into Epping Forest with their expedition trainer. By the afternoon, the heavy rain started and continued through to the evening. Yet despite the wet conditions, pupils kept their spirits high whilst making their last journey back to the camp site, putting their tents up and cooking and clearing their equipment before bedtime.

The following morning the sun was out and pupils were up early packing their tents away and preparing their route cards before setting off in their groups. This time without their expedition trainer!

All pupils eventually made their way back with a better understanding of what makes a successful expedition in preparation for their qualifying expedition assessment on the 16 and 17 June.

Good luck to all participants and remember to stay on the path, use your compass, work as a team and keep your spirits high!

Junior First Aid Course



On Friday 11 May, the children in Year 3 to 5 took part in a Basic First Aid course to help them learn how to help those in need. The course took them through all the basics, lead by a knowledgeable instructor, with some of the children taking part in the demonstrations themselves. Everyone learnt some very important



key skills from the afternoon which hopefully they will remember for the rest of their lives.



Friday 6 July
EYFS Celebration of the Year - 1.30pm
Prize Giving - 4pm



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Junior Peripatetic Music Concert 2018

Family and friends crowded into the hall on the afternoon of Thursday 10 May for the Junior Peripatetic Music Concert. The pupils put on a wonderful performance, showcasing all the hard work that they have been putting into their individual music lessons. There was a wonderful array of pieces from Year 5 children all the way down to Reception.

The grand finale was particularly enjoyable, with the guitarists, percussion and violinists playing their instruments and the rest of the Juniors singing along to 'The Lazy Coconut Tree'. Even the audience joined in! We are very proud of all our talented pupils.



Year 5 Investigate Forces

Year 5 have been learning about forces in their Science lessons. The children investigated weight and mass using Newton metres to measure the pulling force of gravity. This was a great way for the pupils to gain a better understanding of the concept while also enjoying having an interactive Science lesson.





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LAMDA Success!



Congratulations to the Senior and Junior pupils who worked extremely hard to prepare for their LAMDA speech exams, which they took in March. They have recently received outstanding results with a record number of Distinctions!

Particularly deserving of mention is Eva Pepe in Year 2, who achieved an unprecedented 100% for her exam. Well done to her and all of the brilliant LAMDA candidates!



LAMDA Exams offer and ongoing measurements of progress in speech and drama, helping to support a steady improvement in self-confidence, vocal and physical technique and language awareness.



Kandinsky's Concentric Circles



In Art, Year 6 have been exploring the ideas of Wassily Kandinsky who used shapes and colour to express mood. The pupils used how they felt about Mondays and Fridays to produce this bold piece of collaborative work, which certainly helps to add a splash of colour to the classroom.

Year 4 Runaways

In one of their English lessons this month, Year 4 used their acting skills to recreate the story of 'Runaways'. In groups, they successfully recreated the key stages of the story, taking on the role of various Victorian characters. This interactive approach helped everyone to imagine what life would be like for the characters in the story, and to understand how they would interact with each other.





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Year 3's Explosive Lesson



As part of their 'Active Planet' topic, Year 3 had a great time building, painting and then exploding volcanoes! The pupils worked in pairs to build the base using newspaper around a plastic bottle, then painted them to make them look like volcanoes. They then discussed how they could explode them to create 'lava'.



Everyone managed to get some fantastic results using vinegar as the acid and bicarbonate of soda as the alkali to create a chemical reaction. Some washing up liquid and red food colouring helped to make a more realistic eruption!

Royal Schools of Music Exam Success



After focused and dedicated practice, 2 Year 6 pupils did extremely well recently in their Royal Schools of Music Exams. Lauren and Rebecca both passed their Grade 1 exam in violin and piano respectively, with Merit. Aneela, a Year 11 pupil, worked hard to achieve her Grade 5 in singing during her final GCSE year. We look forward to them studying higher grades in due course.

UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge

Pupils from Years 10 and 11 joined schools from across the UK to take part in the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. The pupils involved were:

Year 10 - Heroshika, Mahnoor, Madina, Zoe, Kirsty and Sukhmani

Year 11 - Amna, Isobel, Karishma and Gabriella

This is a national challenge providing an opportunity for pupils to think and solve problems in an accessible, but challenging way. It involved answering 25 multiple-choice questions in an hour and is sat at school under normal exam conditions.



Isobel received 2 certificates which were 'Best in Year' and a Bronze certificate. Heroshika received 3 certificates which included 'Best In School', 'Best in Year' and a Bronze certificate.

Well done to all who participated!



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ISA Regional Athletics at Bedford International Stadium



16 pupils from Year 4 to Year 10 travelled to the annual ISA Regional Athletics Competition on Friday 11 May.

Isabelle, who took part in the Year 7 Hurdles, and Bethany, who participated in Year 10 Discus, did exceptionally well, coming first in their events. They will be going on to compete at the National Competition in Birmingham.

The pupils also performed well in other events in a competition that was both fierce and talented. The following pupils worked extremely hard and managed to achieve the following results:

Sumayah - Year 10	Javelin	2nd place
Simran - Year 10	Shot	2nd place
Amaarah - Year 9	High Jump	3rd place
Isabelle - Year 7	100m	2nd Place
Jessica - Year 9	800m	4th Place
Samantha - Year 8	Javelin	4th Place

Abi and Nell in Year 8 came 1st in their heats of 100 and 200 metres but times recorded in other heats meant their overall placings were 4th and 5th. The relay team, made up of Zaneta, Abi, Mackenzie and Nell, came 4th in a nail biting finish.

Congratulations to all the pupils, including Daisy, Ayla, Tamia, Izellah and Freya for taking part, being supportive of each other and demonstrating good team spirit which made for a great day!

Year 11 Leavers

Year 11 had their last day of school at Braeside on Friday 11 May. It was an emotional morning as they said their goodbyes to all the teachers and the younger years.



They had a special assembly first thing in the morning, and a bespoke school dinner of their choice which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

After their last few lessons they got their shirts signed by the rest of the school before leaving for home and a lot of revision! We wish them every success in their upcoming GCSE exams.





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FOBS Update

Welcome back following the Easter break, fingers crossed that the weather stays this nice until after the Summer Fete!

Before the holidays the Easter Bunny once again made a visit to the Juniors, and we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to her, the Senior House Captains and the Junior mums for helping with the Easter egg hunts. They were a great success and all the pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

As usual the FOBS Elves have been busy getting things ready for the Summer Fete, with many meetings and liaisons with the junior and senior storage units. We will soon be hitting the warehouses for all things Summer Fete!



Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 8 July - FOBS Summer Fete 2018

Braeside Senior Site - 12pm to 3pm

The FOBS Summer Fete is our last event of the school year and the biggest one we at FOBS organize, which is why we need all the help we can muster and the reason we have a lot of things to ask of you!

- Do you or do you know someone who would like a stall at our Summer Fete? We are looking in particular for the following: face painting, handbags, scarves, toys, children's clothes and a plant stall. If you do, would you please email the school as soon as possible so we can discuss the details.
- Top Raffle Prizes - Are you or your company able to donate something rather fantastic for our main raffle? Would you please email the school as soon as possible so we can announce as many prizes as we can in our FOBS Newsletter for June.
- Class Raffle Hampers - Your Class Rep will be contacting you very shortly with the theme for your class raffle hamper. Please help them by returning your donation as soon as possible so they can get buying!

To keep things fresh and exciting we are trialing a couple of new ideas this year.

- Non-uniform day will be on Friday 29 June. In exchange for your daughter coming to school in her own clothes, this year we are asking you to donate a 'Spa and Beauty' product for our Spa and Beauty Tombola instead of the usual Bottle Tombola. So something luxurious and beautiful smelling would be ideal!
- Our new stall for this year is 'Trash or Treasure'. The idea is that numbered and decorated shoeboxes will be stacked on a table, the children choose a number and they 'win' whatever is in the box! Now your bit... we obviously need donations of something to put in the shoeboxes. These can be anything from pre-loved to brand new items which will fit in a shoebox, for example small teddies, nail varnish, socks, toiletry items, sweets (wrapped only please), hair accessories, small toys and stationary etc. As you can see the list is endless, so get creative! Donations can start coming in as soon as possible.
- We will once again be asking the Senior pupils to help run a stall, which will be guided by Ms. Moon's expert hands. We will also make sure you know what time your daughter is helping so she can be at the school in plenty of time for her slot.
- If there are any Senior pupil's parents who would like to donate 45 minutes of their time while your daughter is helping to run a stall, or if you are a Junior parent who would like to get involved (please!), then email us as soon as possible or let your Class Rep know. That way we can make sure our stalls are covered at all times. Thank you!



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- We also need help setting up for the Fete on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 July. Again, if you would like to come along to help then you are more than welcome to bring your children with you as we can always find them a job to do too!
- Nearer the Fete we will also be asking for homemade cakes (shop bought are fine too) to sell at our café.
- We will also soon be sending home raffle tickets for you, grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbours to buy. Once you have sold the tickets would you please return them to the school as soon as possible.

FOBS News

We held a FOBS Full Committee Meeting (FFCM) on Tuesday 1 May 2018 at the Senior site, and thanks goes to all those who so kindly gave up their evening to attend. Here is a brief summary of the items discussed so you can see just exactly what we get up to and maybe come along to the next meeting.

Topics of discussion were as follows:

- Overview of Summer Fete
- FOBS vacancies
- FOBS donations to the school
- Quiz Night

The next FFCM meeting is on Tuesday 18 September 2018 at 7.30pm at the Braeside Senior Site.

FOBS Donations - 2017/18

S11 Leavers' Prom - £200.00 - soft drinks

Junior playground - £1000.00 - garden tables, chairs, toys and games.

Easter chocolates - £70.00 - Easter egg hunts for the Juniors and Seniors.

FOBS Vacancies!

Co-Chair(s) - Junior Site (needed for September 2018)

Secretary and Co-Treasurer (needed for September 2018)

Class Reps will be needed for September 2018 in the following classes:

LK/Kindergarten - Reception - Year 4 - Year 7 - Year 11

It would be fantastic if we could fill these Class Rep vacancies as it makes our job at FOBS an awful lot easier when trying to organise our events. If you think you can help then please email as soon as possible. Thank you!

Contacting FOBS

We can be contacted in a couple of ways:

Via the school office: info@braesideschool.co.uk

Or through your Class Rep.

Thank you for taking the time to read our bit of the monthly newsletter and we look forward to seeing you all at our next FOBS event!

Polly Wells - Secretary - FOBS