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## Headmistress's Message

We have been busy with end-of-year exams and assessments over the last few weeks at Braeside. It has been encouraging to see the progress made by our pupils over this school year. In the seniors, much attention has been given to feedback and responding to that to set targets for the next year. The girls have embraced this process positively, which has been great to see.

As we head towards the close of the school year, you will read that the junior pupils have been busy with trips, as well as enjoying their time in the classroom.

We still have much to look forward to: sports day, the school summer festival organised by the parents association and, of course, Speech Day and Prize Giving. I am looking forward to see you all at these events in the coming weeks.

With my best wishes

Claire Osborn  
Headmistress

## Year 5 Freiderich Hundertwasser Mural- London Buildings

Year 5 have been exploring iconic London buildings and how we can take ideas and inspiration from other artists imaginatively.

Pupils started their project by talking and writing about the Austrian Artist Freidensrich Hundertwasser. Hundetwasser was a fascinating artist who was inspired by loud colours, wobbly lines, nature and the cycle of life. The class used a range of different materials, working collaboratively, to produce this fantastic wall mural. A great team effort and a fabulous result. Well done Year 5.



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## Reception and Year 1 Trip to Colchester Zoo



The pupils in Reception and Year 1 enjoyed the recent trip to Colchester Zoo. Activities they particularly enjoyed included handling a stick insect and taking a train ride through the zoo to the lemur enclosure.

Although they enjoyed seeing all the creatures, the animal of the day were the sloths who were moving around them in the 'Rainforest Walk Through'. They also saw the impressive elephants and lions from the 'Big 5' group.



Everyone had a great time on their trip and should be very proud of their excellent behaviour throughout.

## KS3 Explore Plastic Pollution



Pupils in KS3 have explored plastic pollution and the environment to produce this fantastic mixed media ocean scene at their after school weekly workshop.

It has really made everyone think about the impact of single

use plastics and its long term effects.



## Marvellous Musical Dominos



Years 4 and 5 enjoyed reinforcing some of their recorder learning recently in one of their Music lessons. To link with Marvellous Maths Day, the pupils played Recorder Music Dominoes.

As well as being a lot of fun, this task was interactive, encouraged the pupils to work as a team and

gave them a chance to practise different notes and combinations.





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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 new Braeside School App.

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

## Year 3 & 4 Visit the V&A Museum

On Wednesday 5 June Year 4 and 5 went to the V & A Museum as part of their Victorian topic. Once they arrived the pupils got to look at many great artefacts and spent time learning about the building itself.



They also took part in a workshop about the Great Exhibition where some of the children were able to dress up in Victorian clothes!



It was a fabulous day and the pupils were excellent ambassadors for the school.

## Waitrose Competition Winners



In a recent assembly, a few members of staff from Waitrose paid a visit to the school to discuss the importance of healthy eating. As part of the assembly, the staff asked the children to design a healthy lunchbox. Everyone who took part in the competition had some excellent ideas about what they thought should be in the lunchbox, making it a very tricky decision when it came to picking the winners.

Overall there were 5 winners, but well done to all who took part!

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## 'Come and Play' Event



On Thursday 6 June the Juniors hosted a 'Come and Play' event. Some of our talented pupils and peripatetic staff performed for parents and other pupils who attended the event.

The participants were invited to try out new instruments which was a great learning experience,

but also lots of fun!



## Year 7 Textile Challenge

Year 7 were given the challenge to explore some independent learning in Textiles over the half term. The brief was to make and create something amazing using at least two different stitches.

In class Year 7 have been exploring blanket stitch, using templates, and crafting using felt, so to broaden their experience they made cushions, a sock monster, a teddy or tote bag to give them more confidence to be able to create something themselves.



Although some pupils found the task daunting at first, all agreed that they really enjoyed the process and have gained valuable experience from completing the task.

## Class Photos



Braeside pupils had their class photos this month. Sadly, the weather prevented these from being outside at the seniors this year. The pupils looked really smart and the photographer praised pupils for their effective organisation and politeness on the day.

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## Senior End of Year Exam Feedback

Senior pupils have just completed their End of Year Exam week and teachers have marked their papers. The week following the exams focuses on feedback from these exams. Once teachers have marked test papers and given feedback, pupils must respond to their next steps or questions for clarification.

Pupils respond to their feedback in green pen and make targets for the next academic year.



## A Magical Unicorn-Themed Lunch



Kindergarten have been learning about mythical creatures, as part of their animals topic, and were very excited to have a unicorn-themed lunch.

The children painted and made unicorn masks to bring to lunch and were excited to see two of their favourite lunchtime ladies transformed into unicorns.



Everyone had a fantastic time!

## Propagating Geraniums in Year 8

Year 8 have been learning about DNA and chromosomes. This term the class have moved on to more advanced work on inheritance and cell division. The pupils are propagating geranium plants by taking cuttings and planting the short shoots in compost.



They are cloning the plant in order to see how cloning works differently in plants owing to their meristem cells in the shoot tips. We discussed how life would look if humans had meristem cells in our fingers, which was certainly an interesting topic!



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## Junior Music Lessons

The Junior pupils have been having a great time in their Music lessons over the past few weeks.



Year 2 had fun making metallic sounds playing along with Chinese Music.

Year 3 have enjoyed studying Saint Saen's Carnival of the Animals this term. They moved in time and made shapes with their moves to represent the music.

In the image above you can see them representing the Swan.

Years 3, 4, & 5 'Recorder Choir' have had lots of fun rehearsing for this year's Speech Day together, we look forward to hearing the final outcome!



## Organic Chemistry

Year 10 are learning all about organic chemistry. They are starting to learn about the reactions of alcohols.

Sara and MacKenzie researched the nomenclature of A level organic chemistry and started teaching the class how to draw and name branched chain alcohols and other organic compounds. A very impressive class of collaborative pupils.



## Some Quacking New Visitors



Last week Braeside Junior children hatched some duckling eggs. After a few days we had two duckling who were very loud and enjoyed swimming in the paddling pool!

They grew very quickly and have gone to live at Lambourne End Residential centre where Year 4 and 5 will see them again next week on their residential trip!



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## Years 8 and 9 Visit to the Europa Centre

On Wednesday 19 June, Years 8, 9 and GCSE Spanish pupils went on a trip to the Europa Centre for Languages. Pupils were given a visit of the town, reinforcing vocabulary on places in town, and then engaged in interactive activities, buying clothes, food, cinema tickets or booking holidays, thus practising the everyday Spanish they would need on a holiday.



Throughout the activities, pupils were also challenged to collect information about a missing person, reinforcing vocabulary practised in Year 7. Everyone

really enjoyed the activities and relished the opportunity to communicate in Spanish for practical purpose, and they impressed staff at the Europa Centre with their excellent attitude, behaviour and Spanish speaking.



## GCSE Artwork Exhibition

The GCSE Art exhibition was another great success this year. Pupils' work consisted of two units based on the theme of animals in their environment, Portraits and Identity and a body of work developed from a self-selected starting point. Pupils selected Messages, Natural Forms and The Elements.

An exciting range of ideas were displayed and pupils worked in a range of mediums, including drawing, print, painting, mixed media and three-dimensional work. The finished pieces look great and our GCSE pupils should be very proud of the hard work they have put in to their lessons.





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## FOBS Update

It is nearly time for the Summer Festival and we really hope the weather will be good to us.

We have got craft stalls, games stalls, a bouncy castle and a bungee run, festival beauty stalls, candy floss, private stalls, a BBQ, cream teas and sandwiches, prosecco and beer, a performance from the school Street Dance club and a Talent Show. It will be a great 2 hours of festival fun if we can get you to help out.



Without your help the whole thing could end up like a damp squib. We have a very small group of willing regular parent helpers who are happy to do what they can to make events fun for the girls. We have staff and senior girls who are also happy to help. We really need extra parent help - not having enough parents puts events like this in jeopardy. We had to cancel last year and we really don't want that to happen again. The school community is all the better for events like this. It would be sad for all of us if we lost that.

So if we share the load we can all be happy. Please take a look at the list below and sign yourself up for a task.

## Parent/Responsible Person Helper Roles

- Setting up (9am - 12noon)
- Collecting entrance fee (12noon - 1pm and 1 - 2pm)
- Cold refreshments stall (to be involved in preparation and selling) (12noon - 1pm and 1 - 2pm)
- BBQ (to assist with selling) (12noon - 1pm and 1 - 2pm)
- Talent Show (to help keep things on track) (12.40 - 2pm)
- Children's entertainer (to accompany him) (12noon - 1pm and 1 - 2pm)
- Putting away (2pm onwards)

Please get in touch with the school office and if you can offer your time to help. We NEED you.

Fingers crossed for your assistance,

**The FOBS Committee.**