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Headmistress’s Message

Dear Parents

Despite the cloudy start to June, the weather has been kind enough to us to mean that we have run our sporting events and outdoor activities as usual! Our Year 5 and 6 pupils camped over night for 2 nights at Stubbers Adventure Centre for 3 days of fun packed activities to foster new friendship, enhance their problem solving skills and deepen their level of independence. And they has fun of course!

Pupils in the Early Years had an outdoor experience on some larger play equipment at Harlow Park and they also got to observe and pet the farm animals there. It was lovely to hear their stories about their adventure when they arrived back in school.

Well done to all of our pupils who have taken part in sporting events such as the Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament for Year 3 to 6, Oak Tree Cricket Tournament, various swimming galas (both Oak-Tree and West Essex) and the ISA National Athletics Tournament. Thank you, parents, for attending these events to support your child. It means a lot to us (and your child) to have your support on the side-lines!

I am hoping to see you at our various end of term events!

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Moon
Headmistress

EARLY YEARS NEWS

The Kindergarten children all visited Harlow Town Park. They went to the swings and slides and had an amazing time exploring all the different equipment. This was followed by a picnic with special treats for all their hard work this term. Finally they visited the petting zoo where they saw lots of different animals...the chickens were the favourite, zooming around everywhere! A great morning was had by all.



Reception went on a trip to Matthew's Plant Nursery with some of our Year 10 pupils. Year 10 were responsible for showing Reception the type of plants that are suitable, encouraging them to read the labels and exploring how to manage a budget to buy the plants. Reception were very confident in asking the staff how much plants cost and what different type of plants needed to survive. Year 10 enjoyed supporting younger pupils on the beginning of learning about science and maths. Reception opted to buy some vegetable seedlings and herbs as they want to grow some produce that the kitchen can use in the future. Thank you to FOBS who paid for the plants, pots, canes and soil. We are very grateful for your support.



JUNIOR NEWS

This half term in Science, **Year 1** have become 'Plant Detectives'. We have been going on plant and flower hunts around Braeside grounds. The children found nearly all the plants and flowers on the checklist. They also found and drew other plants and flowers. It was all very exciting!

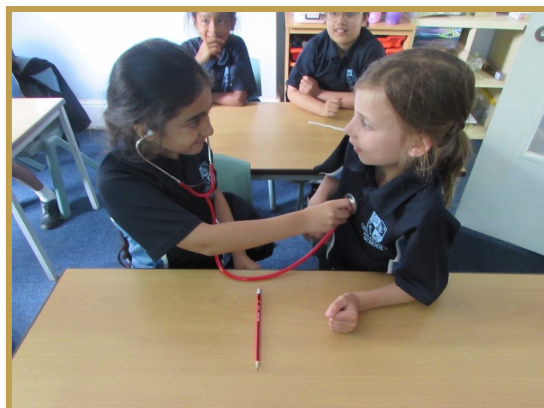


Year 2 went to the ISA Multiskills Festival. It was a fantastic day with a carousel of fun activities. They played against other schools throughout the day and gained points for winning and excellent sportsmanship. A few highlights were; tug of war, sack races, throwing games and cross the river. The children showed brilliant team work and supported one another.



JUNIOR NEWS

Year 3 have started their new topic 'The Human Body'. Dr Akhtar (Miss Ali's niece) came to join for a science lesson. She explained how our amazing body works and how different organs function. Dr Akhtar also showed them how to use different medical equipment and explained the importance of it.



JUNIOR NEWS

Year 5 and 6 had an adventurous few days at Stubbers Activity Centre. A variety of activities were undertaken including kayaking, bell boating, archery, team building and many more. They all had a great time!



Year 9 had a very informative and important afternoon learning what to do if someone becomes unconscious and stops breathing.

Firstly, they were taught the importance of checking if the person was breathing and positioning them in the recovery position. The pupils were shown how to give mouth to mouth resuscitation and its importance in keeping oxygen flowing to the brain. They then took turns in practising on a mannequin and realised how physically hard it is to do for any length of time. The final activity was to learn about and use a defibrillator on both adults and children.

The pupils really enjoyed the course and participated in the activities with interest and enthusiasm. They have gained confidence of what to do when faced with someone who is not breathing and learned some valuable and important life skills.



PUPIL NEWS

This weekend, I travelled to Nottingham with my family to represent England in the Three Nations Tournament. I stayed with the England team at a hotel for 2 nights to show we can work together as a team and support one another. On Sunday, I went straight to the finals as there was no one from Scotland and Wales in the Under 48kg weight category. I fought Anya from Sunderland East ABC in the England Team. It was a really good experience as I learned how to be resilient and work as a team. I won a Silver medal in my weight category and I am very proud of myself. As I had fought Anya before, the things I did differently depended on my strength and determination, I used different techniques. In the future, I want to win a Gold medal in the Olympics for boxing. **Eliza, Year 8**



CHARITY NEWS

On Friday 14 June, the whole school, from Kindergarten through to the Seniors, took part in a Sponsored Walk, completing laps around the Cricket field, to raise funds for the charity Asthma + Lung UK. Luckily, the weather was on our side and the rain stopped just in time! The children were amazing and showed real determination and energy to complete as many laps as they could within the hour. Friends and families of Braeside have been extremely supportive of our efforts and to date we have raised over £2000! Well done to everyone for stepping up to the challenge.



SPORTS NEWS

Pupils from **Year 3-10** represented Braeside in a number of events at the ISA athletics competition in Bedford. Highlights include Nicole coming 3rd in the Year 6 600m, Eliza coming 2nd in the Year 8/9 75m Hurdles, Izellah coming 2nd in the Year 10/11 long jump and a massive well done must go to Kristen in Year 10 who qualified for the National Finals in Birmingham in the 800m! Amazing achievement!



Kristen, Year 10

Year 1 and 2 took part in the Oak-Tree 3 Tees Cricket tournament on Thursday 6 June. Both year groups played really well and tried hard with both batting and fielding. Special mentions to Avneet and Gabrielle for their batting efforts and Rosie and Finn for their fielding determination. Well done all.



Pupils from **Year 3-6** represented Braeside at the Oak-Tree tennis competition at Chingford school of tennis. The children played some brilliant tennis throughout the morning, playing singles and doubles matches in their age groups. Ruby in Year 3 was unbeaten and won the U9 boys singles competition! Ruby and Sophie won both the U9 girls and U9 boys doubles competitions! Sawda and Amrita won the U10 doubles competition! Well done everyone.



SPORTS NEWS continued

Pupils from Years 6 - 9 represented their houses at the annual swimming gala at Loughton Leisure Centre. It was excellent to see the students encouraging one another and swimming their fastest for their houses! The results were as follows;

1st place- Fry

2nd Place- Mason

3rd Place- Bronte

4th Place- Nightingale

Thank you to the Sports Prefects and the Year 9 Sports Leaders who helped to run the event!



Braeside's **Year 5 and 6** swimming squad competed against 14 schools at the West Essex swimming gala at Waltham Abbey Leisure Centre. Freya came first in her front crawl race, Nicole came second in butterfly, Caitlin came second in front crawl and the 50m free style champion race, and the Year 6 relay team came second overall. It was a great day!



Our **Year 6** netball team played against Churchfields Junior School and narrowly lost 7-5. It was an excellent match and the team managed to bring it back to 5-5 in the final quarter through excellent determination and teamwork! Sadly it didn't go our way! Izellah and Talia in Year 10 umpired the match brilliantly and Sawda in Year 5 was our score keeper. Ava S was Player of the Match for her excellent defending. Well done team!

