

Oak-Tree NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019



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Principal's Message

Wow - what another tremendously busy academic year that seems to have whizzed by in a flash!

All four schools have had busy Summer Terms full of productions, performances, sporting fixtures, academic experiences and special events. I hope you'll get a flavour from this Group Newsletter as to just how much has been packed into such a relatively short period of time.

The schools are all still busy places over the summer, and as I write we have several holiday clubs taking place with over 150 children enjoying Early Years, Multi-Sports and Drama activities. Our maintenance teams and contractors have also been busy as we continue to update the facilities. The big project this year has been at Oaklands, where I'm

confident that we will be ready to reopen after an ongoing 14-month £1.2m project to modernise and upgrade the site and facilities.

Thank you for all of your support this year and for trusting us with your children. I'm grateful for the opportunities we have to work together and I know how lucky we are to have children in our schools who are motivated, talented and who have high aspirations.

I hope you are able to get a rest over the summer, and I look forward to welcoming you back when the new academic year starts on Wednesday 4 September.

With best wishes

Matthew Hagger

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Coopersale Hall Tiddly Prom

Coopersale Hall's Lower and Upper Kindergarten children put on a fantastic performance for their 'Tiddly Prom' in June.

The children sang and played beautifully, creating a show filled with energy that was enjoyed by the large audience of families.

Songs included 'I Never Saw a Dinosaur', 'I Hear the Band Far Away' and the 'Fairytale Tea Party'!

The annual Tiddly Prom is an excellent way for parents of the younger pupils to see their children perform, and the children certainly enjoy performing!



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Speech Day and Prize Giving

With the marquees set up, stages in place and standing room only at each venue, it was time for the annual Speech Day and Prize Giving events at the end of term. These are fantastic events that celebrate the many achievements of the children over the school year.

Each school had a guest speaker who not only spoke about their role, but also helped to present the prizes.

about the school's influence on her career choice and to welcome her back to Oaklands.

Research Manager at Opinium, a research agency in London, and it was interesting to hear about his life after Normanhurst.

Prizes at each event were awarded for academic, sporting, artistic and musical achievements, with further awards given for other successes such as endeavour, commitment and specific subject prizes.



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Braeside welcomed Janet Tarasofky, a women's empowerment speaker and parent of a senior pupil, as guest speaker. Her speech was fascinating and had pupils, staff and families engaged.



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Normanhurst also invited a former pupil to present the prizes at the event at Chingford Assembly Hall. James Crouch is a Partner and

In addition to the presentation of prizes, there were music and drama performances from pupils from as well as some exciting announcements of the new positions of responsibility.

Our pupils should be proud of their achievements this year. Whether academically or creatively, in the classroom or on the sports field, individually or as a team, they have all succeeded and we're proud of them all.



Coopersale Hall School

Coopersale Hall welcomed Andrew du Boulay, a local Connect Volunteer with Operation Christmas Child. He told the audience about the project, his involvement with it and the difference the donations make to the children.

This year's guest speaker at Oaklands' Speech Day was former pupil Jessica Herbert. It was interesting to hear

Let the Games Begin

Year 5 and 6 pupils at Oaklands put on an impressive show during the Summer Term of 'Let the Games Begin'. The play followed some technology-obsessed youngsters on an adventure through the land of Lady Fortune.

The packed audience at Lopping Hall

in Loughton cheered and laughed their way through the performance thanks

to the impressive acting, singing and dancing. Well done all!



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Making Music at Oaklands

It has been a very musical few months at Oaklands, starting with the annual Music Concert that took place at the end of May. All pupils from Years 3-6 who learn a musical instrument at school were invited to play in the concert. Dressed in their concert finery, the pupils performed solos, duets and trios on the piano, recorder, violin, flute, drum kit, guitar and ukulele.

Year 2 pupils were also given the opportunity to showcase their hard work during the Year 2 Music Concert

held in June. This peripatetic concert gave the young musicians the chance to perform what they have been learning in their individual music lessons. The audience enjoyed



listening to a variety of pieces played on the piano, recorder, guitar, ukulele,

violin and even the flute!

Reception and Year 1 children joined in the fun and experienced the magic of a real harp. The children were amazed by the size and sound of the harp and all had a go at playing a 'glissando'.



Moving Up Day

Moving from Year 6 up to Year 7 is a big step for many pupils as becoming a Senior means new challenges and



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responsibilities. To make this transition a little easier, both Normanhurst and Braeside held a Moving Up Day, where current and new pupils had the chance to meet some of their new teachers, have a few taster lessons and get to know each other. Lessons were fun and interactive and everyone had a good day.

Oaklands and Coopersale Hall also held a Moving Up Day to allow pupils the chance to get used to their new



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teachers and classrooms.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back in September.

Twilight Music Sessions



This summer Normanhurst have introduced some exciting new events to the school calendar - Twilight Music Sessions. These informal sessions are a fantastic way for pupils to showcase what they have been learning in their individual music lessons to their parents and friends. Children from as young as Year 1 performed, and everyone was impressed with the

progress of our musicians.

The event was a showcase of almost all of the instruments on offer at Normanhurst, with pieces ranging in style from Classical to Jazz, Musical Theatre to Heavy Metal, and lots in between. Well done to all performers, this was an excellent opportunity to showcase the progress they have been making in their learning.

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Braeside Peripatetic Concerts



We have some very musical pupils at Braeside and this talent was showcased across two events last

term, one for Junior performers and one for the Seniors.

The pupils put on some excellent performances that showcased all the hard work that they have been putting



into their individual music lessons. There was a wonderful variety of pieces from children across the year groups - all the way down to Reception.

Instruments included piano, violin, trumpet, guitar and voice. There were also some lively group demonstrations from the Recorder Group, Singing Group, String Group, Junior Band and Senior Choir.

Well done everyone, you should be very proud!

Open Days 2019

Coopersale Hall School

Tuesday 1 October at 9.15am

Oaklands School

Wednesday 2 October at 9.15am

Braeside School

Seniors

Wednesday 2 October at 6pm

Juniors

Thursday 3 October at 9.15am

Normanhurst School

Infants, Juniors and Seniors

Thursday 3 October at 6pm

Early Years

Friday 4 October at 9.15am

Oaklands Curriculum Day

Throughout the year the schools organise a wide range of Curriculum Days, where the children enjoy learning about a particular theme while applying a hands-on approach.



Oaklands recently held a Multi-Cultural Curriculum Day. Each class learnt about a different country around the world including Cyprus, China, Japan, Australia, Canada and South Africa.

Throughout the day the children took part in a huge range of activities relating to their given country such as creating Sitges Carnival-inspired

masks, making Greek salads and a mosaic of Aphrodite's Rock, scribing numbers and names in Mandarin, running an Australian currency exchange, designing holiday brochures, creating Aboriginal-inspired art, using oil pastels to create Native American art, listening to African instruments, making a traditional South African dessert and lots more.

Towards the end of the day the pupils were able to share their new cultural knowledge with each other.



It was a fun-filled day with lots of laughter, learning and new experiences.

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Oak-Tree Summer Ball

We held a hugely successful Summer Ball on Saturday 18 May for over 250 parents, friends and staff of the Oak-Tree Group. There was a distinctive 'Casino Royal' theme running



throughout the evening, with an Aston Martin at the entrance, red and black colour scheme, James Bond cut outs and creative table decorations.

The event was held in a large marquee



in the grounds of Chigwell Hall and was an opportunity to come together, dressed to impress and raise funds for the four Parents' Associations whilst



having a good time.

Over the course of the evening there was a Champagne reception, live music from a jazz band, magicians performing close up magic, fun casino tables and some floor fillers provided by a top DJ.

Overall this was a fantastic evening filled with cocktails and dancing. Thank you to the four Parents' Associations of the Oak-Tree Group as well as everyone who helped to make the event possible.



Braeside First Aid

Braeside pupils appreciated the



opportunity to learn some important skills over the Summer Term when they took part in some hands-on first aid training. During the courses they learned how to keep a person's heart beating and brain alive by performing CPR, and they also had a go at using a defibrillator to restart the heart.

The course was led by a knowledgeable instructor with some of the children taking part in the demonstrations themselves.

These are essential 'skills for life' that the children really enjoyed learning.



YouTube Channel

Visit our schools' YouTube channels to see videos from some of the many events that take place through the year.

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Beauty and the Beast

This term the Junior pupils at Braeside



transported us to a land of magic filled with a fearsome beast, a terrible curse and talking furniture. Everything from the set and costumes to the acting and singing was excellent, and it was clear to see that each pupil had put a huge amount of effort into learning their lines and preparing for the show.

The packed audience in the Junior hall cheered and laughed their way through the fun performance, and the



children were complimented on their confidence, singing and dancing.

Art Across the Oak-Tree Group

Normanhurst and Braeside GCSE pupils created some incredible pieces of artwork this year that count towards their final GCSEs. Each piece took much thought and planning, with sketchbooks that helped to back up the process. All pupils were able to demonstrate a range of mediums including drawing, print, painting, mixed media and three-dimensional work.

In addition to GCSE work, a number of other art projects took place throughout the Summer Term from different year groups in the schools.

At Braeside, Year 7 created a clown hand puppet using a range of different three-dimensional construction and textile skills. Year 5 explored some iconic London buildings and created a Freidensrich Hundertwasser inspired mural. Pupils in Years 7 to 9 explored plastic pollution and the environment to produce a mixed media ocean scene.



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At Normanhurst, Year 7 were given a plain white t-shirt and, following their research of various designers and different techniques, each pupil created their own customised t-shirt. Year 7 exhibited their work in the art room and invited the school to visit and cast votes for their favourite designs. Year 2 also had the chance to

get creative while learning about Keith Haring, resulting in some colourful work with the help of the Reception children.

We certainly have some budding artists across the group!



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Sports Day

Despite a rain-filled start to the Summer Term, all four schools held successful Sports Days again this year. All of our pupils really gave it their all in the range of events, supporting each other over the finish line.

Braeside pupils, teachers, families and friends gathered at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre on the afternoon of Thursday 20 June ready for Sports Day. For the Seniors, events included relays and track events such as the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m, with everyone showing excellent team spirit cheering on their House. The Juniors took part in over and under races, sprints, egg and spoon and even sack races. It was lovely to see the older pupils helping the younger girls across the finish line. Although it was a very tight competition, Nightingale came out on top.



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This year Coopersale Hall held Sports Day for all year groups on the same day, starting with Lower Kindergarten. On Thursday 4 July the youngest children competed in a variety of races to a huge audience of very proud spectators. The favourite was definitely the tricycle race! Next was

the turn of Upper Kindergarten who took part in lots of fun races and enjoyed competing. Reception, Years 1 and 2 pupils took part in obstacle races, under and over races, bat and beanbag races and flat races. Finally in the afternoon it was the turn of the Juniors where each year group took it in turns to earn points for their House



Coopersale Hall School

over a number of events. Once all the points had been added up, it was announced that Willow House were the winners.

On Friday 21 June it was the turn of Normanhurst to use the impressive outdoor facilities at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre for their Sports Day. The morning was filled with Senior events such as running races, high jump, shot put, long jump, discus and javelin. Many school and personal records were broken, and congratulations to Warren who took



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the cup this year. In the afternoon the Juniors arrived, and everyone had fun taking part in the over and under races, sprints, egg and spoon, howler throw and long jump. Thanks to the face paint, signs and glitter this year - team spirit was at an all time high. Connaught House came out on top.

On Monday 8 July the Oaklands Sports Day took place on the school field. Children in Key Stage 1 went first, with events including hurdles, obstacle and flat running. Early Years children also really enjoyed the day as they raced towards the finish line to proud cheers from a crowd of friends and family during a series of fun races. The Key Stage 2 events were held in the afternoon. Pupils took part in a number of heats with the House relay a particularly competitive final. Parents races at all events were also particularly well run this year, with some notable performances! Well done to Holly House who were the overall winners.



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Well done to all our athletic Oak-Tree pupils who tried their hardest and showed real sportsmanship in all of their events. Thank you also to the friends and family who came to support and cheer the children on.

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Saying Goodbye to Our Leavers

The end of the Summer Term always marks an emotional time for our oldest pupils as they come to leave. Year 6 pupils from Coopersale Hall and Oakland are moving on to their chosen secondary schools, while Year 11s from Braeside and Normanhurst are moving on to further education.



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presentations and video messages, and performing with songs and dances. Coopersale Hall pupils were given a year book filled with messages from friends and teachers, while Oaklands pupils received a colourful hoodie complete with their classmates' names.



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that will last a lifetime. On the last day they all were able to sign each others' shirts, which will be a treasured memento of their time at school.

We wish all of our leavers the best of luck for the future - please keep in touch!



Coopersale Hall School

As a final farewell, pupils from both Coopersale Hall and Oaklands starred in some special assemblies for their families, reminiscing about their time at school through emotional

The Year 11 pupils from Normanhurst and Braeside enjoyed their formal Prom, which was the perfect excuse to dress up in their finery and spend some quality time with their friends on the dance floor or in the photo booth. It was a very special evening for everyone with memories made



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Coopersale Hall Travel Back in Time

Many Coopersale Hall pupils travelled back in time during the Summer Term while learning about different aspects of history.

Year 3 took a visit to the Epping-Ongar Railway, dressing up as evacuees from WW2. They had a rotation of activities which included having a tour of the station and handling a range of artefacts, such as trying on a gasmask. Pupils also enjoyed a trip to the

Imperial War Museum, which they found fascinating. The children were particularly impressed with the many different vehicles used in war, such as the Lancaster Bomber, Jump Jet and various mean-looking tanks.



Year 6 pupils went on a trip to the Ragged School Museum in Bow. They were taken to a Victorian classroom where the children were given an insight into the life of a poor Victorian child. The second part of the day was spent looking at the domestic life of poor Victorians, and the class had the opportunity to handle objects over 100 years old.

Lessons were also filled with engaged pupils as they worked through their History topics of the term.

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Summer Sports

With the arrival of some warmer weather, new opportunities have opened up for sporting activities across the Oak-Tree Group.

The ISA Athletics event was a particular highlight, with pupils from both Normanhurst and Braeside making it to the National finals at The Alexander Stadium. A few Coopersale Hall pupils took part in the Epping and Ongar District Athletics Tournament where they successfully took home the District Athletics Shield. From Oaklands, the children who attend Athletics Club took the trip to Lee Valley Athletics Centre for an afternoon of specialist coaching from two professional athletes.

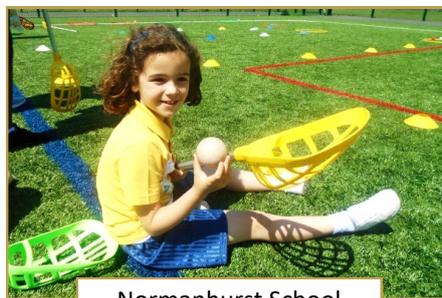


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Oaklands pupils took part in the House Cross Country event over the Summer Term, with pupils trying to complete as many laps of the school field as they could. As a joint effort the

children clocked up a massive 662 laps which is a total distance of 94.5 miles.

Both Coopersale Hall and Braeside made use of the sunshine by organising some fun and competitive Rounders Tournaments. Braeside held both a Junior and Senior tournament

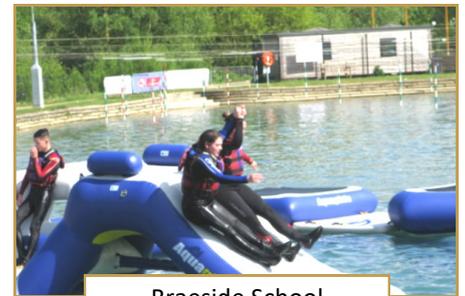


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with Nightingale and Bronte becoming the respective winners. Coopersale Hall took part in the Epping and Ongar District Rounders Tournament, again coming home with the shield.

Tennis has been a popular activity during the Summer Term, with Key Stage 2 pupils from Oaklands visiting the Avenue Tennis Club for an afternoon of specialist coaching and games. Some Normanhurst pupils were lucky enough to receive tickets for Wimbledon in the schools ballot, while also taking part in the English Schools tennis competition.

Year 11 pupils from Braeside took part in three weeks of fun and unusual activities for their last PE lessons.



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These involved Frisbee golf, a trip to the Total Wipeout course at Lee Valley Whitewater Rafting Centre and a trip to Top Golf. Normanhurst Year 2 pupils were also able to try out some unusual activities at the Peter May Centre at the value games event, where over 500 children from 11 schools attended. The children experienced lots of different sports such as lacrosse and archery

Both Coopersale Hall and Oaklands took part in the annual Bancroft's Swimming Gala in May. The pupils were involved in many very competitive races with many close finishes.



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Early Years Celebrations

Our Early Years celebrations all took place on in the penultimate week of term, with our younger children entertaining their friends and family with some lovely performances.

Each class from Oaklands took to the stage to showcase what they have been learning throughout the year, accompanied by a range of songs and poems relating to their topic work. It was lovely to hear about the children's



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adventures before Mrs Belej presented each child with a certificate to commend them for their hard work.

Normanhurst School Work Experience Week

During the Summer Term, Year 10 pupils were given the opportunity to participate in the 'World of Work' during a week of Work Experience. This year employment placements included Interior Design, Engineering, Architecture, Accounting, Hospitality and Education. The pupils received very complimentary reports from their host employees.

The children at Coopersale Hall also entertained with songs, with favourites being 'If I Were a Minibeast'



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and 'I Never Saw a Dinosaur.' The children spoke confidently on stage about their favourite memories from the year, before Miss Lovejoy presented Reception with certificates for achievement and attendance.



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The careers programme culminated in the annual careers and mock interview day which started with the opportunity to hear from seasoned professionals. They introduced pupils to their respective professions such as Quantity Surveying, Civil Engineering, Sports Psychology, Journalism, Media and Law.

In the afternoon the pupils were given 30 minute interviews in which they had to talk about their ambitions, interests and involvement in everyday



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The Normanhurst Early Years Celebration again took place in the nearby United Reformed Church. The children were excited to show their families what they have been up to in school. The highlight was definitely the fantastic performance of 'Reach for the Stars' by all of the Early Years children together.

The Early Years children from Braeside travelled to the Senior site to make use of the large marquee that had been set up in the grounds. They confidently reminisced, sang and danced their way through the afternoon with the grand finale of 'Oh I Do Like To be Beside The Seaside' - a fabulous way to end the year.

school life. The interview panel gave some very constructive feedback at the end of the sessions. This experience will certainly be useful in the near future.



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Coopersale Hall Trip to France

Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a very special trip in June. Their trip to France was packed with a range of activities, starting with a very early morning



journey by shuttle and coach to Bolougne sur Mer. Activities included visiting a castle, eating lunch from a local patisserie on a boat, visiting the huge Nausicaa Sea Life Centre and

making sweets in a local sweet factory.

It was a fascinating and enjoyable day filled with new experiences, and an excellent opportunity for the children to reinforce their understand of the French language.

"We all had an enjoyable time in France, it was great fun." - Year 6D

Normanhurst Summer Music Concert

Guests were welcomed into the 'Normanhurst Jazz Café' on Monday 8 July, ready for the eagerly anticipated Summer Music Concert. The hall had been laid out with small tables, glasses of wine and lots of tasty nibbles.

Pupils performed a wide variety of instrumental and vocal pieces, with many individual performances on the



violin, saxophone, piano and flute.

The Junior and Senior Choirs and Bands also impressed the audience

with a number of songs. The evening was rounded off with a fantastic 'Greatest Showman' medley. Well done to all of our performers!



Coopersale Hall School Gym Display

A popular after-school club at



Coopersale Hall is Gym Club. The first session is open to all ability groups and the pupils have the chance to learn new moves and skills. The second session is for the more advanced Gym Squad, and here pupils can further refine their moves and perfect routines.

Pupils have been working very hard in the club and were given a couple of opportunities in the Summer Term to show what they have learnt both in an



assembly and during the Picnic in the Park. It was clear to see their improvement from earlier on in the year. Well done!

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Cinderella Rockerfella

On the evenings of Monday 24 June and Tuesday 25 June, Coopersale Hall pupils donned some impressive costumes and entertained the large crowd of friends and family with a hilarious performance of Cinderella Rockerfella.



There was some excellent singing with toe-tapping numbers such as 'Tonight's the Night', 'If I Had One Wish' and the all time favourite, 'Happy Ever Afters'. Boos, hisses, cheers and laughter filled the room for the entire performance, meaning all the pupil's hard work really paid off. Well done!

Oaklands Building Projects

There have been many exciting projects taking place at Oaklands over the past year. There is now a large car park within the grounds, with a



connecting walkway leading to the buildings, as well as a front double storey extension that has provided an additional classroom and new toilets.

The huge double storey Hall extension is nearly complete, and looks fantastic. Over the Summer the builders are hard at work finishing the project that will see an enlarged school hall and a new library, servery, science room and kitchens.

When finished, this hugely ambitious project will transform the site and



should make a tremendous difference to the pupils and teachers, opening up more opportunities to enhance the learning and extra-curricular activities.

Key Trips across the Group

- Queens Court Care Home
- National Portrait Gallery
- Colchester Zoo
- V & A Museum
- Top Golf
- Lee Valley Centre
- Redbridge Museum
- St John's Church
- Chigwell and Hainault Synagogue
- Paradise Wildlife Park
- Kentwell House
- London Olympic Park
- Debden House
- Ashlyns Farm
- Young Mariners Base
- PGL Liddington
- The Spinney Care Home
- Rainforest Café
- Science Museum
- Kidzania London
- Chingford Fire Station
- Better Extreme Park
- Port Lympne Safari Park
- Thorndon Country Park
- The Globe Theatre
- London Zoo
- Floating Classroom - Paddington
- Legoland
- Lambourne End
- Emirates Aviation Museum
- Colchester Zoo
- Epping Ongar Railway
- Bolulogne sur Mer - France
- Ada Cole Horse Stables
- Epping Forest Visitor Centre
- Kingswood
- Imperial War Museum
- Ragged School Museum
- Stubbers Activity Centre

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A Little Outdoor Adventure

Coopersale Hall's Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed their time at Stubbers Activity Centre in May where paddle boarding and sailing were voted the favourite activities. Later in the year pupils went on a residential trip to Kingswood where they took part in a huge number of activities such as orienteering, the leap of faith, and Beach Adventure to name just a few.



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Year 6 pupils from Oaklands enjoyed their PGL residential in Liddington. The days were packed with adventure and pupils faced their fears, taking part in activities such as Jacob's

Ladders, zip lining, canoeing, fencing, rafting and much more. These were all experiences that the children will remember for many years to come.



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At the end of the school year, Senior Normanhurst pupils took their annual House trips to Lambourne End. This team challenge day was filled with competitive tasks like Marble Run, Swamp Crossing and Escape to Victory. Crossing the Chasm was particularly tricky!

Year 4 and 5 children from Braeside also made the short trip to Lambourne End and had enjoyed rafting in the



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beautiful weather. Teamwork, synchronisation and communication was key to avoid falling in! They were even reunited with the Braeside ducks that now call Lambourne End their home after growing up at the school.

What an adventurous bunch our pupils are!



Braeside School

Normanhurst Keep Britain Tidy for Earth Day

Pupils at Normanhurst have taken a particular interest this year in keeping Britain tidy, and have been working hard to do their bit for the environment.



Year 3 and 4 children made recycled sculptures, bringing in recycled materials and making their own endangered animal. They then took it upon themselves to pick up litter in their local area.

Year 5 also became #litterheroes as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, and walked around North Chingford picking up litter.

Year 6 took part in the campaign as well, voluntarily picking up litter after school, during the weekends and in their holidays.

The Junior School Council have created special paper recycling bins for each classroom and are always encouraging their peers and teachers to use the bins when they can.

"I felt proud because we are helping Britain be tidy." - Adam

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Oak-Tree Schools Parents' Associations

Our Parents' Associations were very busy last term arranging a number of events for pupils, families and friends. The Parent's Associations are always looking for parents to get involved with fundraising or events. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your committee if you would like to meet new families, contribute your ideas and work together to make a difference to your child's experience at school. This year our Parents' Associations had the additional challenge of organising the Summer Ball, which was highly successful, raising a lot of money for the associations. Thank you!

Braeside



Once again FOBS were able to hold their Summer Festival at the senior site, and it was another resounding success! As well as traditional stalls and games, this year there was also a popular talent show in which there were many performers such as singers, dancers and even a couple of magicians. Throughout the event the many stalls, bouncy castle and bungee run were extremely busy. Thank you to FOBS for making this event possible and to everyone who came to support the school.

Coopersale Hall



Picnic in the Park was another huge success this year, rounding off a very busy term in style! Children and parents had a wonderful afternoon taking part in the many attractions, including many new additions such as Beat the Buzzer and Wiggle Cars. Some of the favourites also returned including pony rides and Football Darts. The proceeds of the event will be put to very good use providing curricular enhancing activities and items for the children over the coming months, so thank you!

Normanhurst

Thanks to the hard work of the Parents' Association and the generosity of the parents over the past 18 months, the NSPA have now raised enough money to buy 32 iPads for the school, which will really enhance the pupils' learning experience. One of the biggest events of the summer was the Party in the Playground, which was hugely successful and a lot of fun. The playground was filled with dancing, stalls, a range of inflatables, a delicious BBQ and, of course, a top DJ who provided the entertainment. Thank you all!



Oaklands



There were so many activities to take part in on the Oaklands field for the OPA Summer Fete this year including go-karts, inflatables, rides, cupcake decorating, lucky dips and much more. The crowded bar, BBQ and live band helped to create a lovely family atmosphere and the large school field was packed all afternoon with pupils, staff, friends and family. The fete raised a great deal of money which, along with the funds from the Summer Ball, will go towards enhancing the pupils' learning experiences at the school. Thank you for your hard work and generosity.