

Spring 2024



# Oak-Tree Newsletter

# Group Principal's Message

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This is another bumper Group Newsletter, which is in this new format for the first time to make our news items easier for you to navigate.

It is always lovely looking back and seeing the huge range of trips, activities, competitions and other extra-curricular opportunities that are organised at each school to enhance the classroom education for our pupils. The Spring Term has been as busy as ever.

I particularly enjoy the occasions when the schools come together either for shared learning experiences or friendly competitions. This is happening more and more, and the pupils are certainly benefitting.

I'd like to wish our Year 11 pupils at Braeside and Normanhurst the best of luck for their GCSEs, which will be starting over the next few weeks. It is inevitable that they will be feeling nervous, but I am sure they are well-prepared and that they will be making the most of their remaining revision lessons.

I hope you managed to get something of a break over the Easter holiday, and that your children are ready for the start of what promises to be another very busy Summer Term. I'm looking forward to catching up with you at the various events over the coming term.

With best wishes

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# Oak-Tree Girls 5-a-side Football

Years 4, 5 and 6 girls football teams from all four schools took part in the Oak-Tree girls' football tournament at Shooters in North Weald Bassett.

It was truly inspiring to witness their hard work on the field, as they competed in the tournament with enthusiasm and determination.

The event also serves to launch Braeside's Year 6 team's new football kit, which was provided through a collaboration between the Premier League and Nike. The Premier League Primary Stars programme, which has distributed over 4,000 sets of football kits to schools with girls' teams, looks to encourage young girls across England and Wales to participate more actively in the sport and we were delighted to be included. Well done to all of the pupils who took part.



# Oak-Tree Spelling Bee

Oaklands School played host to the much-anticipated annual Oak-Tree Spelling Bee on an afternoon in early March. Selected pupils from Year 3 to Year 6 travelled from Coopersale Hall, Normanhurst and Braeside schools to participate.

Each year group faced a round at their designated school table in the Oaklands hall as Mrs Copeman, Oaklands Headmistress, read out a list of words for them to spell. The atmosphere was full of focus and concentration and the pupils tried their hardest to spell the words correctly.

Sitting at the judging table were Mrs. Moon and Miss Wood from Braeside, diligently marking each participant's spelling prowess. All students represented their schools admirably, showcasing impressive academic skills.

The overall winners of the Spelling Bee were Oaklands School, who will be keeping the trophy in their cabinet until next year! However, the other Oak-Tree schools weren't left empty-handed, as certificates were awarded to their deserving participants during their respective school assemblies.



# Oak-Tree Tag Rugby Tournament

All four schools participated in the Oak-Tree Under 11s Tag-Rugby competition in the Spring Term held at Eton Manor.

It was the first time the event was held as a separate girls and boys competition allowing for more pupils to take part and resulting in some fantastic rugby being played!

There were tries galore, magnificent defending skills to remove opposition tags, and excellent sportsmanship on show throughout.

### BOYS COMPETITION:

1st place - Coopersale Hall - 10 points

2nd place - Oaklands - 6 points

3rd place - Normanhurst - 2 points

### GIRLS COMPETITION:

1st - Coopersale Hall - 13 points (+6 try difference)

2nd - Oaklands - 13 points (+2 try difference)

3rd - Braeside - 9 points

4th - Normanhurst - 3 points



# World Book Day

World Book Day was a roaring success at the Oak-Tree Schools this year.

The children dressed up as their favourite story book characters. We saw characters from Wizard Of Oz, Harry Potter, Gangster Granny, Willy Wonka, several Disney princesses, ninja turtles, Alice in Wonderland characters and many more! All of the children enjoyed sharing why they chose their literary character.

Throughout the day pupils enjoyed a multitude of book-related activities. At Braeside, pupils wrapped up books to swap with their friends, Coopersale Hall designed book marks, Oaklands children got to marvel at everyone's outfits in their World Book Day assembly and Normanhurst had special guest author Abie Longstaff running workshops throughout the day.



## Oaklands Trashion Show

Oaklands hosted a fabulously fun House event earlier this term, the annual 'Trashion Show'!

Each of the four Houses was tasked with a creative challenge: to fashion two outfits entirely from materials typically found in household rubbish. The results were incredible, each piece a testament to pupils' creativity and resourcefulness.

The Holly, Beech, Sycamore and Willow models made a superb effort modelling their outfits on the Oaklands catwalk in the school hall.

A special acknowledgment is extended to Oaklands ECO council, whose tireless efforts in raising awareness about recycling and the importance of environmental conservation served as the driving force behind this event.



## ISA Easter Egg Competition

Each year group participated in the Oaklands Easter egg competition. Well done to everyone who took part – every single entry was...CRACKING! Each year group's efforts were judged and the winners were presented with an Easter egg in assembly.

First place eggs from all year groups were entered into the ISA's Easter egg competition. The ISA had invited EYFS-KS2 pupils to design and decorate a 3D egg to celebrate Easter. The more creative and imaginative the better.

A huge congratulations to Lucy who won the Year 5-6 Funniest Egg category for her entry complete with snazzy sunglasses, a flower crown and high heels! Oaklands School were egg-static about your achievement!



## Upper Kindergarten Explore the Wildwoods

The children in Upper Kindergarten had a wonderful time exploring the Wildwoods. They collected leaves and dug up soil, transferring it to the mud kitchen using wheelbarrows to make "mud cakes" and "pies", participating in imaginative play. The children enjoyed the sensory experience, feeling the different textures and smelling the wild garlic.

Whilst playing, they discovered different 'minibeasts' in the soil and tree bark including woodlice and worms. Some of the children participated in outdoor mark-making and decided to brighten up the logs by designing their own pictures using rainbow colours. Afterwards, they all sat together and enjoyed their morning snack and drink.



## House Multi-Sports Event

The Oaklands House multi-sports event was another successful afternoon. Pupils congregated at the school astro turf for an afternoon of athletic activities from football, tennis, hockey and basketball to name a few.

The Year 6's acted as 'House team buddies' and they did a great job looking after the children and scoring all of their events.



## The Police Visit Oaklands School

Kindergarten had an exciting visit from Police Officers at both the Herts and Essex Police forces earlier this term.

Sergeant Smedley came to the classroom and spoke to Kindergarten about road safety, stranger danger and what a police officer's job entails. They also got to try on some of the kit police officers use every day in the form of mini police uniforms. Some children also got to see what it is like to wear handcuffs!

The children then made their way down the the Oaklands School car park where they all got the opportunity to sit inside a real police car. One of the boys was particularly excited at the prospect of this as he had just been gifted his own toy police car for Christmas. Everyone helped the police officers turn on the sirens and the officers told the children what scenarios each different sound is used for.



## 3CO Class Assembly

3CO held their class assembly where they took the rest of the school through the curriculum they have been learning this term.

They started with history, telling the other children about the Bronze Age, Stone Age and Neolithic periods, how houses were built, how people lived and other interesting facts from each early period in our historic timeline.

Lovely artwork was shown based around the eruption at Pompeii. They had created works of art depicting the volcano in the style of well known artists including Andy Warhol.

Next the class performed a Maths section, with entertaining songs that have helped them learn both their times tables and fractions.

Finally, 3CO showed the school their developing recorder skills. Well done 3CO on a wonderful assembly!



## Year 6 trip to the Houses of Parliament

Year 6 embarked on an exciting trip to The Houses of Parliament in Westminster alongside Braeside School.

During their visit they went on an informative tour, delving into the building's rich history. They also had the opportunity to observe live discussions among MPs in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, gaining insight into government proceedings.

The students actively participated in a workshop that encouraged them to look at the art of debating and what constitutes a successful debate. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience for everyone involved!



## Stratford & East London Choir Competition

On Monday 5th February, Oaklands KS2 choir competed in the Stratford & East London Music Festival.

Their category was called "Christmas in February" and choirs were required to sing two contrasting songs from their Christmas repertoire. This year the bar was extremely high and it was wonderful to hear such polished singing from the different school choirs.

Oaklands choir sang their hearts out and were given high praise from the adjudicator. They can be justly proud of their performance.



## Braeside Careers Fair

Braeside pupils from Kindergarten to Year 10 recently experienced a highly engaging and informative Careers Fair.

The school welcomed several special guests for the afternoon, who kindly gave up their time to speak to the pupils about their chosen careers. Guests included a Nursing Apprentice, a Film Make-up Artist, a Barrister, a Sports Agent and a GP. Their talks included insights on what made them choose that career path, how they got the job, and what the job entails day to day. Students were encouraged to ask interview style questions.

A huge thank you to all the guest speakers, you certainly gave pupils a lot to think about as they look towards their futures.



## Kindergarten Visit Chingford Fire Station

Kindergarten and Reception classes embarked on an exhilarating trip to Chingford Fire Station as part of Braeside school's vibrant Careers Week activities.

During the emersive experience, the children were treated to an up-close and personal glimpse into the daily life of a firefighter.

One of the highlights of the visit was witnessing a firefighter swiftly descend down the iconic fire pole. They also had the thrilling opportunity to step inside a real fire engine.

But perhaps the most exhilarating moment of all was when the children eagerly took hold of the firehose, their faces lit up with excitement as they aimed to douse a target with precision.

Pupils gained valuable insights into the vital role of firefighters within our community, the importance of courage, teamwork, and public service. It was a day filled with unforgettable memories and invaluable lessons that will undoubtedly leave a lasting impression on the children.



## Essex Police at Braeside School

Kindergarten and Reception took part in another exciting activity during Careers week. Braeside School was very lucky to have three Police Officers visit from Loughton Police Station. The children learnt all about the different roles the Police have within the community, what equipment they carry and even tried on some police hats and jackets!



## ISA North Netball Competition



The U11 and U13 netball teams took part in the ISA North Netball tournament at Redbridge Sports Centre.

The U13's lost 2-1 to Bedford Greenacre, drew 2-2 against Northbridge, won 7-2 against Knightsbridge and won 6-2 against Akeley Wood. They improved so much throughout the day!

The U11s won 5-0 against King Alfreds, drew 1-1 against Normanhurst, drew 1-1 against Avon House and won 3-1 against Howe Green. They progressed into the quarter finals where they narrowly lost 3-2 to Gatehouse School. They worked brilliantly as a team and all should be extremely proud of their efforts!



## Braeside Art

This term has seen some incredible works of art produced in Braeside School's Art department.

Maya produced this beautiful piece of digital art after a discussion about 'A view from a window.'

We can all relate to dreaming about a warmer, happy place, especially during winter months!

Maya's work has been entered into the annual ISA digital art competition. A big well done Maya for this outstanding piece of art!



Art and Science combined in Year 7's art class with their Chernobyl Insect project.

Pupils really enjoyed looking at the Swiss artist Cornelia Hesse-Honegger, exploring a range of mediums and techniques including oil pastels, water colours and pen and ink.

They imagined the lives of bugs and insects living on the Chernobyl site. In groups, they created dramatic pieces depicting bright coloured radioactive bugs within disused, abandoned Chernobyl backdrops.

Well done budding artists on your creative works!



## Science Week

Braeside pupils embarked on an exhilarating journey of discovery and exploration during Science Week, immersing themselves in a captivating array of activities designed to ignite their curiosity and passion for the wonders of the natural world.

The children were excited to have the Wonderdome back this year in the school hall, transporting them on a mesmerizing voyage through space to the edge of our solar system and beyond!

Each year group delved into the realm of scientific inquiry through hands-on experiments conducted in their own classrooms. From rainbow creations in Year 1 to the explosive eruptions of miniature volcanoes, students embraced the opportunity to unleash their inner scientists.

As the week drew to a close, Braeside was abuzz with excitement as a menagerie of creatures descended upon the school. Pupils were able to hold or touch various species from spiders to skunks! Learning fun animal facts throughout the experience.





# Chartwells Bee Ready Competition

Chartwells invited the school to create a poster showing what hungry bees can feast on when they come out of hibernation. The team was overwhelmed with the response with so many entries submitted and thrilled to see how imaginative they all were.

Congratulations to the winners – Jack in 6Z, Robyn in 3B, Scarlett in 3G, Lavinia in 1V and Teddy in 4G.

The winners of the competition received a certificate and a flower garden starter kit for their classroom. The whole class can then nurture the flowers and watch them grow - inside to start with, and then pots can be popped outside from April onward for the hungry bees to enjoy!



# Year 6 Bikeability

Year 6 completed the Bikeability challenge and test. The two day course started with a day's training on the schools Astroturf court, getting used to riding behind someone and using different road signals.

By the second day, Year 6 were out on the roads. When finally back in school, they all sat down in the courtyard and shared something they learned within the course to earn their Bikeability level two badges.



# Junk Modelling

The children of KS1 gathered in the school hall in their Houses to enjoy a Junk Modelling event. Pupils were asked to create their own Coopersale Town from recycled paper, boxes and plastics. Everyone worked enthusiastically and collaboratively to create their buildings.

Once the town had been made the children enjoyed looking at each other's buildings and some shared their thoughts and inspirations to the listening audience.

The Heads of Houses were proud of the work that their children had imagined and how well everyone worked together.

# Easter Animals Visit Coopersale Hall

Coopersale Hall would like to thank FOCHS for kindly organising for the spring animals to come into the School.

The children very much enjoyed seeing the animals and having the chance of stroking them.

The animals ranged from baby lambs to snakes, and a rat named Bacon. His brothers Sausage and Mushroom were back home waiting for him!

There were so many thoughtful questions asked and the children were very thoughtful when they had the opportunity of handling the animals. Everyone really enjoyed this lovely visit.



# Mad Hair Day

Mad Hair Day was another huge success this year. It was held on Friday 23rd February and the pupils came to school with some very elaborate hairdos!

Children in every year group donned their craziest hairstyles in aid of charity. From noodles with chip sticks, to googly-eyed buns, hairspray and a lot of glitter, every pupil came up with wonderfully wacky ideas that did not disappoint. Well done to all of the teachers for also getting into the spirit of the day and coming into school with equally crazy hair!

On the day, some of the Year 6 pupils stood outside the gates for donations. Thank you so much to everyone at the school who donated and took part in the event.





## Inter-House Cross Country Competition

On the afternoon of Thursday the 14th March 2024 the whole of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 took part in the annual inter-house cross country competition.

All the children did very well, with everyone finishing their race - even those who managed to lose a shoe in the mud on their way round the track! Year 3 and 4 all completed a single lap whilst Years 5-7 completed 2 laps. The second lap was far more gruelling than the first, but children battled up the hill and then enjoyed the downhill run to the finish line.

Oak House won overall; Defne was thrilled to raise the cup on behalf of her House.



## Coopersale Hall Easter Bonnet Parade

Despite the somber skies casting a grey hue over the day, pupils from Coopersale Hall School proudly adorned their meticulously crafted bonnets for the eagerly awaited annual Easter Bonnet Parade!

From oversized eggs and blooming daffodils to fluffy chicks and intricate Easter gardens, each bonnet was a testament to the creativity and imagination of Coopersale's pupils.

Each year group proudly took it in turns to parade along the terrace and onto the grass, finishing at the steps for a perfect photo opportunity. Amidst the sea of colorful headwear, there were even a few surprises, including an Easter-themed Spider-Man creation, much to the delight of onlooking parents and family members.

The Easter Bonnet Parade served as a heartwarming way to usher in the Easter holidays, finishing the Spring Term on a high.

# STEAM Fortnight

Normanhurst School held a series of activities themed around STEAM - Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics.

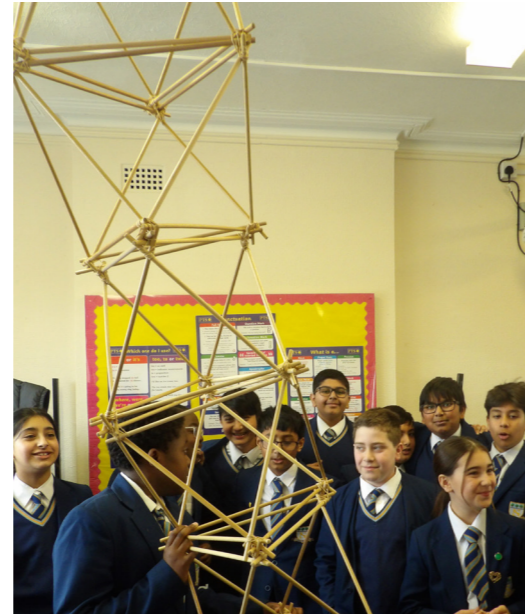
Each year group took part in workshops throughout the two weeks. Years 7-9 took part in an architecture workshop. Banding together in teams, pupils made pyramids or tetrahedrons that then joined together to make giant structures!

Pupils from Reception to Year 6 enjoyed the Maths workshop at the beginning of the week where they had to put their problem-solving skills to the test and work collaboratively in small groups or pairs to work out the answers. Pupils worked in their houses to earn points and many pupils showed excellent leadership skills, as well as improving their Mathematical understanding. In Year 6, the first team to finish the code-breaking activity was Ridgeway and they completed the challenge in a record-breaking 18 minutes!

Junior pupils became Potters for the day in a workshop led by Mrs Scott. Pupils learnt new skills and made individual items from clay. The pupils enjoyed getting messy and experiencing something new.

A series of assemblies were also held around STEAM. Reception Class finished off week one with a fantastic class assembly all about Space. Pupils used their knowledge of the planets and sang songs to tell the other children and their parents about what they had learnt that week.

The second week started with Year 9 pupils delivering an exciting, engaging and interactive assembly where pupils from younger age groups were able to try out different experiments.



Normanhurst School hatched a cluster of eggs and housed 5 ducklings!

The children from different classes across the school named them 'Fluffy-Duck', 'Daphne', 'Tiny', 'Waddle' and 'Pecky'. The pupils loved watching the ducklings and closely observed them; examining their beaks and webbed feet.

The pupils in Kindergarten were so gentle when handling the ducklings and would often sing to them to help them fall asleep!

They sadly went back home during the second week of STEAM fortnight but the pupils have loved seeing the ducks swimming around and getting their new feathers. Everyone at the school will miss them very much.

All year groups were able to enjoy the 'Dome workshop' held in the local church. An immersive experience taking the children through a varied set of natural scientific adventures, including a journey through the different weather that accompanies each season.

Senior pupils also left the school on a series of STEAM themed trips. Travelling to St Marys University in London to visit the "Centre of the Cell". There was also a trip to the RAF museum in Hendon where pupils got the chance to go on a thrilling simulator ride, experiencing the view and movement of a plane as they piloted it through the skies.

## ISA Choir Competition



The Senior Choir had a wonderful time participating in the ISA A Cappella Competition at Leighton Park School in Reading.

The Senior choir competed against five other choirs who were all of an excellent standard. The judges, Lisa Lynn and Pascal Blashta, were professional singers and actors who brought their expertise to the event.

Pupils were thrilled to hear that Normanhurst was placed third/highly commended, given the high standard of competitors. This is an incredible achievement that the school is very proud of.

## House Music Competition

The school's House Music Competition has once again showcased the immense talent and effort of Normanhurst's Pupils. A well-deserved congratulations to Rangers House for winning with their performances of "I Dreamed a Dream" and "Do You Hear the People Sing?" - truly moving renditions that stood out.

This year, the school was honoured to have not one, but two distinguished judges overseeing the competition. Shaun Escoffery, renowned for his role as Mufasa in The Lion King Musical, brought a wealth of experience to the panel. His insights and encouragement were invaluable. Alongside Mr. Escoffery, Normanhurst's very own Headmistress, Mrs. Job.

Each performance was a reflection of the hard work and dedication that our pupils put into preparing for this event, supported by their teachers.

A big thank you to everyone involved, from all the pupils to the staff, and especially to our judges, for making this year's House competition a memorable event.



## Shakespeare Week

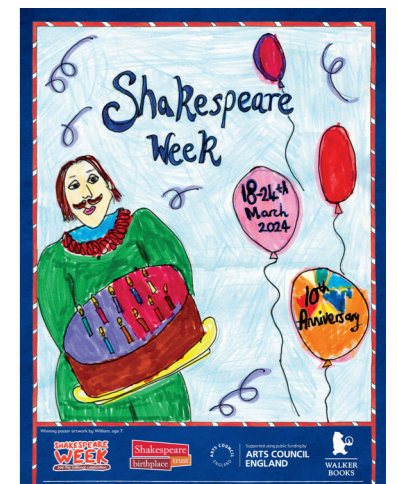
Normanhurst School received an invitation to take some Year 6 pupils to Stratford-Upon-Avon to witness their competition-winning school entry being transferred to the official Shakespeare Birthplace Trust archives to be stored alongside various other artefacts.

Our pupils attended the centre on the day of the ceremony at the Shakespeare Centre and joined many other pupils from around the UK. They experimented with quill and ink, made wax seals and had opportunities to look very closely at many artefacts, which were up to 900 years old! They met Marcia Williams who talked to them about how Shakespeare inspires her when she is writing her books.

Our pupils were treated to a tour of Shakespeare's Birthplace and learnt about the conditions in which people lived. During our visit around the centre, we also spotted the Shakespeare Week posters which were designed by one of our Year 2 pupils, William.

William and his family visited Stratford-Upon-Avon over the previous weekend to see his winning Shakespeare Week poster. The family was so excited to see the poster all over the town!

William was made to feel very special by the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust team and also met Marcia Williams who signed and presented him with a book of Shakespeare plays.



## Braeside School Harry Potter Studios

Years 6 and 7 visited the wonderful Harry Potter Studios in Watford. Located at the Studios where all eight Harry Potter films were produced, the Studio Tour showcases the British talent and artistry that went into the making of the Wizarding World.

Around every corner was something new and exciting with various opportunities to re-enact some of the famous parts of the films. Children were able to explore costumes worn by the actors, meet characters and study the set designs and props. The Forbidden Forest, Gringotts Bank and Diagon Alley were amongst the few areas that the children explored. A very magical day!



## Coopersale Hall School Boulogne Day Trip

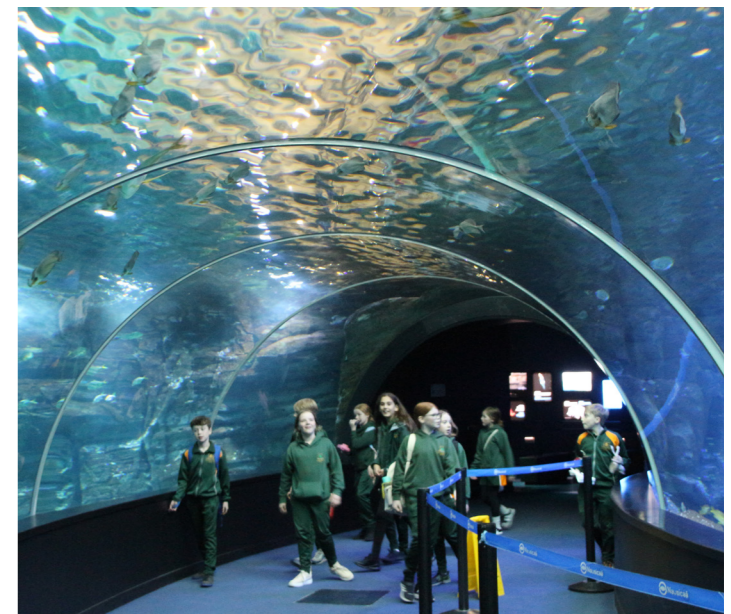
Year 5 to 7 children from Coopersale Hall School took a day trip to Boulogne, France.

Arriving at Coopersale Hall by 5am to board the coach for the long journey, after a trip through the Eurotunnel, they arrived in France just after 10am French time and made their way to their first destination, a chocolate factory!

They were greeted by their tour guide who gave them small samples of chocolate to try before showing the children how their chocolate is produced and the names of the machines used in its creation.

Their second destination was the Nausicaa Aquarium, the largest in Europe. There was so much to look at – jellyfish, sea lions, sharks and the awe-inspiring sight of a colossal stingray! Everyone was mesmerised by the wonders of the deep blue sea.

The day concluded with a dinner where pupils reflected on the places they had visited.



## Oaklands School St Albans Cathedral

Reception children had a wonderful trip to St Albans Cathedral. The children were very excited to travel in a double decker coach to St Albans to start their busy day. Once there, they took a tour of the cathedral to look at the beautiful stained glass windows and learn about some of the stories they depict.

The children then made their own stained glass window and used a light box to show them at their best. They then took another tour to look at shapes in the cathedral environment, spotting 2D shapes on the ceilings and walls and especially on the elaborate tiled floors. Pupils then made a crayon rubbing of different tiles.

The children had another workshop where they used non-standard measurements like their arm spans, feet and hands, to measure pillars and floor slabs. Afterwards pupils used a balloon and thread to measure the height of the cathedral ceiling and tried using a measuring wheel. The children had a fantastic day out with the highlight being their pack lunch!



## Normanhurst School Duxford Air Museum

As part of the Year 6 History curriculum, the pupils went on a fantastic trip to Duxford, the largest air museum in Europe. From the early days of flight, through to the dramatic days of the Second World War and the technological advances of the Cold War, IWM Duxford has played a central role in some of the most significant periods of 20th-century history.

During their visit, the children visited various aircraft hangers with historical exhibits relating to the Second World War, including land warfare, The Battle of Britain, and the D-Day Landings.

Pupils also had the opportunity to step onboard Concorde, as well as sit in a replica Spitfire cockpit and take shelter in an Anderson Shelter.



## Braeside School Dilly & Epping Forest Council

Braeside welcomed Di Butler from Epping Forest District Council in January to give an assembly to the Seniors about electing their new Epping Forest Youth Councillors for the 2024-2026 season.



Pupils had a presentation to inform them of the opportunities they can have – regular council meetings, directing projects in the district, making changes for youths in their area and visiting the Houses of Parliament. This is a chance to experience the life and work in politics at a local and national level.

Di Butler came back to Braeside later in the term to lead the School's Youth Council election. Pupils had a real life taste of local democracy at work voting in a private voting booth, sealing their papers and posting them in the ballot box.

Epping Forest District Council also recently awarded Dilly in Year 10 "Highly Commended" in the category of "Young Citizen of the Year 2024."

As an Ambassador for The Multi Schools Council, Dilly works hard to challenge perceptions of difference and raise awareness of challenges young people may face.

## Normanhurst School Visits to The Spinney Care Home

Children in Years 1 to 3 have been to see residents at The Spinney Care Home.

Over the course of several visits, pupils have had the privilege of sharing delightful afternoons engaging in meaningful conversations and spirited games with the residents.

The staff and residents at The Spinney Care Home remarked on the wonderful and helpful nature of Normanhurst's pupils, praising their warmth, enthusiasm and genuine interest in forging meaningful connections.



## Coopersale Hall School Toy Sale

Year 5 have recently held a toy sale with the proceeds going to charity - The Dream Factory.

Held over two afternoons the class raised a whopping total of £200 pounds.

The toy sale had multiple stalls, one for cars and figures, one for dressing up outfits, one for stuffed toys and plushies, one for books and finally one for puzzles and games.

The Dream Factory is a charity that allows children who have very serious illnesses the chance to fulfil a dream that they would dearly love to experience.

Mrs Howard was very proud of how industrious her class were with organising and being a part of this toy sale. The children worked as a wonderful team and were proud to donate towards this important charity.

After the sale, The Dream Factory issued a certificate to Year 5 for all of their efforts.



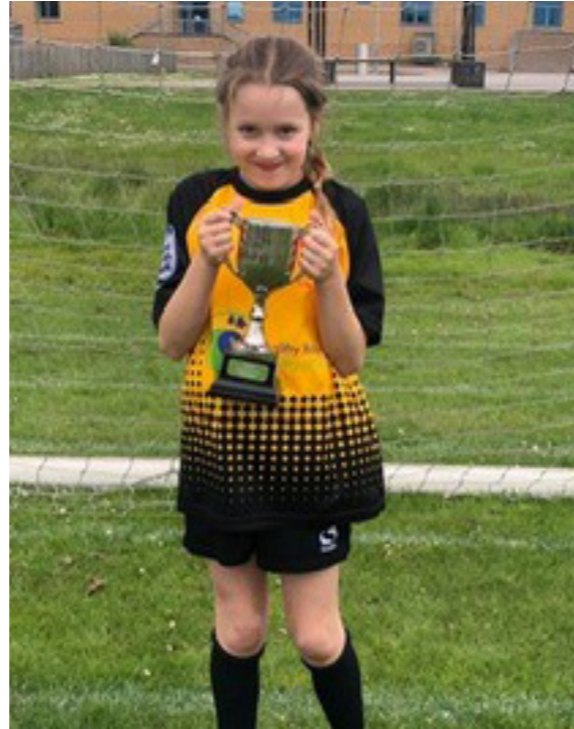
## Oaklands School Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is an annual fundraising campaign created by Comic Relief to help raise awareness of, and put an end to, child poverty. Oaklands School took part this year, with all pupils coming into school wearing something red, there was also an assortment of different red noses on display! Thank you to all Oaklands families who donated money towards such a worthy cause.



## Braeside School Gracie Joins Football Academy

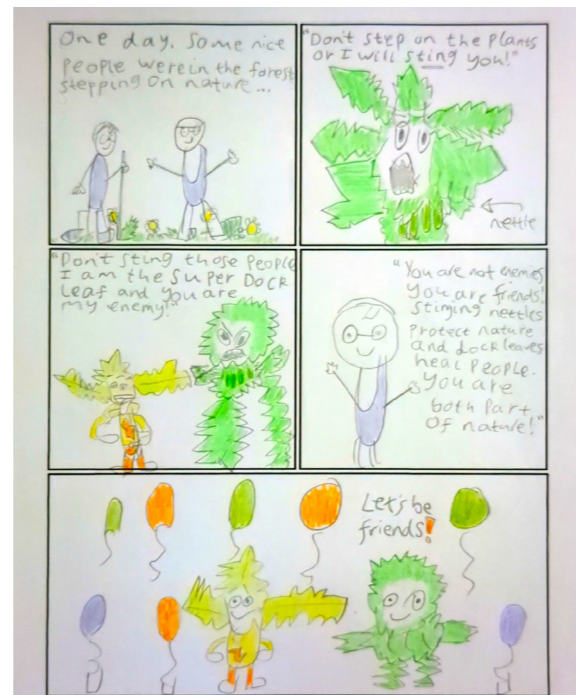
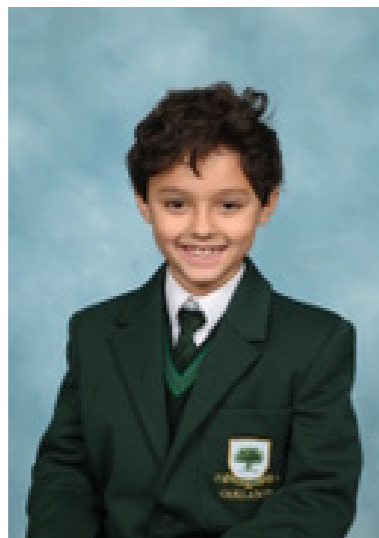
Gracie in Year 6 has recently joined She Can Play Football Academy. 25 SCP players signed contracts with professional Football Clubs and Associations recognised under The FA's Female Talent Pathway. If players work hard, the programme at She Can Play provides a clear pathway to becoming a future Lioness!



## Oaklands School Rafael Wins ISA Comic Competition

Rafael in 2Z won first place at the ISA Comic Strip Competition with his very unique and imaginative entry about friendship, Stingers vs. The Super Docks.

It is a fantastic achievement and the whole Oaklands community is thrilled to see Rafael's work recognised by the ISA.



## Coopersale Hall School Jack Wins U11 West Essex Squash

Coopersale Hall is delighted to celebrate Jack in 6Z achieving his medal for coming 1st in his recent squash competition - becoming the Under 11's West Essex Squash Champion, winning 5 out of his 6 games.

The school wishes Jack every success for his future games and feel that it is wonderful he has found a sport that he enjoys, that allows him to meet new people and also inspires him to keep learning. Well done Jack!



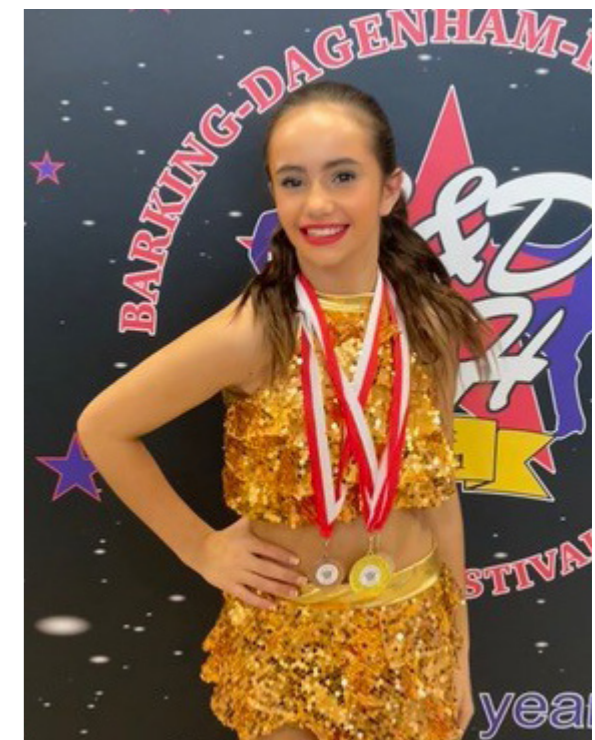
## Normanhurst School Nina Shines in Cheer & Dance

Nina has competed in multiple competitions throughout this term with her Flyers Elite Cyanide cheer team. Achieving an amazing 2nd place at this years ICC Southern International Championships.

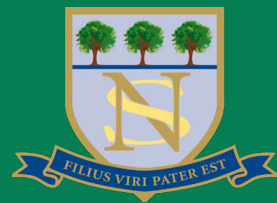
Nina also participated in the Barking Dagenham Harold Hill 52nd Stage Festival, coming away with three medals competing in Class B Modern, where she got 3rd place out of 15 participants, in Class B Tap, where she got 2nd place out of 14 and in Junior Small Modern Troupe, where they achieved 1st place.

This was the first time Nina's Junior Modern Troupe had competed in a festival together, so it was fantastic for them to receive a 1st.

Most recently Nina competed at the British Theatre Dance Association competition for London and Essex in Class C Tap, Modern, Lyrical and Acro dance where she won an incredible 4 medals and 3 trophies







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