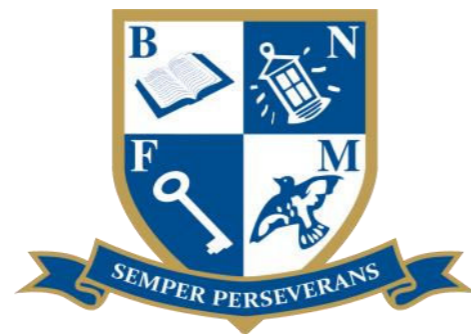




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Braeside School

Newsletter

Headmistress's Message



Dear Parents

As you can see from this newsletter, the weather has been kind to us and it had allowed for pupils to enjoy the local area around school. Early years pupils have enjoyed looking at seasonal changes in the walk around school and Year 1 have enjoyed a walk to Queen's Road to learn about the local environment.

We have started football for pupils in Year 1 and 2 and our Year 3 and 4 netball teams were able to play a friendly fixture against Normanhurst. In addition, our newly formed Year 7 class were able to enjoy a day at the Nuclear High Ropes experience as a chance to bond and form new friendships.

We will have some more photos of our residential trip to Belgium in the next newsletter as well as highlights from the Harvest Festival for Junior pupils

With best wishes



Mrs. Chloe Moon

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Learning the Letter 'M'

The children in kindergarten were learning the 'm' sound together. We made a hat with 'm' objects stuck around it. We say "Mmmmm Maisie mountain mountain!"



Feeding the Ducks

On their first week of term, kindergarten we went to the pond to feed the ducks. They made a wish and blew some seeds!

Strawberry Picking

Reception and Kindergarten spent a wonderful day at Gravelly Strawberry Farm. The farmer told us how strawberry plants are grown and cared for. Then we got to spend the morning picking juicy, red ripe strawberries which we got to take home with us. We went on a bumpy tractor ride which was really fun and ate our lunch in a beautiful apple orchard.



Year 1 in the Local area

Year 1 took a trip to our local high street called Queen's Road this week. We walked in pairs from school to talk about seasonal changes on the walk. We then looked at the local area and the types of buildings we could see – houses, shops, business and open spaces. We visited the post office and local library and read the signs along the road counting how many shops were open and closed. It was the perfect weather for a local stroll.



Year 3 Netball vs. Normanhurst

Braeside Year 3 & 4 netball team practised High Five netball against Normanhurst. They worked incredibly hard to learn about their positions. Ruby scored some brilliant goals and Zariah defended tirelessly. Well done Everyone!



Meeting Mo Farah



On Sunday 15th Lara took part in 'Mo's Minithon' at The Lee Valley Centre. Lara ran a 75m race, took part in long jump and ran 200m. She also got a photo with Mo Farah himself!

Year 3 Oak-Tree Camp

Our Year 3 class joined the other Oaktree group of schools on a camping trip last week. It was a fantastic trip and they really enjoyed all the activities that were planned for them. They said that their favourite parts of the trip were when they roasted marshmallows on an open fire and the experience of sleeping in a tent with their friends.



Fantastic entries for the Oak Tree Challenge Awards 2024



We are pleased to announce that Head Girl, Freya and Deputy Head Girl, Dilly were straight into their duties on the morning on the first day of their tenure. They helped Kindergarten prepare for their trip to the farm by organising the lunches for them. Thank you Freya and Dilly!

The Oak Tree Challenge scheme has been running successfully for 4 years now.

Two years ago, we had 19 completed entries and last year we had 27 girls who completed all their challenges and write-ups.

This year, although more than 50 girls expressed an interest at the start, 13 entries were received across both the Junior and the Senior classes by the deadline in June 2024.

The Oak Tree Challenge Scheme was designed to challenge our girls and they have proved that they went above and beyond, persevered and successfully completed their challenges both inside and outside of school. We had some articulate journal entries with good details of planning and execution of challenges and honest self-reflections, some lovely photographs too. Well done girls!

We had two ambitious entries, one for the Gold award and one for the Silver award this year. However, both girls were awarded a Certificate of Participation as the planning and reflections were not detailed enough. I hope Gracie and Freya have another go at achieving these awards next year. Well done girls!

We had 11 entries for the Bronze award and I am happy to say that all 11 girls were awarded the Bronze award certificates and lapel badges in the End of Year assembly on Wednesday 10th July. Their commitment to detail, evaluations and reflections in their write-ups were great!

Well done to the 11 Bronze award recipients:

Senior girls: Olivia, Jaswitha, Eliza and Louisianna

Junior girls: Amrita, Summer-Rose, Caitlin, Inayah, Sadie, Jasmin and Shreeya

The quality of the projects were very good this year. The girls were articulate, discussed planning, executed their challenges and wrote some honest reflections in their logbooks, very interesting reads. Well done!

Our junior girls performed in the Harvest festival and Christmas nativity play. Our senior girls played various instruments, with many playing the piano at the Peri concert. They also took part in dance shows and ballet outside of school showcasing ballet, tap, modern and lyrical. They learnt their lines, improvised and overcame stage fright and there were some proud moments in front of parents.

Excellent research and presentation skills were demonstrated by students whilst giving presentations on the Gods in Hinduism and on-line safety.

Voluntary service included helping out at local riding stables, litter picking, gardening, looking after grandparents, volunteering as librarians and also as maths ambassadors supporting at weekly maths club. Well done to all the girls who participated this year!

Year 7 High Ropes

Year 7 went on a team bonding trip to Nuclear High Ropes. They conquered fears and supported one another throughout the morning. The zip line at the end was a big hit!



Year 9 Chemistry

Year 9 students start their KS4 Chemistry journey with a challenge to build models of everyday covalent compounds like water oxygen and methane using molymods.





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