



**ITEM** **PAGE**

<a href="#">Group Principal's Message</a>	<a href="#">1</a>
<a href="#">Normanhurst Samba Workshop</a>	<a href="#">1</a>
<a href="#">Earth Day</a>	<a href="#">2</a>
<a href="#">Open Days 2021</a>	<a href="#">2</a>
<a href="#">Captain Tom Challenge</a>	<a href="#">3</a>
<a href="#">Sports Day</a>	<a href="#">4</a>
<a href="#">YouTube Channel</a>	<a href="#">4</a>
<a href="#">Anglo-Saxon Workshop</a>	<a href="#">5</a>
<a href="#">ISA Composition Competition</a>	<a href="#">5</a>
<a href="#">Social Media</a>	<a href="#">5</a>
<a href="#">Incredible Artwork from Braeside</a>	<a href="#">6</a>
<a href="#">Year 5 Maths Fair</a>	<a href="#">7</a>
<a href="#">100 Days At School</a>	<a href="#">7</a>
<a href="#">Year 5 Taster Morning</a>	<a href="#">7</a>
<a href="#">Butterfly Release</a>	<a href="#">8</a>
<a href="#">Prestigious Diana Award</a>	<a href="#">8</a>
<a href="#">CricketFest</a>	<a href="#">8</a>
<a href="#">Hero Stamps</a>	<a href="#">9</a>
<a href="#">Oaklands Learn About Space</a>	<a href="#">9</a>
<a href="#">BHF Walkathon</a>	<a href="#">9</a>
<a href="#">Maths Week</a>	<a href="#">10</a>
<a href="#">Book Donations</a>	<a href="#">10</a>
<a href="#">Normanhurst Photography Competition</a>	<a href="#">11</a>
<a href="#">Bikability</a>	<a href="#">12</a>
<a href="#">The Little Princess Trust</a>	<a href="#">12</a>
<a href="#">Oaklands Year 6 Leavers</a>	<a href="#">13</a>
<a href="#">Braeside Year 11 Prom</a>	<a href="#">13</a>
<a href="#">Coopersale Hall Year 6 Leavers</a>	<a href="#">13</a>
<a href="#">Celebration Assemblies</a>	<a href="#">14</a>
<a href="#">Year 6 Leavers Performances</a>	<a href="#">15</a>
<a href="#">Parents Association</a>	<a href="#">16</a>

## Group Principal's Message

What a challenging year we have had under such unique circumstances and having to follow such a long list of government restrictions. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we tried our best to provide as normal an education as possible for the children.

Despite the restrictions, you will see here that we still managed to pack a huge amount into the Summer Term with so many opportunities for extra-curricular development.

The main highlights for many were the end of term Celebrations of the Year and Sports Day. Our teams worked incredibly hard to give the children live audiences and groups of spectators, and I was delighted to be

able to invite parents back in for events for the first time since December 2019. These were valuable for the children and I know you enjoyed them too.

GCSE results were released last week and we were delighted that 100% of Braeside's results were at grade 4 or above (old style grade C), with 96% at Normanhurst. Around 2/3 of grades at both schools were the top 7s-9s (old style grades A/A\*). These are fantastic results to celebrate.

Enjoy the rest of the summer. I plan to write again once the DfE confirms its arrangements for schools, but the message so far is for normality to start to return. Fingers crossed...

*Matthew Hagger*

Matthew Hagger

## Normanhurst Samba Workshop

On Tuesday 15 June Mr Liam McCloud from the Waltham Forest Music Service visited Normanhurst to run a Samba Workshop.

He worked with children from Year 6, 7 and 8 and with Music GCSE students. The pupils had a great time, learning about Samba music, the instruments and playing

techniques. They learned how to follow a Samba leader and prepared a performance to showcase what they had learned to some of the juniors and staff.





## Earth Day at Normanhurst

This term our Junior pupils celebrated Earth Day by taking part in a variety of activities. Earth Day is an annual event held on the 22 April every year to demonstrate support for environmental protection. This year's theme was 'Restore the Earth'.

Year 1 had lots of fun learning ways to be less wasteful and each committed to do one thing to help the Earth.

In Year 2, the children found out about why Earth Day is celebrated and how long it has been celebrated for. They discussed four particular issues that the Earth is facing: plastic pollution, deforestation, pollution and global warming. In their pairs, the children then identified ways that we can help reduce the impact of the four problems. Later on, the children enjoyed a craft activity in which they created their own Earth using a paper plate and tissue paper.

Year 3 started their afternoon by looking at a presentation that explained the importance of Earth Day and why it should be recognised and celebrated, they also learnt all about renewable energy, climate change and how to reduce, reuse and recycle. Year 3 all created a piece of artwork to represent the reasons why they love Planet Earth and ways to protect it. They really enjoyed this activity as it gave them the opportunity to carefully think about how they feel towards the Earth.

Year 4 spent their afternoon creating artwork and writing poems for a

wonderful Earth Day display. The children took their time to think about the importance of Earth Day and why we should continue to work hard to protect the Earth. They then made commitments on how they plan on protecting it.

Year 5 watched a video about this significant day, went through a discussion-based PowerPoint and had many debates about how to save the Earth. They then created a collaborative art work project to promote the message reduce, recycle and reuse and created some imaginative acrostic poems.

Year 6 started the afternoon with a presentation about Earth Day to find out more about it. The activity was a research task where children were



asked to research some specific animals to find out if they were still alive or extinct.

All of the pupils who took part had a very informative day and found out about different ways that we can help save our planet.

## October Open Days 2021

### Coopersale Hall School

Tuesday 5 October at 9:15am

### Braeside School

Wednesday 6 October

Early Years and Juniors at  
9:15am

Juniors and Seniors at 6pm

### Normanhurst School

Thursday 7 October

Infants, Juniors and Seniors at  
6pm

Friday 8 October

Early Years at 9:15am

### Oaklands School

Thursday 7 October at 9:15am





## Captain Tom Challenge

The world was inspired this year by the courage, kindness and determination of Sir Captain Tom Moore. On the morning of Moore's hundredth birthday, the total raised by his walk passed £30 million!

Across the four schools our pupils, also inspired by his efforts, took part in a series of challenges to raise money for different charities.



Braeside School



Braeside completed their Captain Tom Moore Challenge raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. They walked in honour of Captain Tom 100 times around the garden. It was a relief to see the sun out and the pupils rose to the challenge and motivated each other to finish. Well done all, great work!



Coopersale Hall School



At Coopersale Hall, Lower Kindergarten didn't let the cold weather stop them as they walked 100 steps together in the playground, whilst other pupils made posters about what they have learned from Sir Tom. Well done!



Normanhurst School



Normanhurst School were delighted to raise money for good causes and help spread a message of hope. The Juniors took part in inspiring the next generation of Captain Tom's.

The children in Early Years walked 100 steps and collected 100 sticks. The Juniors each did 100 star jumps and the children were all asked to bring in 100 pennies.

Year 5 and 6 went down to Chingford Plains to complete the 100 challenge



Normanhurst School



for Captain Tom's birthday. Year 5 and 6 worked in teams of 5 to complete 100 star jumps, 100 walking laps and throwing for 100 seconds. They all had great fun and thought it was a fitting way to celebrate Captain Tom's birthday and to remember him.

All the money raised by Normanhurst went toward the Young Minds charity.



# Oak-Tree

Summer 2021

# NEWSLETTER



## Sports Day

This year our Sports Days were extra special as we could finally welcome family and friends to cheer pupils on after a year of restrictions. For weeks, pupils had been training for Sports Day events, and everybody was excited to get started. Every single pupil got into the spirit of the day, supporting their classmates when they weren't taking part, and giving the races and events their all.



Normanhurst School



For Normanhurst, the track and field events took place at Lee Valley Athletics Centre as usual, and it was great to have the socially distanced crowds of friends and family filling the stands.

Events included several relays, track events such as the 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m, high jump, shot put, long jump, discus and javelin. Many school and personal records were broken and everyone should be very proud of all they have achieved!

Coopersale Hall School



At Coopersale Hall, the pupils were very excited to once again be able to take part in one of the highlights of the school calendar.

There was a huge range of events taking place throughout the day, such as 'over and under' races, sprints, egg and spoon, howler throw and long jump.

Braeside also held a school Sports Day at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre. The pupils used the indoor track to take part in lots of different races. The atmosphere was electric as the pupils cheered on their team mates to win the house competition.

At Oaklands, the pupils took part in a range of events including obstacles,



Braeside School



beanbag and hurdle races. It was so good to see everyone together and having fun after the tough year we've had.

Thank you to all of those families who were able to come and support the children within the government's guidelines!



Oaklands School

## YouTube Channel

Visit our schools' YouTube Channels to see videos from some of the many events that take place through the year.

- [Braeside School](#)
- [Coopersale Hall School](#)
- [Oaklands School](#)
- [Normanhurst School](#)





# Oak-Tree

Summer 2021

# NEWSLETTER



## Anglo-Saxon Workshop

The Coopersale Hall children in Year 4 took part in a fantastic Anglo-Saxon workshop lead by Catherine Hammond from the Waltham Abbey District Museum. The children were able to handle replicas from the museum and discuss in groups what they learnt about life in the past. Catherine was very impressed with the children's knowledge and the questions they asked to develop their understanding.

The pupils went on to make beautiful Anglo-Saxon inspired jewellery.



## Normanhurst ISA Composition Competition



We are very proud of the five pupils who entered the ISA Composition Competition in the Summer Term. The competition was adjudicated by Flora Curzon, a Modern and Baroque violinist.

Lucy was awarded a 'Highly Commended' place for her violin concerto. Everyone did a fantastic job and worked really hard on their compositions.



Well done to all those that took part!

## Social Media



[braesidesch](#)  
[coopersalesch](#)  
[normanhurstschool](#)  
[oaklandssch](#)



[@BraesideSch](#)  
[@CoopersaleHSch](#)  
[@NormanhurstSch](#)  
[@OaklandsSch](#)



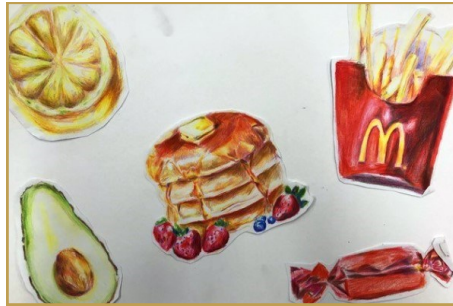
[Braeside School](#)  
[Coopersale Hall School](#)  
[Normanhurst School](#)  
[Oaklands School](#)



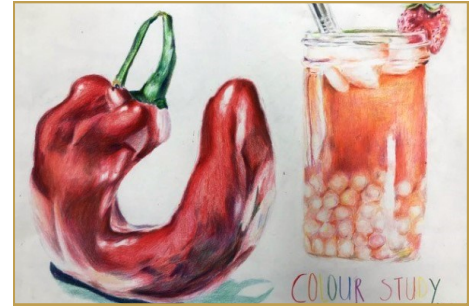
## Incredible Artwork from Braeside

Pupils at Braeside have been producing some wonderful pieces of artwork during the last few months.

Year 9 studied three dimensional art. Inspired by the work of Peter Anton and Claes Oldenburg, the pupils made realistic clay food sculptures. The aim was to create art that 'ordinary' people could relate to. They certainly look good enough to eat!



Carrying on with their food and drink topic, Year 9 are exploring form and shape, with a particular focus on drawing ellipses. Pupils are also considering the surface texture and comparing and contrasting objects like bottles, cans, packaging and natural items like fruits and vegetables with these observational studies.



Year 5 have explored the art of paper weaving, creating some amazing optical illusions.



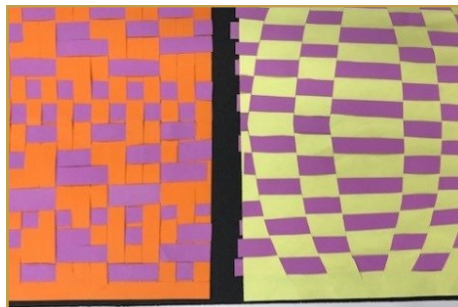
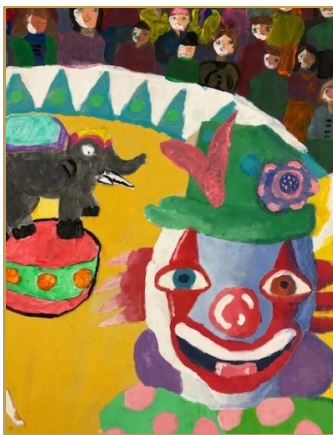
Year 7 produced amazing circus compositions in bold and striking colours. They have been exploring perspective and scale to create drama just like the artist Toulouse Lautrec.



Kindergarten have been busy creating their own art inspired by Henri Matisse with some colourful results.



Like Monet, Year 3 and 4 have been exploring views of The River Thames. The class have focused on capturing different times of the day using a range of different techniques. The pupils loved using their paint brush upside down and the edges of cardboard to create atmospheric surface textures.







## Oaklands Year 5 Maths Fair



mass and capacity challenges to a treasure hunt with coordinates. There was also a stall with algebraic maths magic, a sweet shop that had lots of money problems, an escape room and even DJ maths!

Well done Year 5 - what an innovative way to share your learning!



In June, Year 5 at Oaklands held a Maths Fayre for all the pupils in Key Stage 2. They prepared a range of questions and challenges for the different year groups.

The children were treated to a wonderful selection of stalls, from

## Normanhurst Celebrate 100 Days At School

After a long period of home learning, the Juniors were finally able to

celebrate 100 days of 'being in' school, on May 20. It was an exciting day for everyone, with many of the children decorating their tops to represent 100 days.

The Juniors had a fun packed day where all of their subjects were based on '100 Days'.



## Oaklands Year 5 Taster Morning

Year 5 enjoyed a range of subjects in a virtual Brentwood Taster morning. They started looking at the nature of existence and knowledge within an RE and Philosophy session and gave

wonderful responses. They found the Physics experiments on magnetic fields fascinating and made some great predictions too. The children also took part in a Computer Science session where they worked on programming a microbit. We will leave them to tell you what that is!





## Schools Release Class Butterflies Into The Wild



In May, the Early Years departments of all four schools received a very special delivery - caterpillars! The children loved watching the caterpillars as they grew bigger every day.

Once they had become chrysalises, they could be taken out of the pots and the children got to take a close up

look at the transformation happening.

At the beginning of June the butterflies had gathered enough strength to survive in the wild and it was time to release them.

There was great excitement at all of the schools and pupils from all years gathered to see the butterflies fly away.



## Prestigious Diana Award For Braeside Student

The Diana Award honours young people who work to improve the lives of others. The Award is the most prestigious accolade a young person aged 9-25 can receive for their social action or humanitarian work.

After Bobbie's father passed away, she heard stories of orphaned children in Mwulinga, Zambia and was inspired to fund-raise to support their school.

Bobbie started with a bake sale, held at Braeside, and has since raised £125, which has supported the education of 89 children in Zambia and inspired other children in her school to also support and raise money. Bobbie now makes weekly videos to connect to the children in Zambia and to teach them to trampoline, as well as videos for other bereaved children in the UK. Through her videos, Bobbie shares the tools that helped her through her own difficult times. She is determined to help other children and wants to channel her grief into doing something

positive for other people. Congratulations Bobbie, what an amazing achievement!



## CricketFest at Braeside

Year 9 designed a new celebration of cricket at Braeside this year.

Cricket was played in 'House Bubbles' on the London Corporation Cricket Ground next to the Braeside site.

Pupils played fun and competitive, House games with some superb fielding, bowling and batting.

It was a lovely way to end the term, especially with so many national and international cricket matches to watch over the summer.







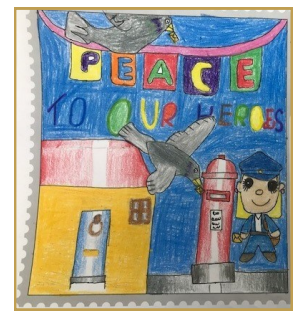
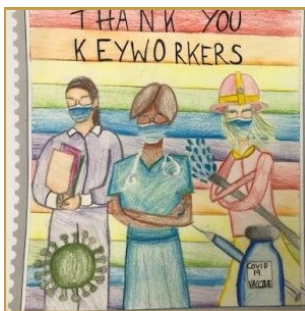
## Braeside Stamp Heroes Competition

The Stamp Heroes competition gave pupils, aged 4 to 14, the chance to design an official Royal Mail stamp as

part of a special set of 8. Children were asked to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to design a stamp in their honour.

Year 7 worked really hard to produce some great stamp designs.

The criteria was for them to be creative and imaginative, show a range of skills and techniques like colour contrast and composition and respond to the design brief. Some of the excellent entries are below.



## Oaklands Year 1 Pupils Learn About Space

Year 1 have been learning about space in their topic lessons and found that a

mysterious space ship had crashed in the school field! They took it back up to class for investigation and had lots of fun learning about space.

The children also made some

wonderful projects about the solar system to present to the rest of the class. The pupils amazed us with their beautiful models and fact filled presentations.



## BHF Walkathon at Braeside

Braeside Pupils took part in a Walkathon in support of the British Heart Foundation at the end of term.

Everyone dressed up in red and wore their comfiest shoes for the walk.

Even our youngest pupils in Early Years got involved, donning their welly boots and safety jackets to walk through the forest.

Well done everyone for taking part and raising £284 for the charity!





## Maths Week

At Normanhurst Year 5 and 6 went outdoors to complete some Maths challenges.

In different teams, the pupils were asked to use natural materials that they could find on the floor to make two different 2D shapes - one with a perimeter of 9m and another with an area of 8.5 m squared.

All the teams worked hard in order to collect anything they deemed useful for the task. They also used their estimation skills in order to work out the measurements. The school was aiming to reward the groups whose work would be nearest to the requirements. However, two teams



matched the exact measurements with their impressive estimation skills!

Oaklands also took their Maths lesson outdoors. They were given the task to discover different angles in all shapes and forms hidden around the school. Pupils had to find obtuse, reflex, acute and right angles. The children were amazed at how many concealed angles there were around them. They took pictures of the different angles and were challenged to estimate the size of the angle before accurately measuring it by applying their ICT skills. What a wonderful way to learn and explore!

Coopersale Hall's Upper Kindergarten enjoy finding fun ways to take part in

Maths lessons. The children enjoy going on number and shape hunts, finding numbers and shapes in sand or water and taking part in many different adventures that involve Maths. The children are confident when recognising numbers and like counting different objects and singing counting songs.

The children have also started to look at weight and capacity and enjoy using scales to weigh objects in the classroom.



## Coopersale Hall Book

### Donations

This year's Birthday Book Donation scheme has been amazing with over 300 books donated to the Coopersale Hall library!

The school has seen books for all ages, big books, little books, scary books,

story books, fiction and non-fiction.

Some of their favourites have been 'The Squirrels Who Squabble', 'You're called what?' and 'The Travel Book'.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated, they will be cherished for years to come and shared with the other children in the school.







## Normanhurst Photography Competition

The Normanhurst School Photography Competition continued for 2021 and the judges were so impressed with the entries!

Pupils, staff and parents were invited to interpret the themes of DREAMS, CONTRAST AND COLLECTIONS.

Once again the school was overwhelmed with the quality of this year's entries. Well done to the winners of each category, your photos look wonderful!



(Changes) PUPIL: Alex

### CHANGES :



PARENT: Debra



STAFF: Miss Griffin

### COLLECTIONS:



PUPIL: Nicolas



PARENT: Mrs Bagley

### DREAMS :



PUPIL: Leiya



PARENT: Ms Lutter





## Bikeability

At Coopersale Hall and Normanhurst, the Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an exciting bike training course run by the Local Authority.

They learnt a number of skills over the week, including how to cycle safely and responsibly, identify and respond to hazards, start and stop on-road journeys, maintain suitable riding positions, share the road with others, communicate with other road users, comply with signals, signs and road markings and managing risks when cycling.

All of the children had a fantastic time learning these new skills and feel much more confident on the roads.



## The little Princess Trust

Well done to our pupils across the group who bravely had dramatic hair cuts for The Little Princess Trust charity. The charity makes wigs for children suffering from cancer.

What a kind and thoughtful charity to support; we are very proud!







## Coopersale Hall Year 6 Leavers



Year 6 had a wonderful few weeks of trips and celebrations to mark the end of their time at Coopersale Hall. Their first trip was to Stubbers Adventure Centre where the children had a go at Laser Tag, Archery, Canoeing, Aerial rope course and rock climbing.

The next trip was to Aqua Bounce, where the children got suited up and had a great time on the floating obstacle course. These were lovely trips to mark the end of an era!



## Braeside Year 11 Prom

Year 11 were invited back to school in July to celebrate the end of their Braeside chapter and the starting of a new one.

They came dressed in their best outfits to sing their favourite songs together and to collect their awards for subjects, progress and achievement. They then headed into the gardens to celebrate in the sunshine.



## Oaklands Year 6 Leavers

Activities week started with a bang at Oaklands with a trip to the Wild Forest where the children got covered in mud from head to toe!



The next day saw the children working in teams to build robot suits for an epic robot war in the playground. We were very impressed with the new costumes, even if they were a bit tricky to move in!

After a few games of shoe hurling and tower building it was time for some water fun! The pupils loved racing down the hill on the massive water slide and getting soaked in a competitive game of capture the flag.

What a fitting way to end their time at Oaklands School!





## Celebrations Assemblies

After such a turbulent year, it was fantastic to be able to welcome families back into the school grounds to celebrate the children's achievements in a way they deserved. Seeing all the smiling faces cheering their children on was very special.

Although we were not able to hold our usual whole school celebrations this year, our class bubble assemblies allowed our pupils to have the recognition they deserved.

Across all four schools our pupils put on wonderful performances with lots of dancing and singing, as well as a few fancy costumes. The children spent time rehearsing and had been looking forward to performing in front of their families. For the first time in many months.



Coopersale Hall School



Some of the pupils at Coopersale Hall showed off their African inspired creations in a wonderful fashion show followed by a performance on their home made instruments.

Other year groups took inspiration from what they had learnt in History this year, taking us back to Ancient Greece and the Anglo-Saxon eras. It was great to see the children remember so many lines and lyrics as well as some fantastic dance moves!



Braeside School

Braeside pupils reminisced about their Zoom lessons and home learning, reading out poems they had written in class. You could tell how pleased the children were to be back at school and with their friends again. We also got to hear lots of lovely songs performed alongside music on the piano, drums and guitar.



Normanhurst School

Normanhurst battled on through a lot of rainy performances, but the weather wasn't going to stop the children showing off their talents!

In addition to the awards, there was singing and dancing as well as a special drum performance by some of our older pupils.



Oaklands School



Oaklands Pupils treated us to lots of happy songs about the seaside and the sunshine. They also took us to the Carnival with a special upbeat performance with feather boas and Latin dance moves.

Our older pupils across the Group were awarded their roles for next year and received certificates for all their hard work.

We would like to say a big well done to all of our pupils across the schools. You made us very proud!





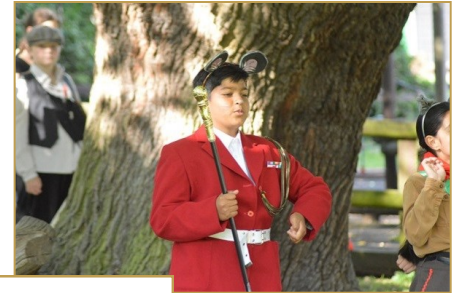
## Year 6 Leavers Performances

The end of the Summer Term always marks an emotional time for our oldest pupils as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their education. We were so pleased to be able to welcome family back onto the grounds for these performances as they mean so much to all the children.

Coopersale Hall pupils told us the story of a Victorian family and their staff, with songs and dances along the way. An emotional final song finished off the performance which was then followed by awards and the distribution of leavers' hoodies.



Oaklands School



At their evening assembly under the oak tree in the main school field, Oaklands pupils told us all about their special memories of their time at school followed by an amazing play about a group of misfit rats.



Coopersale Hall School



All of the children put a huge amount of effort into the performance, really getting into character.

Whilst we didn't get to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 11s at Braeside and Normanhurst in the way we would have liked this year, we would like to wish them the best of luck as they move on to the next stage of their education.



To all the pupils leaving this year, we wish you every happiness in your futures!



## Oak-Tree Schools Parents' Associations

Although the Summer Term couldn't be our usual plethora of Summer Fetes and picnics, our Parents' Associations were still very busy arranging a number of treats for our very deserving pupils.

### Braeside



Knowing how hungry the pupils would be after a morning of games at CricketFest, FoBS came up with the brilliant idea of a pizza picnic as an end of year treat. The pupils enjoyed having lunch together in the sunshine! Year 11 were lucky enough to have FoBS pay for a Disco Dome for the pupils to play their music in and dance and bounce at their prom. Thank you!

### Coopersale Hall



Pupils at Coopersale Hall were lucky to have Dominoes pizzas delivered to the school for everyone to enjoy as a picnic in the sunshine. The delicious pizza was followed by ice lollies and ice cream - what a treat to have on a hot summers day! All of the children were so excited and really enjoyed this special lunch. Thank you FoCHS!

### Normanhurst



The NSPA have been very busy this term raising money to provide fantastic new playground markings for the pupils to enjoy. The children have lots of fun options including a 'Mirror Me' game, hopscotch, and a route to test their jumping and hopping skills! The new games will keep the children entertained for years to come. Thank you so much to everyone involved!

### Oaklands



The OPA arranged a summer raffle full of fantastic prizes donated by parents. Some of the prizes included a luxury spa kit, champagne, Belgium chocolates and even a Polaroid camera! Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to everyone who has helped the school during this tricky year.

All of the PAs provided the schools with Butterfly Kits this summer, which we're sure you all know the children really enjoyed. Watching the butterflies change and grow has been such an exciting part of this term.

The Oak-Tree Parents' Associations are always looking for parents to get involved with fundraising or events. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your committee.