



December 2024



Braeside School

Newsletter

Headmistress's Message



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for supporting our various festive events at the end of the term. We have continued to provide opportunities for students to get together with their friends and teachers to share in this special time of the year.

The Nativity was incredibly well attended by families and I hope you enjoyed the singing, dancing and performances from across the age ranges. It was

delightful to see all of our pupils shine on stage (and backstage) and to see our prefects encouraging the Juniors to perform.

We invited the local residents in for our yearly concert. Pupils from Kindergarten to Year 9 performed for the residents whilst they had a cup of tea and mince pie. We had so many lovely comments about the friendliness and enthusiasm of our pupils.

FOBS have kindly paid for many activities at the end of term such as the Disco and the activities involved with it plus, the treats at the pantomime at the Harlow Playhouse.

We finished the week with a scrumptious Christmas Dinner and Festive Wear.

It has been a lovely end to a busy term. Have a restful break,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chloe Moon'.

Mrs. Chloe Moon

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Visiting Santa

We had a fabulous festive time at Springtime Nursery. The children went on a magical train ride to the North pole to see Santa and his elves at work. We then got to go to his toy workshop to pick out our own toy to take home. We finished our trip with a lovely ride on the Christmas carousel. It was a lovely morning which was full of excitement and Christmas wonder.



Year 1's History Lesson

Year 1 had an exciting History lesson yesterday. They had the opportunity of seeing, feeling and touching items and keepsakes from Mrs Celentano's great grandfather and great, great uncle. The children were encouraged to comment on and discuss the condition of these special items. A big thank you to Mrs Celentano and well done to the children!



Tiger with his Tudor House and OMO award



Year 1 and 2 Make Santas

Year one and two had a fabulous time in the elf's art studio making these bold and characterful santas! We were really lucky to have our assistant head girl Dilly in year 11 to assist which the youngers students really enjoyed.



Year 3—Dinosaurs



This term Year 3 have been learning about dinosaurs. Our classroom turned into a fossil hotspot and pupils all turned into palaeontologist. Look at what they found!

Year 3 & 4 Natural History Museum

Year 3 and 4 went to the Natural History Museum on Thursday 14 November. During the day the pupils explored the museum, in regards to the history topics they are studying in class. They visited the Dinosaur zone, the Fishes, Amphibians & Reptiles zone and The vault (to explore natural rocks and crystals). Overall it was a wonderful day out both academically and socially.



Year 4 Snowflake Maths Lesson



We decided to start decorating our classroom for Christmas and thought snowflakes would be a great idea. We started by looking at photos of snowflakes and had to think about how many different types of snowflakes there could be if each and every one is unique. After some discussion, we realised that we wouldn't be able to think of a number because the possibilities are infinite!

We started folding circles and cutting them to make snowflakes of different sizes and shapes. We thought about how many sides and points we had made by folding again and again. This meant we had to think about these numbers and the relationship between them; we had been doubling. This led to a discussion of factors as we explored the shapes we could make by doubling and discussed how many sides there could be if only we could keep folding the paper!



When we looked at the photos again we realised that our snowflakes wouldn't happen in nature because the real snowflakes have six points. After some discussion about factors and multiples - and some experimenting- we started folding into threes and produced some snowflakes with six or twelve sides.

Finally, we were able to admire the recurring patterns in our beautiful snowflakes. By turning them around like a wheel, we were able to see the rotation symmetry. We discussed the shapes we had made and the shapes within them – and then we made a terrible mess with lots of glitter!

Buckhurst Hill Christmas Card Competition 2024

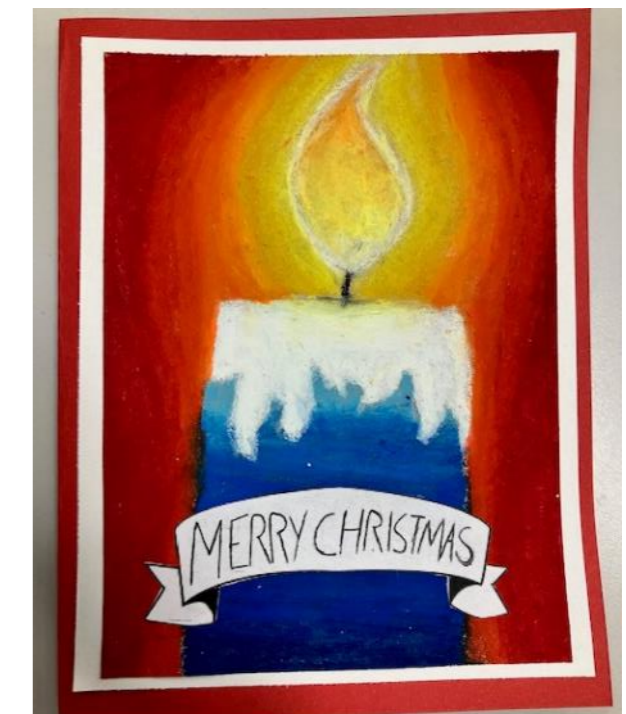
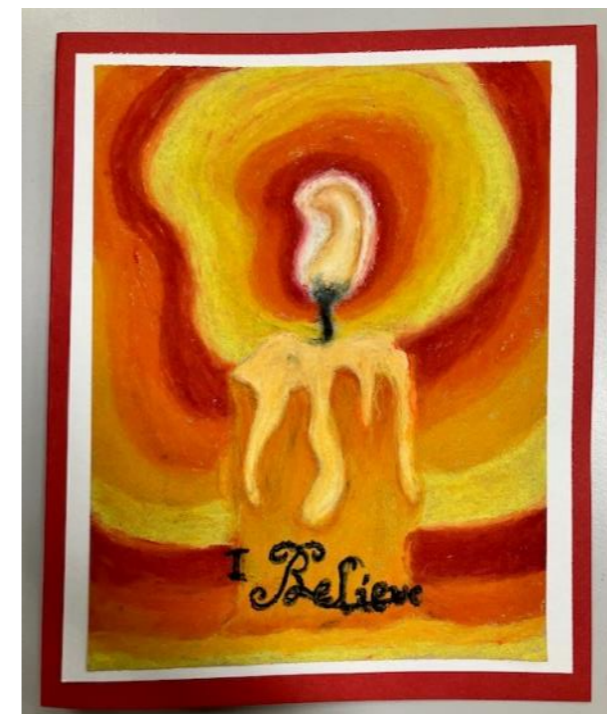
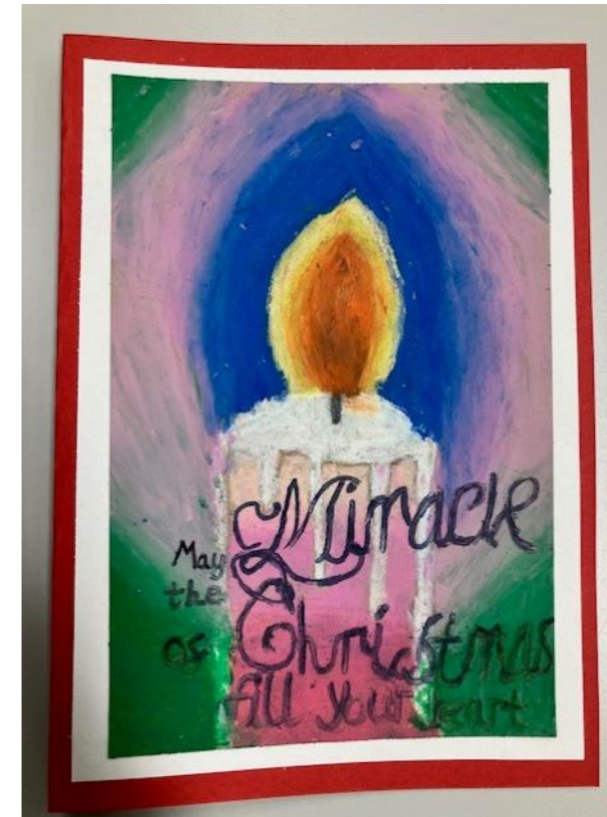
West Essex Tag Rugby Tournament



Year 6 and 4 Year 4 pupils proudly participated in the West Essex Tag Rugby Tournament on Friday, showcasing great teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm.

Although very muddy and cold, pupils gained valuable experience and had an enjoyable day representing our school. Well done girls!

Year 6 have worked really hard to produce these lovely Christmas cards for the annual Christmas Card Competition. Using oil pastels has enabled students to achieve both vibrancy and super mixing and blending techniques. A big well done!



Year 8 Asteroid Hunters

Year 8 went to the London Cineworld for the 2024 Into Film Festival this week. Year 8 watched a scientific documentary about the threat of asteroids to the planet. They learned about the Neowise Project by NASA and the Aerospace Corporation that uses PAN Starr telescopes to constantly patrol space for threats. We discovered how to simulate an asteroid impact scenario and how scientists are mapping trajectories of asteroids. Year 8 also learned how different disciplines of science work together to develop technologies to combat the impact of asteroid threats.



Year 7 are doing well on the ukulele playing Christmas songs!



Year 10 & 11 Science

Year 10 learnt that It is possible to remove electrons from an atom to produce static electricity. They then investigated the effects of static electricity with balloons and strips of acetate and Perspex.



Year 11 prepared for their important ripple tank required practical by calculating the speed of waves using Gratnell trays, water and timers.



The Naughty Elf is Back!



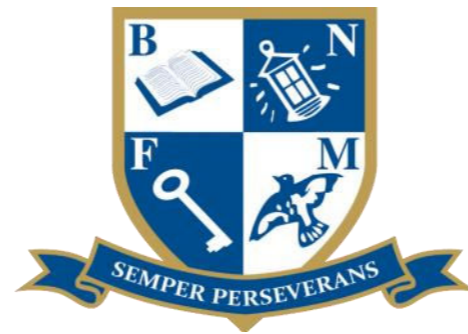
The Naughty elf visited again this year and caused chaos throughout Braeside School!

No-one Wraps Like an Elf

We were treated to an incredible Christmas performance on Friday by our Junior children! They lit up the church hall with festive singing and wonderful dance moves!

Everyone did a great job of learning their lines and confidently performing. Well done to everyone involved.





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