

Autumn 2024



Oak-Tree Newsletter

Group Principal's Message



It always amazes me to look back on a term and to see how many fantastic learning opportunities and experiences our schools manage to squeeze into such a relatively short space of time. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated teams of staff who are always looking for creative ways to expand the children's learning, and this Autumn Term Newsletter showcases some of these.

The Autumn Term saw the four schools come together for a number of shared activities and competitions, which are always very healthy. The annual Year 3 Camp was a resounding success, and I know the children enjoyed meeting their counterparts and competing against them in the maths and sports competitions. The Group Fireworks Display saw around 1100 people from across the Group gather at Oaklands to enjoy another excellent evening, and I am grateful to the select musicians who entertained the families before they moved to the field.

There are many more events and activities planned for the coming Spring Term, which we will publicise along the way on our social media outlets. Do take a look.

I hope you had an enjoyable break over Christmas, and that your children are looking forward to returning on Tuesday for what promises to be another busy term.

With best wishes

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Oak-Tree Year 3 Camp

Year 3 children from all four Oak-Tree schools had a fantastic two days at our Oak-Tree Camp in September.

Children took part in a number of tasks from arts and crafts, archery and team building activities.

The evening was especially fun, playing games and toasting marshmallows on the fire.

The children enjoyed meeting pupils from the other Oak-Tree schools and making new friends. Great fun was had by all with many lasting and happy memories of an exciting outdoor adventure.



The Oak-Tree Maths Competition

The Maths Challenge is an in-house competition held annually, providing an opportunity for pupils to highlight their mathematical skills and enjoy a day of friendly competition.

Pupils from Years 3 to 6 travelled to Braeside School for the competition. Designed to test a range of mathematical abilities from logical reasoning to quick mental arithmetic, the contest saw pupils tackling progressively harder problems with determination. Everyone displayed hard work, focus, and determination throughout.

Well done to Coopersale Hall School for achieving the winning score.



Oak-Tree U9 & U11 Netball & Football Tournaments

The Autumn term has been full of sporting events for the Group, two significant ones being our Oak-Tree U9 and U11 Netball & Football tournaments hosted by Oaklands.

The home sides claimed victory in both U11 tournaments as well as the U9 Football. Meanwhile, Braeside celebrated a well-earned win in the U9 Netball tournament.

Spectators were treated to thrilling matches filled with outstanding play and heartwarming moments of sportsmanship.

These events not only provided an opportunity for pupils to shine on the field and court but also reinforced the values of teamwork, perseverance, and fair play.

Congratulations to all teams for their exceptional performances and to Oaklands School for hosting such a wonderful series of tournaments.

As the children develop their sporting skills, we look forward to more Oak-Tree Group events through the rest of the 2024-25 academic year.



Funky Hair Day

As a school we recently celebrated Funky Hair Day, a vibrant event to support The Little Princess Trust, which is a charity that provides wigs to children experiencing hair-loss, particularly whilst undergoing cancer treatment.

This fun-filled day was inspired by Christopher in Year 3, who donated his own hair to the charity earlier this year, showing incredible generosity and bravery.

Pupils came to school sporting an array of creative hairstyles. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by everyone was truly impressive, reflecting the school's commitment to making a difference.

Through their participation, pupils not only enjoyed a day of self-expression but also contributed to a meaningful cause, raising over £200 to support children in need.

We are immensely proud of the children and their dedication to helping others, making this event a memorable success.



Upper Kindergarten's Wildwood Visits

Upper Kindergarten have really enjoyed their Wild Woods visits this Autumn Term.

In one particular lesson they listened to the story of 'Stick Man' and everyone was asked to go and collect a stick for each member of their family. The children then discussed whether each stick would be the same size or would their mummy and daddy sticks be bigger.

The children have explored the different areas of the woods, including looking for bugs, cooking in the mud kitchen, playing in the digging area and finally, having a go on the rope swing!

Their curiosity and care for the natural world has evolved significantly and been a joy to witness.



ISA London North Gymnastics Competition

What an amazing experience for our 12 gymnasts who represented the school for the first time at the ISA London North Gymnastics Competition at St Mary's School in Buckinghamshire.

The competition started with the U9's, consisting of Poppy, Margot, Vallavi, Carmella, Gabby and Emily L taking part in the vault.

Arri, Bella, Annabelle and Winnie then performed the musical group routine.

They finished 5th overall, and will use this experience, to help them going forward for plenty more competitions in the future.



ISA Cross Country

12 of our most talented cross-country runners showcased their talent at the recent ISA London North Cross Country Championships at Abbots Hill School in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.

Every single one of them finished in the top half of their field, which was an excellent achievement considering how many talented runners there were across over 20 schools competing.

Special praise to Annabelle, Jimmy, Margot, and Alfie who all finished in the top 12 places, and qualify for the National Finals, which take place next year!



Year 2 visit the Houses of Parliament

Year 2 had an amazing trip to St Paul's Cathedral in London for their Humanities topic on 'The Great Fire of London'.

They explored models of the earlier Cathedrals before they were burnt down and saw statues damaged in the Fire. They also admired the stunning dome and enjoyed a tour of the St Paul's as it stands today.

The pupils were brilliant role models for the school on the London Underground and enjoyed bringing their learning to life.



Santa Visits Oaklands!

Oaklands children were very lucky to receive a special visit from Santa.

The children were so happy to meet Santa and confidently told him exactly what they're wishing for this Christmas.

Santa bought lots of gifts that he handed out to all of our very grateful pupils.



Carol Service

The annual Oaklands Carol Service was a resounding success with St Mary's Church once again providing a picturesque setting for a festive afternoon of Christmas carols.

The children put on a wonderful event, describing to the audience how other countries celebrate Christmas with specific foods and traditions. There were showstopping whole school numbers as well as note-perfect instrumental pieces.

In the spirit of giving, Oaklands concluded the service with a collection for Epping Forest Foodbank, a gesture that will undoubtedly bring joy to those in need this festive season. A total of £418 was raised and the school extend their heartfelt gratitude to those who attended for their generosity.



Upper Kindergarten's Christmas Show

Families and friends were treated to a spectacular Christmas Show by Oaklands' Upper Kindergarten children. Everyone loved hearing their songs and watching the performance.

Their teachers were so proud of the children for remembering so many songs and moves, and for being so brave performing in front of such a large audience.



Key Stage 1 Nativity

Oaklands Key Stage 1 children wowed their parents with their wonderful Nativity performance.

The children spoke their lines confidently, sang beautifully, and remembered all their actions, bringing the story of the birth of Christ to life in a heartwarming way.

Pupils were praised for their delightful singing, dedication, and effort in creating such a lovely nativity production.



Netball Success

Braeside's Netball teams have had a successful start to the sporting year both within the Oak-Tree Group and beyond in external fixtures.

The school has been host to fun and friendly matches with Coopersale Hall and Normanhurst this term. With their Year 3 & 4 teams working incredibly hard to learn their positions.

The Under 13 & Under 16 sides have also been victorious against King Harold School and Roding Valley School.



PGL Liddington

15 Pupils from Years 7-9 travelled to PGL Liddington for a weekend of activities and netball run by England Netball.

The girls had a fantastic weekend taking part in numerous netball matches, doing the leap of faith, zip wire, axe throwing and the big swing to mention a few of the many activities on offer!

The Year 7 netball team was captained brilliantly by Nahla and they worked very well as a team. The Year 8 & 9 netball team was captained by Olivia and they came in 3rd place over all, bringing home bronze medals.



Forensic Workshop

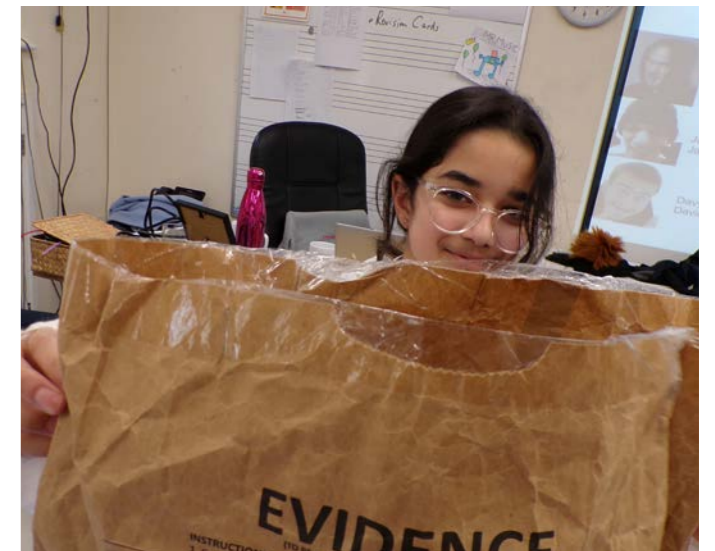
All pupils in Year 8 and 9 at Braeside, took part in a unique forensic science workshop.

The day started with a crime scene that was supposed to have taken place at the school. Pupils then had to commit to a series of decisions that took them through an intensive investigation involving crime scene analysis of blood spatter, hair and fibres, shoe prints, handwriting and fingerprints and forensic experiments including chromatography, DNA profiles and digital forensics.

Pupils were given a brief overview of the law, judicial system and courtroom process before Year 8 & 9 ran their own trial during which their own murder investigation was presented.

Throughout the day, pupils were introduced to a whole host of potential careers within the police, investigation agencies, forensic science, and the law.

This workshop was an interactive day of fun, challenge and excitement which was greatly enjoyed by the girls.



Year 3 & 4 Volcano Workshop

Year 3 and 4 went to the Natural History Museum to join in with a volcano workshop. They learned about how volcanoes and earthquakes occur through the movement of tectonic plates.

After the workshop they explored the Earthquake and Volcano gallery and reflected on their learning.



Kindergarten Draw their Families

Kindergarten children have been busy expressing their creativity and love through a special activity—drawing pictures of their families.

Using whiteboards and pens, they independently created adorable portraits, showcasing not only their growing artistic skills but also their deep connections with their loved ones.



Year 8 Ugly Dolls

The whole school has created many wonderful pieces of art this term.

There have been monochrome bug drawings, portrait work, Taylor Swift inspired collages, and most recently, Christmas cards and decorations.

Year 8 had a fantastic time creating their 'Ugly Dolls'.

They explored how designers consider their target audience, work to a specification and complete material testing before making. Pupils loved working with felt and re-cycling materials and practicing embroidery stitches' and applique techniques.

A big well done to everyone for their creativity.



Battlefields Trip



Year 7, 8, and 9 pupils traveled to Ypres and The Somme for the bi-annual Battlefields Trip.

Cemetery visits in Langemarck and Tyne Cot helped pupils learn about the causes of WW1 and WW2 and the different allies and nations that fought in the wars.

They explored Passchendaele and visited the museum there to experience life in the communication trenches in WW1. Some of the children got to experience wearing army uniform and weaponry and were surprised how heavy the uniform felt.

Pupils also heard the stories of soldiers and their families, witnessed the impact of war and paid their respects at The Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate. The trip brought history to life in a moving and memorable way.



Year 1 & 2 Santas

Year 1 and 2 had a fabulous time in the Elf's Art Studio, crafting these bold and characterful Santas.

The class were lucky to have our Assistant Head Girl, Dilly, join in to help—it was a treat for the younger pupils, who loved working with her!



Early Years Visit Santa Claus

Braeside's Early Years 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. They then got to go to his toy workshop to pick out our own toy to take home.

They rounded off their trip with a lovely ride on the magical Christmas carousel.



No One Wraps Like An Elf

St James' Church in Buckhurst Hill lit up with Braeside's magical Christmas performance of 'No One Wraps Like an Elf!'

Pupils confidently sung festive tunes such as 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer' and remembered all of their dance moves.

Well done to the school's Infant and Junior performers, and Early Years who made brilliant Elves!

A huge thank you to the amazing Braeside staff for their hard work and dedication in making this event so special.



Summer Fest 2024

After unfortunate postponements last academic year, Coopersale Hall was delighted to host its Summer Fest on the school lawn on Friday 6th September.

The festivities began with Mrs. Jones leading the children in song, while their parents watched with pride and enjoyment.

Pupils spent the afternoon participating in various activities and were thrilled to collect their winning tokens, which they could redeem for gifts of their choice.

It was heartwarming to see families spending quality time together and enjoying the beautiful late summer afternoon on the lawn. Overall, the Summer Fest was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



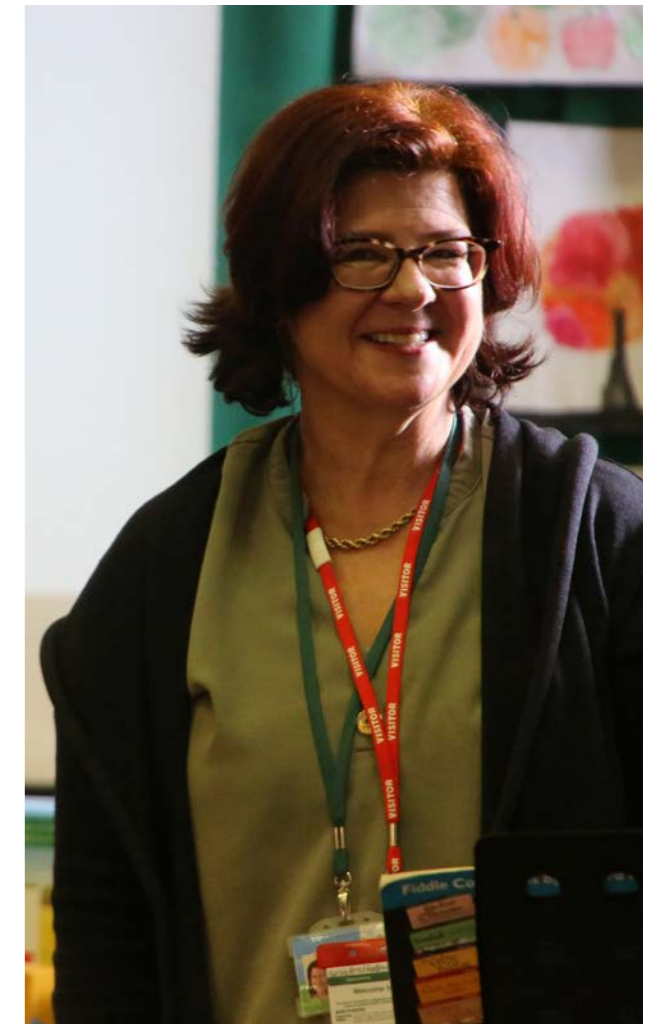
Harvest Festival

This term saw Coopersale Hall pupils celebrate Harvest Festival with a special whole school assembly.

The school welcomed Rev. Jessica Bostock and Emily Kirby from St John's Church Epping, and Margot from the Epping Forest Food Bank.

The younger children performed wonderful Autumn songs to celebrate the Harvest, accompanied by readings from Year 6 to 8 pupils and a brilliant violin solo from Head Girl Iman.

Margot from the Epping Forest Food Bank spoke to the children. She expressed her gratitude for the generous food donations collected by Coopersale Hall families and explained how the food is sorted and distributed to those in need.



Year 7 Visit Mountfitchet Castle

Year 7 took their learning outside of the classroom and visited Mountfitchet Castle in Stansted.

This mock Norman motte and bailey castle gave pupils an insight into what life was like for peasants in Medieval England. Pupils were able to visit the blacksmiths, the church and the weaver's house as well as getting up close with weaponry including the battering rams and catapults.



Year 7 & 8 Lee Valley Trip

Year 7 and Year 8 pupils journeyed to Lee Valley White Water Centre to take part in kayaking and an inflatable water assault course.

As the seniors waited for their session, the elite athletes who train at the centre, were coming off the lake.

Adam Burgess, the Paris Silver Olympic medalist in the C1 Canoe Slalom came over to talk to the children. He spoke about narrowly missing out on a medal in Tokyo by 0.16 of a second and how that drove him to work so hard for the next three years.



Remembrance Day

Coopersale Hall Pupils participated in events to commemorate Remembrance Day.

On Sunday 10th November pupils assembled at the Epping Civic Offices to take part in the town's Remembrance Parade. Marching through the High Street to the war memorial where Head Boy Xander and Head Girl Iman laid a wreath on behalf of the school.

A whole school assembly dedicated to Remembrance was held on Monday 11th November followed by everyone collecting together at the front of the school for the 11 o'clock two minutes silence.

Coopersale Hall's older pupils helped to sell poppies in the run up to the event. The school would like to thank everyone who purchased a poppy during the week leading up to Remembrance Sunday, helping the British Legion to support those veterans in need.

All the children have also made poppies within their classes for a whole school display to commemorate this time of reflection, respect and remembrance.



Year 2 learn about Queen Elizabeth I

Year 2 have been learning all about the Elizabethan period in their topic lessons. They have enjoyed finding out fun facts about the last Tudor monarch, including her love of sugar and that she could speak six different languages!

In their art lessons, the children created their own versions of Queen Elizabeth I. They used doilies to make ruffles and added numerous jewels to their artwork, highlighting the queen's wealth.



Santa & his Reindeer visit Coopersale Hall

The pupils at Coopersale Hall were thrilled to receive a visit from Santa, accompanied by his reindeer, Blitzen and Steve!

Meeting Santa was a magical experience, and the pupils were delighted to tell him how much they were looking forward to his upcoming visit on Christmas Eve.



Coopersale Hall at the Panto!

Coopersale Hall pupils visited Chelmsford Theatre to enjoy Snow White, the fairest pantomime in the land!

The children eagerly settled into their seats, waiting in anticipation for the curtains to rise.

They enthusiastically engaged with the actions, characters, and songs, cheering on Snow White throughout the performance. It was certainly a marvelous, magical, and festive experience for everyone involved.



Carol Service

St John's Church in Epping was delighted to welcome Coopersale Hall pupils for the school's annual Christmas Carol Service. The Rev. John Fry, who recently joined St. John's, expressed his gratitude to the children for their wonderful singing and music.

A service of readings and poems interspersed with musical numbers. Songs included the traditional 'Once in Royal David's City', 'Little Donkey' and 'We Three Kings'.



Nativity Performances

The Christmas season has been in full swing at Coopersale Hall with wonderful shows from the Early Years and Infant children.

Lower and Upper Kindergarten wore festive jumpers and woolly hats to perform for their families. They not only sang but also played musical instruments, used props, and coordinated their actions perfectly.

Reception's 'Twinkly Nativity' saw a more traditional nativity performance which showcased their hard work and talent.

And finally, Infant classes performed 'Superstar' where stars auditioned for the part of the star that guided the three kings to Bethlehem.



Harvest Festival

Normanhurst pupils enjoyed their annual Harvest Festival in the beautiful setting of the Parish Church of St Peter and Paul Church.

The children entertained the audience of friends and family with songs and poems about harvest time and Autumn. It was lovely to see all ages taking part in the festivities.

An abundance of food donations were given in from Normanhurst families and sent to the local food bank. Thank you to all for your generous donations.



Early Years Celebrate Diwali

The Early Years children learnt all about Diwali and how it is celebrated.

They decorated biscuits, embellished hands with mehndi and even had their very own fireworks display using colourful wands.

The children loved learning about the celebration of the festival of lights and finding out about the triumph of light over darkness.



Absnt Mind Performance

The band Absnt Mind visited Normanhurst this term, performing a series of hits including their first and second singles, before sitting down with our pupils for a PSHE Q&A.

The band spoke about their school life and stressed how important it is to study hard and do your homework. They also told pupils that if they have a passion, they should keep pursuing it alongside their school work and not to let any of their peers discourage them.

Black History Month

Normanhurst School proudly celebrated Black History Month with an array of themed activities to explore the richness of Black culture and history.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 participated in a writing workshop hosted by the fabulous poet and rapper Kimba. Pupils took part in a series of fun activities and guided discussions, learning about influential figures, events, and themes that have shaped the Black experience.

An exciting Jamaican food tasting and cooking demonstration event for pupils from EYFS to Year 9 was hosted by St Best Jamaican Food. The day aimed to deepen the children's understanding of Jamaican culture through its culinary traditions. Children learnt to cook and prepare jerk chicken and rice and peas, then had the opportunity to sample these delicious foods cooked on the traditional oil drum BBQ.

Local hair braiding expert Ms. Donnalee showcased the significance of hair braiding in Africa in an engaging Hair Braiding Workshop for Years 1 through to 6. Beginning with an informative demonstration, Ms. Donnalee shared the origins of various braiding styles, explaining how they reflect personal identity, community, and heritage. Pupils were captivated by stories of how different styles, from cornrows to box braids, convey important cultural messages. Pupils were then able to practice their new skills on each other with brilliant results.

The Senior pupils had a Cultural Dress Day to celebrate the diverse cultures and traditions of Normanhurst's senior community. This special occasion provided an opportunity for seniors to showcase their heritage, connect with their roots, and share their unique stories with others.

The month was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, promote understanding, and connect with everyone's personal heritage. By embracing cultural roots, we can create a more vibrant and inclusive community for all.



Young Artists Competition

Normanhurst's talented After School Club pupils entered the 'Young Artists' Competition, where they were tasked with designing their very own monsters.

Three pupils were chosen to be published in the book, well done to Inayah (Year 3), Emran (Year 6) and Morven (Year 5).

Morven was chosen as the 'Best Artist' in the whole competition of schools across the country. Her entry was not only published but also chosen as the front cover of the book.

It was an exciting experience for everyone involved, and the school is looking forward to more opportunities to showcase their pupils' talents in future competitions.

Congratulations to all Normanhurst children who entered.



Seniors F1 Trip

Years 7 and 9 had the opportunity to take part in an unforgettable experience at Williams Formula 1 headquarters.

Pupils engaged in a number of activities through the day including a creative STEM workshop, they raced cars on F1 simulators and also got the chance to see a range of historic Formula 1 racing cars all in glorious surroundings.

With such positive feedback from pupils throughout the trip, the school and its senior staff hope it will inspire the children to go on and become budding engineers themselves.



Early Years & Infant Nativity

The Early Years and Infant children at Normanhurst put on a wonderful Nativity performance this year.

The show was a huge hit with both the children and the audience, with plenty of catchy numbers to get the toes tapping.

Well done to all the children and staff involved!



Carol Service



St Peter and St Paul Parish Church was brimming with Christmas cheer as the whole school, family and friends gathered for Normanhurst's annual Carol Service.

The Junior children delivered a delightful performance of the Nativity story—with a fun twist that had everyone entertained! Meanwhile, The Choir, British Sign Language Club, Seniors and staff filled the hall with festive songs and heartfelt readings, creating a truly joyous atmosphere.

It really was a lovely way to round off the Autumn term and wish everyone at Normanhurst a wonderful Christmas break.



Oaklands School Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge

Oaklands Year 4 children had an incredible time immersing themselves into the fascinating world of the Tudors.

Dressed in Tudor costumes, the children felt like they had stepped back in time as they explored the beautifully restored Tudor house in Chingford. They discovered the unique features of each floor, learning about the different activities that took place in the various rooms. From the kitchens where meals were prepared to the living spaces where families gathered and hosted grand dinner parties, the children really gained a deeper understanding of Tudor daily life.

The trip also included engaging discussions about the types of food consumed during the Tudor period, sparking curiosity and lively conversations among the children. This hands-on experience truly brought history to life, enriching their classroom studies.



Braeside School Church Farm, Ardeley

Kindergarten & Reception had a fantastic time on their trip to Church Farm in Ardeley.

Visiting at the height of Halloween season, there were pumpkins galore and the children loved walking through the spooky decorations.

The children got to meet lots of different farm animals. They helped to collect apples and then fed them to the pigs and their piglets! They also collected eggs from the hens in the coop, gently placing them in baskets for the farmer.

Everyone was incredibly tired on the way back home after such a fun-filled day.



Coopersale Hall School & Normanhurst School Battlefields Trip

Senior pupils from both Coopersale Hall and Normanhurst travelled together on a joint trip through France to the Salient area of Belgium to learn about the individual stories of soldiers and their families.

The trips first stop was the Canadian National Vimy Memorial - a memorial site in France dedicated to the memory of the Canadian Expeditionary Force members killed in WW1. It also serves as a place to commemorate Canadian soldiers killed in France with no known grave. Whilst here the children got to experience walking through a set of preserved front line trenches.

The second day of the trip was spent at the Somme, with pupils visiting the High Wood memorial. They then travelled to the Lochnagar Crater which is still in existence today. This highlighted the impact of mine warfare in the Great War.

Pupils witnessed a special commemoration ceremony at the Commonwealth graves in Ypres. Both schools took wreathes of poppies which were laid at certain memorials and graves to pay respects to the fallen.

The coach passed through Passchendaele to visit the museum to experience life in the communication trenches in WW1. After the museum stop, they went to Tyne Cot Commonwealth Cemetery to learn about the different allies and nations that fought in the war. Some pupils were able to identify their family surname on the memorial there.

It was an amazing trip – pupils learned about France and Belgium, about the war and about all the individuals who risked their lives for their country.



Braeside School Epping Food Bank



The Charity Representatives from Year 3 to Year 9 were invited to the Epping Forest Foodbank to understand more about why they are needed, who they help and the work of paid staff and volunteers that goes into the work there.

The pupils were put into groups to work on the foodbank floor. They had to date food, categorise it and place it in the correct areas for use depending on date and food type. Margot from the EFFB was very impressed with the teamwork that she saw! Pupils had experience of working under pressure and to a time limit to organise boxes of food. After the work on the floor, pupils stayed in their groups to organise a menu for one person for 3 days.

Normanhurst Spinney Christmas Visit

In the spirit of the festive season, pupils from Normanhurst visited The Spinney Care Home this week, bringing smiles and joy to the residents with special Christmas performances. The children, ranging in age from Year 2 to 9, gathered in the care home's cosy lounge to perform a selection of traditional Christmas carols and festive musical numbers.

As a thoughtful gesture, the pupils also handed out personalised Christmas cards, each one carefully designed to bring a personal touch to the celebration.

As the event came to an end, the children were met with warm thank-yous from the residents, leaving The Spinney Care Home filled with festive joy and fond memories of an afternoon filled with music, laughter, and holiday spirit.



Coopersale Hall School Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day

Coopersale Hall pupils came together in the Autumn Term to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day, with both children and staff wearing yellow to mark the occasion.

Pupils participated in a variety of activities, including a yellow-themed treasure hunt, learning affirmations, and creating doodles inspired by The Doodle Boy.

A big thank you to all the pupils and staff who wore yellow in support of this important cause, and to the pupils and parents for their generous donations.

Proceedings from the event have been donated to the charity Young Minds.



Oaklands School UK Visit The Mellows



Upper Kindergarten visited Mellows Care Home, where they were greeted by one of the residents playing the piano. He then played alongside the children whilst they sang a variety of songs from their Nativity play, including Twinkle Twinkle, Joseph led the Donkey, Jingle Bells and We Wish you a Merry Christmas.

The children then had the opportunity to meet some of the residents and share some of their favourite story books.

The children were so well behaved and sang beautifully, Oaklands are extremely proud of all of them!

Braeside School Maham's GOSH Walk

Well done to Maham who completed the Great Ormond St Walk for the kids. She took part in the 5k walk and raised a whopping £1790!



Oaklands School Arthur Interviews the England Team

Arthur shared with his class his amazing opportunity to interview the England football team.

He got to ask some of his favorite players about their love for football and how long it took them to go pro. A dream come true for any football fan.

Well done Arthur!



Coopersale Hall School Jessica Donates her Hair

Jessica in Year 5 has donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other causes. This is wonderful way to help other young people that need support.



Normanhurst School Henry's Football Achievements

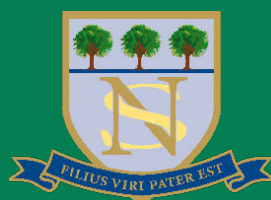
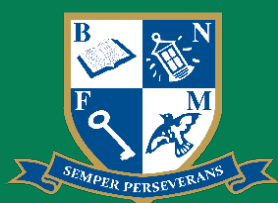
Henry was recently successful in gaining a spot on the Under 9s team at Buckhurst Hill Football Club and has so far played three matches for them. At one game he was named Man of the Match.

Henry has said that he is really happy that he has made the team and feels like it is a step closer to being a professional footballer. Henry also said that he is proud of himself for getting named as Man of The Match and that his team mates also supported him.

He said that "Even if I didn't get it I felt proud of myself for how I played as I scored my first two goals for the team and my second goal meant that the end score was a draw, 3-3."

Well done Henry for a very impressive display!





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