

Summer 2025



# 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

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Matthew Hagger

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# Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament

Pupils from Years 4-6 showcased their tennis skills at the annual Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament that was held at the Chingford Tennis Club. Our talented teams delivered fantastic performances throughout the morning, demonstrating excellent skills, focus and sportsmanship on what turned out to be a glorious day for tennis.

The singles matches were fiercely contested, with each point well-earned. Doubles matches followed with great teamwork between the players. Oaklands came out on top, winning the tournament for an incredible fourth year in a row!

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

1st Oaklands - 76 points

2nd Coopersale Hall & Normanhurst - 68 points

3rd Braeside - 64 points





# Oak-Tree Girls' Football Tournament

On Monday 28th April, the schools' Junior girls' football teams travelled to Shooters in Epping to compete in the highly anticipated Oak-Tree 5-a-side Girls Football Competition.

Despite the warm conditions, every player gave their all and showed impressive resilience. The girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, supported one another, and gained valuable experience that will serve them well in future matches.

The final results were;

1st – Oaklands - 20 points

2nd – Coopersale Hall - 12 points

3rd – Normanhurst - 4 points

4th - Braeside



# Quadkids Athletics Competition

The Year 3 to 6 QuadKids Athletics event was a huge success this year, with teams from five local schools competing in events that included sprinting, running, jumping, and throwing.

The format of this year's competition, which was endorsed by England Athletics, blends fun and inclusion with spirited competition across four core events - 75m sprint, 600m run, standing long jump and vortex throw.

The Oak-Tree pupils were extremely impressive and competed well against each other.

The final results were;

1st Oaklands - 639 points

2nd Southbank - 609 points

3rd Coopersale Hall - 461 points

4th Children's House School - 306 points

5th – Braeside 302 points





## Father's Day Stay & Play

It was lovely to welcome a sea of dads, grandfathers and mums to Oaklands for the annual outdoor Father's Day Stay and Play.

The children loved spending time with their parents, participating in various activities on the field and in Wild Woods. Constructing with crates, guttering and pipes definitely proved as exciting as the soaking of grown ups with the water soakers!

Thank you for being such great sports especially when it wasn't always your child soaking you!



## Year 5 & 6 West Essex Swimming Gala

Oaklands are incredibly proud to share that they were placed 4th out of 13 schools at the recent West Essex School Sports Partnership Swim Gala – an outstanding result!

What makes this achievement even more impressive is that many of the other schools competing were 3- or 4-form entry, with over 100 pupils per year group to select from. Despite being a smaller school, our swimmers rose to the challenge with exceptional technique, determination and team spirit.

Every single swimmer gave their all, showing not just skill in the water but a fantastic attitude throughout the competition.



## Let the Games Begin... School Production

Oaklands parents, friends and staff were treated to an incredible school production of 'Let the Games Begin...' at Lopping Hall in Loughton.

In this lively musical adventure, three tech-obsessed children were magically transported into a fantastical game world after ignoring their grandfather's warning about a pair of enchanted dice. To escape, they had to each face clever challenges set by the mischievous Lady Fortune, learning valuable lessons about teamwork, courage, and the joy of living beyond their screens.

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





## Sports Day 2025

Oaklands children had a wonderfully sunny Sports Day on Friday 20th June.

The Early Years children were all very excited to take part in a variety of different activities this year, including Football Shoot and Water Cannon Cone Knockdown, putting their motor skills to the test.

Reception and Key Stage 1 were next, taking part in fun track events such as the Obstacle Course and Hurdles.

The day concluded with a brilliant Key Stage 2 event, where the House Relays were an exciting, fast paced watch!

Well done to Sycamore House who were victorious in lifting the House Cup this year.



## Year 5 Residential

The children in Year 5 had a fantastic time developing new skills at Lambourne End.

They were busy throughout the trip with a range of activities including mountain biking, archery, climbing, caving, raft building and a fabulous farm tour!

From teamwork to leadership, to communication and social skills, each activity gave the children an opportunity to learn more about themselves, grow in confidence, and discover new interests and talents.

This certainly was an enjoyable trip for everyone!



## Art Day

The whole of Oaklands School took part in a special Art Curriculum Day before the end of the Summer Term.

The theme for the day was 'Under the Sea' and we saw some wonderful sea life creations including bright coloured turtles and clay fish made using a pottery wheel.





## Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

The Year 6 Leavers' Assembly in the final week of term was a touching celebration of the children's time at Oaklands.

With a mixture of laughter and a few tears, the pupils shared their favourite memories, performed heartfelt songs, and presented a slideshow of photos capturing their journey from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Each child proudly received their leavers' hoodie and wore a graduation cap, that they threw up in the air at the end to mark the end of one chapter of their school life and the exciting beginning of another.

It was a truly special occasion, filled with pride, gratitude, and hope for the future. We wish Year 6 every success and happiness as they move on to their next adventure!



## House Tree Planting Ceremony

The children took part in a special tree planting ceremony on the lower field at the end of term.

Earlier in the year, each House voted for a fruit tree they wished to see planted, contributing to the enhancement of the school's natural environment.

- Beech House wanted a Cox's Orange Pippin apple tree
- Holly House chose a Brown Turkey Fig
- Sycamore House opted for a Victoria Plum
- Willow House picked a Comice Pear



## Early Years Celebration of the Year

Oaklands families had a lovely afternoon celebrating the Early Years' children's achievements throughout the year.

Songs included 'Fairy Tale Tea Party', 'Down on Grandpa's Farm', and 'Mark the Shark'. The children enjoyed singing and acting out the music.

The celebration ended with Mrs Copeman congratulating all of the children for their accomplishments during their time in Early Years.



## Speech Day & Prize Giving 2025

The Oaklands annual Speech Day and Prize Giving took place in the marquee on the school field packed with pupils, staff, family, and friends.

The guest speaker this year was Teresa Watts, the Pearly Queen of Clapton. Teresa lives in Loughton, and works with multiple charity organisations within the local area.

The school also said a fond farewell to Mrs Rathbone who is sadly retiring from Oaklands after 24 years in the Music Department.

In addition to the awards, Mrs Copeman also announced the Year 6 Roles of Responsibility for the next school year.

Well done to those who won prizes, every Oaklands child should be very proud of their progress this year.





## Sports Day

Braeside school had a fantastic afternoon at their Sports Day.

Pupils competed in a number of races, including flat sprints, skipping races, obstacle races, and the classic egg and spoon race. There were also field sports including javelin that the children enjoyed taking part in.

It was lovely to see pupils cheering each other on and supporting one another in every race.



## FOBS Disco

The children had a wonderful time at the school disco at the end of term.

Themed around festival season, there was a DJ and the children played fun games such as the limbo and a transfer tattoos station. The children also enjoyed lots of ice cream from the local ice cream man!

Thank you to all of those who organised such a wonderful event for the pupils.



## Year 11 Prom

Year 11 pupils at Braeside School attended their end of exams 'Prom Party' at Harry's at West Essex Golf Club. They had exclusive hire of the party room with a sumptuous party buffet, a doughnut wall, sweet stall and our famous 'Braeside' balloon arch. Mrs Pipe had organised a photo wall of pictures of the pupils first and last day attending Braeside.

Year 11 also collaborated to make a playlist of music with the favourite songs to play whilst dancing with glow sticks!





## Year 7 Enjoy an Outdoor English Lesson

Year 7 enjoy a 'beyond the classroom' activity reading "Lamb to the Slaughter" by Roald Dahl. In the sunshine the girls read about Mary Maloney, a devoted pregnant housewife, who kills her husband, Patrick, a police detective, after he announces he's leaving her.

The story is a dark comedy exploring themes of betrayal, manipulation, and the unexpected darkness that can exist within seemingly ordinary people.



## Year 10 Science Practical Lessons

Year 10 pupils continued to develop their practical skills in Chemistry by investigating rates of reaction using two different methods.

In the first experiment, they combined sodium thiosulphate and hydrochloric acid. The rate of this reaction was measured by timing how long it took for a sulphur precipitate to form and turn the solution cloudy. By varying the concentration of sodium thiosulphate while keeping the hydrochloric acid constant, pupils observed how concentration affected the reaction speed.

The second method involved using a gas syringe to measure the rate of hydrogen gas produced when magnesium powder reacted with hydrochloric acid. By changing the acid concentration, pupils monitored how quickly the syringe plunger moved. They recorded the volume of gas produced every 30 seconds to investigate how concentration influenced the rate of reaction.

Both methods gave pupils valuable insight into chemical kinetics and allowed them to apply accurate measurement and observation techniques.



## Ballfest 2025



Miss Jemal organised a fun and inclusive Ballfest again this year to mark the end of the Summer Term.

The morning saw Year 10 perform an Inspector Calls play for Year 4 to Year 9 to watch, which was delightful.

The school then headed outside to the grounds for table tennis, court tennis and a beach ball volleyball in House event.

After a whole school lunch, pupils made their way to the field for House games of rounders and cricket in the glorious sunshine.



## LAMDA Results

In March, 37 Braeside pupils took their LAMDA Speaking Verse and Prose exams. And we recently found that they had all achieved excellent results, the reward for all their hard work and preparation during the Spring term!

The exams taken ranged from Introductory Stage 2 in Year 2 up to Speaking Verse and Prose Grade 7 (Silver) and Grade 8 (Gold) in Year 11.

Overall, 20 Distinctions and 14 Merits were awarded, which was amazing! Overall, 4 Bronze medals, 6 Silver medals and 2 Gold medals were handed out.





# Speech Day & Prize Giving 2025

Braeside's final Speech Day was held at St James Church this year, which has been the usual venue for joyous events such as Harvest Festival and the Christmas Nativity. Mr Hagger and Mrs Moon gave welcome speeches about the wonderful year of events we have had and how we should all take the Braeside spirit with us when we move on. There were prizes for academic subjects as well as endeavour and effort. Students also received their Duke of Edinburgh Awards and Oak-Tree Challenge Awards.

Pupils who have undertaken LAMDA exams read some jovial poems and the Early Years to Year 8 Choir sang finishing on 'Breaking Free' which was an uplifting song to finish on. Freya (Head Girl) made a heartfelt speech about her time at Braeside to finish.



# Braeside Community Day

On Friday 4th July, Braeside opened its doors to the school's alumni community for an afternoon's celebration of the School and its history for just under 200 past pupils and staff of the school.

It was lovely to see so many former pupils reconnecting with one another and sharing where life has taken them since leaving Braeside. Guests enjoyed walking around the school building, spotting themselves in old photographs, and exploring a curated display of Braeside archives.

It was lovely to hear so many fond memories of everybody's time at Braeside School, with many ex-pupils having attended in the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s!





## EYFS Big Toddle for Bernados

The Early Years at Coopersale Hall School recently took part in a fantastic charity event, The Big Toddle.

The children enjoyed a fun-filled, safari-themed sponsored walk of half a mile around the school's athletics field. Along the way, they took part in a variety of engaging activities designed to get them moving and embracing the safari spirit.

This event was held in support of Barnardo's. A big thank you to parents for preparing the children for the warm weather, with sun cream, animal outfits and water bottles ready for the outdoor fun!

We are thrilled to share that so far we have raised an amazing £899 in support of Barnardo's! Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously.



## The Wizard of Oz

Coopersale Hall pupils from Year 3 upwards took to the stage at Epping Hall for a magical production of The Wizard of Oz.

The cast brought this classic tale to life with confidence, creativity and some unforgettable performances to a packed audience in the lovely tiered seating production area.

A standing ovation to everyone involved, pupils and staff, for making the yellow brick road such a joy to follow. Thank you also to the senior pupils who helped behind the scenes and as lighting technicians.







## Sports Day 2025

Coopersale Hall School had a wonderfully sunny Sports Day this term.

The children were all very excited to take part in a variety of races including balancing the beanbag on your head and the pancake race.

In the afternoon the Juniors and Seniors took part in field events as well as track, with High Jump, Javelin, Discus and Shot Put also set up on the school field.

Thank you to FOCHS for their support throughout the event and to all of our brilliant pupils for showing exceptional sportsmanship through the day.

A huge well done to Oak house who victoriously raised the House Cup this year.



## Senior Creative Arts Showcase



On Thursday 1st May, Coopersale Hall Seniors wowed friends and family with their Creative Arts Showcase, highlighting the work they've done in drama, music, art, and extracurricular activities.

Pupils were involved in every element, from planning and rehearsals to costume, set design, props, lighting, and sound. Guests were welcomed with drinks and invited to browse a gallery of impressive pupil artwork before enjoying musical performances by Ruby, Amelia, Mimi, Ivy, Skylah, and Chanel, accompanied by Mr Wilson on guitar.

The hall was transformed into a Medieval Banquet, complete with grazing platters served during the interval. Afterwards, Years 7 and 8 performed *The Plucky Wives of Henry VIII*—a lively, comedic play that reimagines the Tudor wives as spirited and inspiring women. The audience was thoroughly entertained.

The Seniors were thrilled to welcome the playwright herself, Rebecca Lyon, who spoke with pupils beforehand and praised their fantastic performance.

## Year 7 visit the Natural History Museum at Tring

Year 7 had an exciting and educational visit to the Natural History Museum at Tring, once the private collection of Lionel Walter, 2nd Baron Rothschild. Located on the grounds of the former Rothschild family estate at Tring Park, the museum fascinated pupils with its rich history—starting as a shed in the garden and growing into the grand institution it is today.

Pupils explored the galleries, getting up close to impressive taxidermy displays. They particularly enjoyed the hands-on experience of touching various animal furs, skins, and shells.

The class also visited the 2024 Young Photographer of the Year exhibition, taking time to admire the stunning images before selecting their favourites.

It was a memorable day of learning, discovery, and hands-on science for Year 7!





## Summer Series Concerts

Coopersale Hall's Summer Series of music concerts has been a huge success with nearly 60 pupils taking part.

The music department are very proud of all their talented performers and can't wait to see how they progress next year.



## Year 1 visit the Seaside

Year 1 were excited to spend the day together and venture to the coastline as part of their topic work on the seaside.

Armed with their buckets and spades, the children enjoyed playing in the sand, building their own sandcastles and even creating their own rock pools.

The children also had the opportunity to sample traditional seaside foods at a local restaurant.

The teachers were delighted with how polite and thoughtful the children were throughout the day. They were fantastic ambassadors for Coopersale Hall and several members of the public mentioned how impressed they were with the children's great manners and behaviour.



## Year 6 Graduation Assembly

With Coopersale Hall's Speech Day & Prize Giving events being cancelled this year due to the extremely hot weather, celebrations were conducted in a series of assemblies through the final week of term.

Mrs Doherty and Mr Wilson were delighted to present the Year 6 pupils with trophies and books. Each child also received a commemorative hoodie from FOCHS, a yearbook and a framed piece of artwork from the school.



## Whole School Final Assembly

Pupils and families gathered in the hall for the final Prize Giving Assembly, warmly welcomed by Mr Wilson. He reflected on how this event is always tinged with both joy and sadness, sharing how much he had enjoyed his first year at Coopersale Hall. He expressed admiration for the school community, the pupils' thirst for knowledge, and their kindness and respect towards one another.

Alongside Mrs Doherty, Mr Wilson presented awards for achievement, progress, and form prizes, followed by bronze, silver, and gold Oak-Tree Challenge certificates.

To conclude, Mr Wilson awarded the three House trophies for Sport, House points, and Overall winner – all of which went to Oak House. The cups were presented to the new Oak House Prefect, Margaux – a wonderful way to begin her new role.





## Summer Concert

Normanhurst held its annual Summer Concert on a perfectly sunny June evening on the school playground. Tables and chairs were set out bistro-style for the audience and, before the performances, the audience was treated to a glass of wine or soft drink and delicious cheese and biscuits.

Pupils performed entertaining solos on piano, violin, guitar, trumpet, drums and more.

There were also heartfelt vocals from the schools' solo singers and powerful performances by the Junior and Senior Choirs.

A huge well done to all of the schools' talented performers who made this an evening to remember!



## EYFS Celebration of the Year

The Early Years children worked hard to put on a fantastic final Celebration of the Year to celebrate the successful year they have had in Early Years.

The theme for the event was 'Our Wonderful World'. The children told the story of the Very Hungry Caterpillar, sang 'What a Wonderful World', watched an experiment to see how clouds are made and sang a beautiful flower song as a finale.

The teachers at Normanhurst are so proud of all the effort the children put in to rehearsing and performing. This was a joyful way to mark the end of a fantastic year and to celebrate everything the Early Years children have accomplished.





## Chess Tournament

Aurora and Lucia represented Normanhurst School at a local chess tournament during the Summer Term. This was held at St Mary Marylebone CE School and organised by She Plays to Win and Chess in Schools and Communities.

They both placed joint fourth in their category, winning three games out of five.

Both pupils had a very enjoyable time and look forward to the next event.



## L'Oréal Young Scientist Centre Trip

Year 9 and 10 pupils took part in an exciting forensic science reward workshop at the Young Scientist Centre based in the Royal Institute, which proved to be a real highlight of the term.

In this hands-on session, pupils became forensic investigators for the day, working to solve a mock 'murder' by analysing DNA evidence using advanced techniques such as restriction digests and gel electrophoresis.

This was a brilliant introduction to the world of genetics and forensic analysis, offering practical experiences rarely available before university. The workshop was engaging and was a memorable and rewarding way to celebrate the hard work and achievements of the term.



## Sports Day 2025

Lee Valley Athletics Centre was filled with the sounds of children enthusiastically cheering each other on during this year's Sports Day. Every pupil embraced the spirit of the day, with homemade House 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.

The pupils enjoyed taking part in the field events, including javelin, long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. The school records for both Javelin and High jump were broken this year.

Congratulations to Ridgeway House for winning Senior Sports Day and to Forest House for clinching the Junior Sports Day title! Well done to everyone involved!





## London Marathon 2025

On Saturday 26th April, several Normanhurst pupils participated in the Mini London Marathon.

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

It was wonderful for pupils to cross the iconic marathon finish line supported by staff and also parents.

Congratulations to Mr Davies and Mrs Botha who both completed the London marathon on Sunday in very tough conditions. Congratulations to Mr Davies who ran a personal best of 2:30 in the main marathon. An incredible achievement!

Mrs Botha also completed the Rome marathon in March. Two marathons in two months!



## Junior House Trip

The Junior pupils at Normanhurst School enjoyed a well-earned day out for their end-of-year House Trip to Maldon Splash Park. With warm weather and clear skies, the children had a great time playing in the splash park and making the most of the water features.

They also spent time in the playground, enjoying the space to climb, swing and play with friends. To finish off the afternoon, everyone was given an ice lolly, which was a very welcome treat in the sunshine.

This was a relaxed and enjoyable trip, giving the pupils a chance to unwind outdoors after a busy term. Staff were pleased with how well the children represented the school and how much they enjoyed the day.



## Junior & Senior Speech Day & Prize Givings 2025

Normanhurst held its annual Speech Day and Prize Giving events at the end of the Summer Term at St Peter & St Paul's Church in Chingford.

This year the guest speaker for the Junior event was Neelam Bhakar, a proud former Normanhurst School pupil, who left in 2022 and now runs her own bakery business. For the Senior event, Laurie-Anne Power KC, a leading criminal barrister and media consultant spoke and gave the awards to the pupils.

As well as the huge array of prizes awarded, the event saw many performances and musical numbers, such as 'A Million Dreams' by the String Group, a vocal duet of 'Slipping through my Fingers' by Sofia and Elizabeth, and a wonderful Piano Solo of 'Interstellar' from Diana. The British Sign Language Club gave a brilliant performance of 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams and the Junior Choir wowed everyone with their renditions of 'Circle of Life' by Elton John and 'How Far I'll Go' from Moana.

This was a fantastic afternoon full of proud pupils, staff, friends and family. Congratulations to all of the prize winners!





## Braeside School Maths GCSE Trail

In glorious sunshine, Year 10 set off on their Maths trail in Buckhurst Hill. They had a map and instructions to measure, count and collect the information they needed to answer questions on a variety of topics.

They worked fabulously well as a team and also got some practice of GCSE questions completed in time for their end-of-year exams.



## Coopersale Hall School East Mersea

Year 5 & 6 had an incredible three days on their East Mersea residential, packed with adventure and fun!

The children participated in various exciting activities throughout their trip, including archery, high ropes and caving

The trip was made extra special on day three with a birthday celebration for Reeva as everyone enjoyed delicious cupcakes to mark the occasion.

Well done to all pupils for showing such fantastic team spirit and impeccable behaviour while away from home.





## Oaklands School Danbury

Year 6 had an epic adventure at Outdoor Essex in Danbury. Not only were they pushed out of their comfort zones on multiple levels, but they also put their teamwork to the test and summoned courage they didn't even know they had. Being away from home was tough for some, but the children threw themselves into new experiences, built up their confidence and made friendships even stronger than before.

Their brains were buzzing and their problem-solving skills got a full workout with activities such as zip wiring, bridge building, caving, vertical challenges, low ropes, the obstacle course, bush craft and their firm favourite: aerial trekking.

Well done to all of the Oaklands Year 6s. You coped brilliantly with being away from home and made your teachers incredibly proud.



## Normanhurst School Willows Farm

The Early Years children had an exciting and memorable day out at Willows Farm, which was packed full of hands-on experiences and joyful moments.

During their visit, the children had the opportunity to meet and feed a variety of animals, including cows, goats, and even some adorable baby goats. A highlight of the day was watching Minty the Jersey cow being milked - producing an impressive 7 litres in just 15 minutes! The children even tried their hand at milking a pretend cow, giving them a fun insight into farm life.

The day finished with a thrilling carousel ride and playing in the sand area, with the children returning to school full of stories and smiles.





## Braeside School Duke of Edinburgh Awards



Pupils in Year 9 completed their final expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards in June.

To hone their map reading skills and to support their teamwork ahead of the assessed expedition, Miss Barrett and Mrs Moon helped them plan a local route on footpaths and tracks from school to Woodford and back.

Pupils marked out the route, used a compass and followed the map. They completed the local loop in their groups and made it back on time to school successfully!

D of E certificates were awarded to pupils at Prize Giving. Well done to all for your incredible hard work.

## Normanhurst EYFS Cows on Chingford Plains

Normanhurst's Early Years pupils visited Jo's Bookshop to meet author Julia Maria Gouldsboro.

She gave them a special reading of her wonderful book 'Cows on Chingford Plains'. The children especially loved the story, having seen the cows themselves on their forest walks.

Julia was running a raffle in support of The Samaritans, and Normanhurst was thrilled to share that the Early Years won a copy of the book, as well as a cuddly toy cow that will now make its home in the Early Years department.

Well done children!



## Coopersale Hall School Year 5 Toy Sale

Year 5 took part in a toy sale to raise money for the school's designated charities this year - Little Life Savers and Spinal Injury Association.

The sale was held in the courtyard during the Summer Term.

This was a task set against the Oak-Tree Challenge Silver Award. The class donated toys and helped to set up the stall at the beginning of each day. There were lots of plushies and board games!

The children thought it was a marvellous feeling donating their much loved toys and knowing that the proceeds would be going to charity. They enjoyed being on the stall and it was fun making sure they gave everyone the correct change back.



## Oaklands School Year 6 Business Enterprise Fayre



At Oaklands, the children in Year 6 took part in an enterprise project. Organising themselves into teams, they created businesses, with each group receiving a small start-up fund.

The children had to create business plans and marketing strategies, as well as detail any income and profit they made.

After careful consideration, Year 6 have decided that, this year, they would like to donate the money raised to the charity Pets as Therapy, which is an extremely worthy cause!



### Braeside School Emma gets her writing published

Many congratulations to Emma, whose gripping short story 'Was I Next?' has been published in the Fright Club Anthology!

This chilling tale impressed the editors with its suspense, originality and powerful creative storytelling.

Braeside has been incredibly proud of Emma's achievement. What a fantastic accomplishment for such a talented young writer!



### Oaklands School Louis supports a local business

Louis has been having a brilliant time volunteering at Theydon Bois Bakery.

It all began when Louis popped in for some half-term snacks and got chatting with baker Nigel, who kindly gave Louis and his friend a behind-the-scenes tour of the bakery.

Louis was invited back, and got the opportunity to make his own apple turnovers!

Now he's returning over the summer to learn how to bake bread and complete a proper "shift" at the bakery. Well done Louis! And a big thank you to Theydon Bois Bakery for inspiring one of our pupils and nurturing his new-found passion for baking.



### Coopersale Hall School Jovi's Football Success

Jovi was thrilled to share with his classmates that his team had been awarded a trophy as runners-up in their football tournament.

He told everybody that his team had played really well, with some excellent individual performances, and they were proud to have earned the trophy through all their hard work.

What a wonderful achievement Jovi – well done to you and your teammates!



### Normanhurst School Faith's Gymnastics Achievement

Faith in Year 5 participated for the first time at English region level.

She attended English Gymnastics Espoir Open on the 1st of June and achieved a very respectable third place for her ball routine in the under 10 Bronze level.

Faith found it quite a daunting experience having to perform in front of 31 judges, but she kept focused on her practice behind the scenes, stepped out in confidence on the carpet and did herself and her club proud!

Well done Faith!







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