

Summer 2024



# Oak-Tree Newsletter

# Group Principal's Message

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This is another bumper Oak-Tree Newsletter, which rounds up the last academic year nicely.

I'm always amazed to look back and see 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. This has certainly been a very busy Summer Term, as well as the rest of the year.

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 GCSE results after several weeks of tough exams during the Summer Term. There are only a few more weeks to wait and I'm sure that there will be plenty of happy faces celebrating some excellent achievement.

Thank you for all of your support over the course of the year and the continuing role you play in helping us to educate your children. I hope you manage to get something of a break over the Summer holiday, and that your children are able to take some time to switch off and unwind before their schooling restarts in September.

With best wishes

Matthew Hagger

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## Oak-Tree Three Tees Cricket Tournament

Pupils from Year 2 at all four Oak-Tree Schools came together in the Oaklands grounds to take part in the annual Three Tees Cricket Tournament. There was a fantastic atmosphere with excellent batting, fielding and general sportsmanship to round off all the matches.

In a close fought contest, the final results were;

1st – Coopersale Hall

2nd – Oaklands

3rd – Normanhurst

4th - Braeside



## Oak-Tree Quadkids Athletics Competition

On Tuesday 25 June selected pupils from each Oak-Tree School travelled to Ashton Playing Fields for a group athletics competition.

It was a very hot day but all the children performed amazingly well considering the heat. They took part in the javelin, long jump, 400m, 60/80m sprint and relay.

The final results were;

1st – Oaklands 449 points

2nd – Coopersale Hall 405 points

3rd – Normanhurst 348 points

4th – Braeside 262 points





# Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament

Pupils from Years 4-6 showcased their tennis skills at the annual Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament, held at the Chingford Tennis Club. Blessed with beautiful weather, the event was a huge success, filled with intense matches and vibrant energy.

The singles matches were fiercely contested, with each point well-earned. The excitement peaked during the doubles event, where the standings were ultimately decided with impressive performances from all teams.

Well done to all the amazing pupils who contributed to a wonderful day of tennis!

1st Oaklands & Normanhurst – 31 points

2nd Braeside – 18 points

3rd Coopersale Hall 17 points





## Oaklands Tennis Achievements

The Oaklands Tennis team has been exceptional this year, and the school is incredibly proud of the results from various competitive events.

Earlier this term, pupils from Years 3 to 6 enjoyed a fantastic day at the West Essex School Sports Partnership Mini- Tennis event at Theydon Bois Tennis Club. Years 3 and 4 emerged as champions in their competition, and Years 5 and 6 also secured victory in their tournament.

Continuing their streak, the team represented Oaklands at the Essex Regional Tennis Finals at Harlow Tennis Club. Despite facing tough opponents, Oaklands managed to secure a remarkable 2nd place, becoming the runners-up in the Essex. What a significant achievement!

Additionally, the tennis teams participated in the ISA U11 Tennis Championship in the Summer Term. Demonstrating remarkable skills and sportsmanship, our pupils triumphed over all competing schools, finishing at the top of the table and bringing the trophy back to Oaklands!



## Year 2 Visit Barleylands

Year 2 pupils had a wonderful day out at Barleylands. The trip was filled with excitement as the children had the opportunity to meet and feed a variety of animals, including cows and goats. A special highlight was meeting a very friendly tortoise! The day was a fantastic mix of learning and fun, with the sunny weather making it even more enjoyable.



## Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits

Oaklands parents, friends and staff were treated to an incredible show by our talented pupils as they performed "Ali Baba & the Bongo Bandits."

The pupils delivered a flawless performance, having learned their lines perfectly, singing confidently and remembering every dance step.

The show was a vibrant spectacle with colourful characters and sparkling songs that had everyone laughing at the well-timed jokes and tapping along to the music.

Congratulations to all the children who took part in this thrilling production and made it such a memorable event.





## Sports Day 2024

Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 Sports Day events were extremely entertaining again this year.

The children enthusiastically participated in a range of races, including racket and ball races, hurdles and fun obstacle courses.

Adding to the excitement, the parent races made for interesting viewing, revealing some highly competitive parents at the school!

Congratulations to Sycamore House who secured victory of the House Cup.

A huge well done to everyone who took part and contributed to a wonderful day of sporting fun.



## Lower Kindergarten Release Butterflies

The children in Lower Kindergarten were thrilled as they watched their caterpillars grow and build their cocoons. One morning, the children were amazed to find that the caterpillars had emerged from their cocoons, revealing five beautiful butterflies in the net.

Over the following days, the children excitedly fed the butterflies and observed them closely. Finally, with great enthusiasm, they released the butterflies into the outdoor area, bringing a wonderful learning experience to a satisfying conclusion.



## Potatoes!

Just before the Easter holidays, the Oaklands Eco Council planted potatoes in pots near the main school building. This term, they eagerly dug them up and were delighted to harvest a bountiful crop of potatoes.

The successful harvest was a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Eco Council, showcasing their commitment to sustainability and hands-on learning. Well done to everyone involved!





## Oaklands Children Vote

Democracy was alive and thriving at Oaklands as children actively participated in enhancing the natural environment and combating climate change. They recently exercised their voting rights to choose a fruit tree that their House would plant in the school grounds.

This initiative not only promoted environmental stewardship, but also taught the children about the importance of voting - a fundamental aspect of British values. Each child had the opportunity to cast their vote in the Oaklands Ballot Box, experiencing first hand the democratic process.

The children are excited to know that once they reach eighteen years of age they will be able to vote in the next General Election. They understand that their vote will help influence important decision making in a position way.



## Year 6 Leavers Assembly

There wasn't a dry eye in the room as our Year 6 pupils led a heartfelt leavers assembly for their parents and teachers. Each pupil took the stage to share their favourite memories from their time at Oaklands. The morning was filled with songs, thanks and plenty of laughter over some very funny baby photos!

Following the assembly, Year 6 received special leavers hoodies and ceremoniously threw their 'graduation' caps into the air. It was a beautiful way to bid farewell to the class of 2024.



## Early Years Celebration of the Year

Oaklands families had a lovely afternoon celebrating the Early Years' achievements throughout the year. The children shared all their favourite memories with the audience, with Kindergarten and Reception entertaining us with some fun songs and dance moves.

Songs included 'Red Sails', 'Grumpy Pirate', and 'Too Many Toffees'. The children enjoyed singing and acting out the music.



## Speech Day & Prize Giving 2024

The Oaklands annual Speech Day and Prize Giving took place in a marquee on the school field which was full to the brim with pupils, staff, family, and friends.

The guest speaker this year was Tony Miller, MBE, who is the Director of Whitechapel Mission. Mr Miller presented the awards to our pupils for their achievements throughout the year before explaining the essential support the Whitechapel Mission gives to countless individuals who are homeless and vulnerable.





## Aladdin Jr.

Braeside School's production of Aladdin Jr. at Redbridge Drama Centre this year was a spectacular success.

All pupils in the Juniors were involved, including the school's youngest stars who danced, sang and provided amazing backing for all the songs.

The children put so much effort into their rehearsals and all the hard work really paid off with excellent singing, perfectly timed comedy and fantastic acting.



## Early Years & the Ice Cream Van

As part of their summer topic, Braeside Kindergarten recently enjoyed a delightful visit from the ice-cream van. The children were incredibly excited to select their favourite flavours, with bubble-gum emerging as the most popular choice! Laughter and joy were shared by all during this special treat.

Following the visit, Kindergarten enthusiastically created artwork depicting their ice creams. These colourful creations were proudly showcased at Braeside's Early Years Celebration of the Year, where each child shared their favourite ice cream flavour with their parents.



## FOBS Disco

Braeside School's bi-annual FOBS Disco and Festival was a fun-filled event. Thank you to FOBS and the parent helpers who helped make the afternoon possible!

There was a DJ and party entertainer, as well as a circus act. Teachers and Year 9 supported with face paint and festival glitter.

The gorgeous weather added to the occasion and made for a wonderful afternoon of fun!





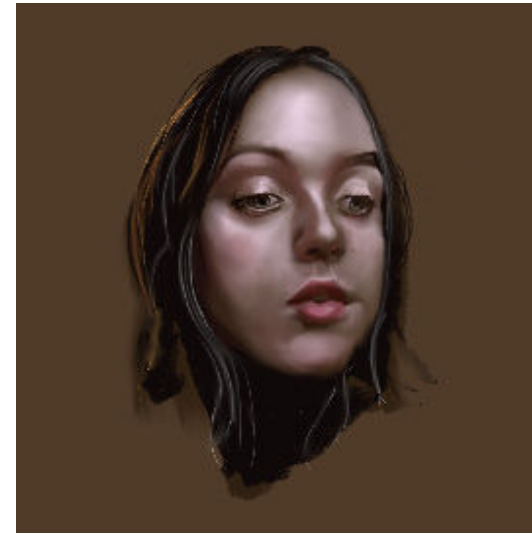
## ISA Digital Art Competition

Braeside submitted some outstanding artwork this year displaying exceptional levels of skill. A huge well done to Maya, Rebecca and Katherine for their results.

KS3 Maya awarded 1st place

KS4 Rebecca awarded 1st place

KS2 Katherine awarded 2nd place - Digital Drawing and Painting Category



## ISA Athletics

Pupils from Years 3 to 10 represented Braeside in a number of events at this year's ISA Athletics Competition in Bedford.

Both Kristen in Year 10 and Nicole in Year 6 qualified to attend the ISA Athletics National finals in Birmingham and represented London North. Running in the national finals was a fantastic achievement for both of them.

A huge congratulations girls!

## LAMDA Results

There was excellent news when the LAMDA results arrived for Braeside pupils, who had taken their Speaking Verse and Prose examinations in March. All that hard work and preparation had certainly been worth it!

There were outstanding results for 55 pupils ranging from Year 1, who had taken their Introductory Stage 1 examination, up to pupils in Years 10 and 11 who had taken the Grade 6 Bronze or the Grade 7 Silver examinations.

In the Juniors, 15 Distinctions were achieved and 9 Merits were awarded! Amongst the Seniors, 16 pupils gained a Distinction and the other 15 got a Merit! In addition, a total of 12 Bronze Medals and 3 Silver Medals were handed out.



## Sports Day 2024



The whole of Braeside enthusiastically participated in Sports Day, from Lower Kindergarten all the way up to Year 10.

Pupils competed in a variety of races, including flat sprints, 200m races, skipping races, obstacle races, and the traditional egg and spoon race. Additionally, field sports such as long jump and javelin added to the excitement this year. The afternoon concluded with thrilling relay races that kept everyone on their toes.

Throughout the day, it was lovely to witness all our pupils cheering each other on and offering support in every race.

A heartfelt congratulations goes out to all the medal winners, and a special recognition to Fry House, who emerged victorious as the winners of Sports Day 2024.





## Early Years Celebration of the Year

The marquee was filled with a high level of energy at the end of the Summer Term as the Early Years children entertained us with a range of songs and percussion pieces.

The children enjoyed telling the audience of friends and family about their main highlights of the year. Mrs. Moon handed out certificates to each pupil for their outstanding achievements and development throughout the year.



## Speech Day & Prize Giving 2024

Braeside's annual Speech Day and Prize Giving celebrated the many successes of our Junior and Senior pupils throughout the year.

Our guest speaker this year was Teresa Watts, the Pearly Queen of Clapton. Teresa discussed her family's important charity work before handing out the well-deserved awards to our pupils.

Performances included instrumentals, lots of singing, solos and poems from the schools' LAMDA pupils.



## Culture Day

Braeside recently hosted its first-ever Culture Day, celebrating the school's diverse range of cultures through a variety of engaging activities. Led by senior pupils and involving junior classes, the event aimed to educate students about global cultures beyond the Braeside community.

Students created informative display stalls showcasing various countries within their assigned continents. These stalls, arranged in a marketplace style, allowed junior classes to learn about different cultures through interactive presentations by senior pupils.

Adding to the cultural immersion, students dressed in attire reflecting their cultural heritage and participated in a school-wide fashion show. The day concluded with a lively "Guess the Flag" quiz, engaging all classes in a spirited test of geographical knowledge via Zoom.





## Year 3 Visit Epping Forest Field Centre

On Thursday 6 June, Year 3 visited the Epping Field Study Centre to take part in a teamwork and communication survival day.

Before Year 3 could set off into Epping Forest, the instructors at the field centre wanted to ensure that everyone could read and understand how to follow the bearing points of a compass. The children listened very carefully and understood that once a compass bearing had been plotted, they would identify an unmoving landmark and proceed ahead.

Once they had mastered this important survival skill, children set off in groups and used their compasses to follow the signed route that the instructors had set, then unscrambled the anagram of letters found at each sign-post. Happily, nobody got lost!



## The Mystery at Magpie Manor

Hats off to the amazing pupils at Coopersale Hall for their captivating performance of 'Mystery at Magpie Manor'! The children transported their audience back to the glamour of the Roaring Twenties for this thrilling 'whodunnit' production.

Ruby, in Year 7, shared her excitement about playing a character involved in a proposal: "It was thrilling to portray my character's engagement scene. I loved having a solo to perform."

Xander, from Year 5, delighted in his role as a 'magpie' and praised the costumes: "Our costumes were fantastic! I really enjoyed the play; it was so well done."

The production was a testament to the talent and dedication of our Coopersale Hall pupils, who brought the era to life with flair and enthusiasm.







## Sports Day 2024

On the morning of Tuesday 18th June, the Early Years and Key Stage 1 had their annual Sports Day. The children were all very excited to take part. There were various races including balancing the beanbag on your head and the pancake race. They all had lots of fun!

Thank you to the Year 6 children who helped encourage all of the younger children to do their best.

**Blaise, Girls' Sports Captain**

In the afternoon, Years 3 to 7 took part in their Sports Day. The event was split into two halves: track and field. The field events included high jump, shotput, discus and javelin. It was fun watching our friends participate. On the track, we competed in sprint, obstacle race, skipping and hurdles. We were able to earn points for our Houses with the exciting relay at the end. We had a great afternoon and well done to everyone who took part.

The overall winner was Beech House.

Thank you to all of the staff who made the day so successful and enjoyable and to our families for coming to support us.

**Gregor, Boys' Sports Captain**



## Fantasy Day



The children of Upper Kindergarten recently immersed themselves in their Fantasy topic with a day of creative activities. They arrived at school dressed as characters who inspire them, showcasing a wonderful array of imaginative choices.

Throughout the day, the children engaged in a range of enjoyable activities. They decorated biscuits, participated in a 'Dress up a fairy' art activity and embarked on an exciting Treasure Hunt across the school grounds, culminating in a chest of treasure treats.

## Historical Fiction Competition & Young Quills 2024

Many congratulations to Obi in Year 7, Poppy in Year 6 and Abigail in Year 6 who won 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the recent Coopersale Hall School Historical Fiction Competition.

Each of them was awarded a special prize and 100 House Points, with runners up awarded 50 House Points. All the stories entered were collated and displayed in the library for all the children in school to read and enjoy.

Coopersale Hall pupils also took part in this year's Young Quills 2024 competition run by the Historical Association. Participating children chose to read a historical fiction book selected by the Association and then wrote a review on the book.

Poppy and Simran in Year 6 had their reviews published on the Historical Association's website! The girls were delighted and inspired that their review is available for so many people to consider.





## Year 2 Visit Colchester Zoo

Year 2 had an excellent trip to Colchester Zoo as part of their learning about Africa. It was amazing to see the African animals up close (but not too close!).

The children learnt how different animals camouflage themselves to hide from predators and that African elephants can live up to 70 years!



## Year 6 & 7 Sculpture Workshop

The pupils in Year 6 and Year 7 had a very creative day working with visiting sculptor Darcy Turner. They used wire to sculpt various objects: a cat, unicorn, shark, trophy and pig. The children had to work collaboratively with great perseverance in order to make their finished pieces. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and their knowledge of sculpture grew hugely throughout the day.

## Year 3 Create Patchwork Teddy Bears

During recent art lessons, Year 3 enjoyed making patchwork teddy bears. For most of the children, this was their first attempt at sewing.

They were taught the method of over-stitching and coordinated their embroidery thread and fabric colours.

Well done, Year 3! It was wonderful to see how much care everyone took with their bears and to admire their creativity.



## Early Years Celebration of the Year

Coopersale Hall had a lovely afternoon celebrating the achievements of our Early Years pupils this year. They have all made so much progress, learned so many new things, and explored the world around them.

The children enjoyed sharing their favourite memories of the school year and entertained us with some fun and brilliantly performed songs.

Congratulations to all our Early Years children and prize winners. You have developed so much this year and should be very proud.



## Speech Day & Prize Giving 2024

The annual Speech Day and Prize Giving took place in the marquee on the terrace lawn, which was packed with pupils, staff, family and friends.

The school performed a range of songs including a lively performance of 'This is how we learn it' in French. The Orchestra and Choir also added some wonderful performances to the event.

Thank you to our guest Speaker Mr Terry Hiscock from Save the Children who told us all about the charity, his involvement and the difference that donations make. He showed the audience a small food pack, which he explained would last a child two days and would be an invaluable help to save lives.





## Oliver Jr.

Normanhurst pupils delivered an outstanding performance of Oliver Jr. the Musical at the Redbridge Drama Centre. The audiences on both nights were entertained by lively dance routines, beautiful solos and fantastic acting that showcased the talents of the school's young performers.

Bravo to all the talented children who took part! Their dedication and enthusiasm made the production a memorable success, delighting friends and family alike with their remarkable performances.

Everyone is already looking forward to the next brilliant show Normanhurst children will put on next year!



## Early Years Release Butterflies

Early Years children eagerly observed the transformation of our caterpillars into butterflies. Their learning journey included exploring 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' story, which enriched their understanding of the butterfly life cycle during Science lessons.

One morning the children took their butterflies on a walk into the forest before releasing them into the wild, which was a fitting conclusion to their educational journey.

The experience has left a lasting impression on the children, fostering a deeper appreciation for nature and the wonders of life cycles.



## Year 11 Art & Graphics Exhibition

Normanhurst celebrated the fantastic work of the Y11 students from GCSE Fine Art and Graphics.

The work was the culmination of project and exam outcomes from the last 2 years and featured a range of 2D and 3D outcomes. Congratulations to all involved.



## Eco News

The Normanhurst Eco Council's pledges this year was to grow fruit, vegetables and herbs for use around the school. In May, Year 1 pupils at Normanhurst, with the help of Mr. Whyte, planted a trug filled with herbs and vegetables for the school kitchen.

Later in the summer term, the kitchen used the mint planted by Year 1 to flavour the water in the canteen, adding a refreshing touch to everyone's meals.



## Summer Concert 2024

Normanhurst's annual Summer Concert took place outside on a lovely sunny June evening. The tables and chairs were set out bistro-style for the audience, who enjoyed a glass of wine or soft drink and delicious cheese and biscuits before the performance began.

The children performed spectacularly, showcasing a wide variety of acts from different year groups. There were solo instrumentals on the violin, guitar, piano, trumpet, clarinet, viola, and drums, as well as impressive solo singers. The event also featured duets, trios, and captivating performances from both the Junior and Senior Choirs.

It was truly a wonderful evening, filled with talent and enjoyment for all!



## Sports Day 2024

Lee Valley Athletics Centre was filled with the enthusiastic sounds of children cheering each other on during this year's Sports Day. Every single pupil embraced the spirit of the day, with homemade posters and team colours decorating the venue.

The atmosphere was electric, as families and friends in the stands cheered on the pupils competing in various events. The track events were as competitive as ever, especially during the relays, which even saw some staff members participating.

The pupils also enjoyed taking part in the field events, including javelin, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus.

A big congratulations to Rangers House for winning Senior Sports Day and to Forest House for clinching the Junior Sports Day title! Well done to everyone involved!







## London Marathon

On Saturday April 20th, Normanhurst pupils participated in the Mini London Marathon. Around 45 students successfully completed the 2.6 km race, crossing the iconic marathon finish line with the support of staff and parents. It was a privilege for the students to experience such an event.

Each student who completed the race earned £10 towards PE equipment for the school, making the day both enjoyable and beneficial.

Mr Davies and Miss O'Donnell competed in the main London Marathon on Sunday April 21st.

What a brilliant sporting weekend for the Normanhurst community!



## Early Years Celebration of the Year



The Early Years Celebration of the Year took place in the school hall. The children were excited by the event and sang songs to their parents, showcased some of their incredible work from the year and received certificates from Mrs Job in recognition of their hard work.

This was a wonderful way to conclude a fantastic year in the Early Years. The children have accomplished so much, from going on trips and enjoying workshops to participating in craft sessions and engaging in diverse topic work. The event was a fitting tribute to their achievements and a celebration of their growth and learning.

## Junior & Senior Speech Day & Prize Giving 2024

Normanhurst School held its annual Speech Day and Prize Giving events at St Peter & St Paul's Church in Chingford.

This year the guest speaker was Lily Bissett, Director of People, Finance & Operations at The Difference, an educational charity working with vulnerable children in schools. Lily also sits on the management committee at Highams Park Food Aid, a local food bank Normanhurst has had a partnership with in recent years.

These were impressive events and the musicians deserve particular praise for their outstanding performances. The British Sign Language Club delivered a touching rendition of "When I Grow Up" from the musical Matilda. The Junior Choir's performance of "The Power in Me" was a highlight of the afternoon. Lachlan in Year 6 gave a moving vocal solo of "Where is the Love," and the orchestra's performances were seamless.

The school community was very proud of the current Head Prefects who both gave very moving speeches about their time at Normanhurst. We wish the new Head Prefects, House Captains and Prefects the best of luck next year.





## Braeside School RAF Hendon

To support Year 9 at the start of their GCSE History journey and to build on their experience from the Battlefields Trip to Ypres, Braeside pupils visited the RAF Museum in Hendon. Upon arrival, they participated in a workshop titled "Flying Colours," which explored the reasons behind the 'Colour Ban' in the RAF. They learnt about the policies for joining the RAF and how these policies had to adapt to the demands of war.

Additionally, pupils studied the progression of aircraft over time and reviewed several case studies of 'people of colour' and the restrictions they faced in joining the RAF, influenced by legal and socio-economic factors. Mrs. Celentano shared a real-life case study of her family member who worked for the RAF in Cyprus, enriching the learning experience.



## Coopersale Hall School PGL Liddington

Year 6 children from Coopersale Hall School had an adventure-filled time at PGL Liddington. Each day, the children were up early, spending as much time as possible outdoors engaging in a variety of activities. Despite a little rain, the weather was generally fine and did not dampen the children's spirits.

Throughout the week, the children had the opportunity to challenge themselves and try a range of activities. They swung from crazy heights, climbed vertical walls and leapt across substantial gaps while swinging on the trapeze. For many, the proudest moments were spending an extended period away from home and having great fun in the process.

Each day, the children's PGL group leader supervised additional games and in the evenings they played life-size Cluedo, danced at the disco and took part in a group quiz. It was a truly fun-packed week that the children will remember long after moving on to their secondary schools.





## Oaklands School Hylands Park

The Owls had the most amazing outdoor experience at Hylands Park. The morning was spent in a 'secret' Forest School area led by Justine from Green Earth Learning. The children engaged in a variety of activities, including mud painting, playing with puppets, weaving on a huge frame and using a bow saw to cut slices of a branch, which they then decorated as medals or necklaces.

After a picnic lunch, everyone gathered around the campfire to toast marshmallows and make popcorn, with everyone having at least a nibble or two. The day continued with a trek through the vast parkland to the adventure playground, where the children had a blast climbing, sliding and swinging.

The Owls decided it was their best day ever. Judging by the silence on the journey back to school, it was clear that the fresh air and exciting activities made for a very tiring day!



## Normanhurst School Danbury Residential

Year 4 had an exhilarating time at Danbury for their annual residential trip. Greeted by sunny weather on arrival, the children were warmly welcomed by their group leader who guided them to their cabins. They quickly settled in and eagerly explored the expansive green surroundings.

Activities such as low ropes and archery filled their days with fun and laughter, showcasing their teamwork and determination. The highlight was exploring Danbury's caves with helmets and torches, guided by expert instructors for an unforgettable adventure.

The teachers were impressed by the children's enthusiasm and cooperation throughout the trip, eagerly anticipating future adventures with Year 4.





## Braeside School Sponsored Walk



On Friday, June 14th, Braeside School united from Kindergarten through to the Seniors for a Sponsored Walk around the Cricket field in support of Asthma + Lung UK.

Luckily, the weather was on our side and the rain stopped just in time!

Children from all sections of the school demonstrated incredible determination and energy, striving to complete as many laps as possible within the hour. The support from friends and families of Braeside was overwhelming, contributing to raising over £2,000 for the charity.

Well done to everyone for stepping up to the challenge and making such a difference!

## Normanhurst Year 1 Litter Picking

Year 1 pupils at Normanhurst have been actively participating in the community by engaging in litter picking sessions around their local area. With a commitment to fulfilling their Earth Day promises and caring for the planet, the children enthusiastically took to their task.

During their litter picking initiative, pupils received compliments and heartfelt thanks from members of the public for their efforts in helping to maintain a clean environment and supporting the community.

Year 1's participation in cleaning the local area highlights their positive impact and commitment to making a difference.



## Coopersale Hall School Scarecrows at Copped Hall

The Reception classes at Coopersale Hall have joined forces to craft two delightful scarecrows for the annual Copped Hall Scarecrow Competition.

Each class contributed with Mrs Haq's class designing the head, Miss Marks' pupils fashioning the body and Miss Gowland's children meticulously crafting the trousers. Each group thoroughly enjoyed their part in bringing the scarecrows to life.

Participating in this competition was a wonderful opportunity for the school to contribute towards the local community. The scarecrows will be on display in the walled garden at Copped Hall, where visitors will judge them. Results of the competition will be announced in October.



## Oaklands School Teachers Bike London to Brighton



Oaklands staff members, Miss Carter and Mr Crane, participated in the challenging London to Brighton Cycle Ride on Sunday 16 June, in support of Cancer Research UK.

Miss Carter sadly lost her mother to cancer at the tender age of 46. Mr Crane lost his good friend John to cancer. John was 36 years of age. Miss Carter's grandson is currently battling cancer at 16.

Their fundraising efforts have been incredibly successful, with donations exceeding £1,000 and still counting.

Oaklands School is incredibly proud of their efforts!



## Braeside School Eliza Competes for Team GB Boxing

Braeside pupil Eliza showcased her exceptional boxing talent by representing England in the prestigious Three Nations boxing tournament held in Nottingham.

Competing in the Under 48kg weight category, Eliza's skill and determination led her straight to the finals, where she faced Anya from Sunderland East ABC. The tournament proved to be a valuable experience, teaching Eliza resilience and the importance of teamwork.

Braeside School is immensely proud of Eliza's achievements, as she secured a Silver medal at the Three Nations event and later clinched gold at the esteemed Hull Box Cup.

Looking ahead, Eliza has set her sights on even greater accomplishments, aspiring to win a Gold medal in the Olympics.



## Oaklands School Pupils Perform at the Royal Opera House

Oaklands School is incredibly proud of pupils Aarin and Elsie who recently had the extraordinary opportunity to perform at the prestigious Royal Opera House.

Well done to both for being able to perform on this important London stage at such a young age.



## Coopersale Hall School Lilly Wins Gold & Silver in Karate

Coopersale Hall is delighted to celebrate Lilly, who participated in a local karate competition and achieved outstanding results. She clinched a Gold medal for her impressive performance in fighting and added to her success with a Silver medal for her skilled kata.

Her achievements reflect her hard work and commitment to karate.

Congratulations to Lilly on her well-deserved medals!



## Normanhurst School Pupils Perform with the NCO

We are thrilled to announce that Nicolas and Sofia had the immense privilege of playing for the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain.

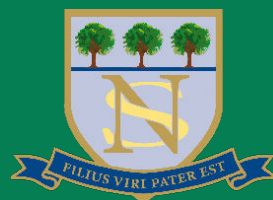
Nick, who was given first seat viola, delivered an outstanding performance. His dedication and talent shone through, and this experience has given him a much-needed boost in confidence. It's inspiring to see him considering pursuing music beyond GCSE.

Sofia also did exceptionally well. Her determination and skill were evident, and it was a real treat for her family to watch her perform alongside such talented musicians.

Normanhurst School couldn't be prouder of Nicolas and Sofia. Bravo to our young musicians!







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