



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Celebration Awards Thursday 14th June 2024

Hawk	Dexter, Henry
Eagle	Elijah, Lacey
Kestrel	Meghan, Arthur
Swift	Tudor, Drew
Owl	Jacob B, Jacob I
Wagtail	Ashleigh, Aaliyah
Kingfisher	Bailey, Leo
Robin	Hallie, Rosie
Woodpecker	Samar, Georgie
Puffin	Adam, Hugo R, Bronwyn, Freya

Kingfisher Class Assembly

Well done Kingfisher class, what a fantastic assembly! We loved your wonderful singing and were very interested to find out about what you have been learning in class. Watch out Year 1, Kingfisher is coming!

PTFA Summer Fete

If you are able to help with the PTFA Summer fete this year, please let the Infant or Junior school know or contact the PTFA directly at gbptfa@gmail.com. The event will be held on the school field on Friday 5th July from 3.30-6.00pm. There are a fantastic array of activities: hook-a-duck, hair stall, face painting, human fruit machine, stocks, lolly game, henna tattoos, ice cream van, BBQ and bar and lots more...

We will be having a non-uniform, day on Friday 5th July, so that children are ready to go to the Fete after school. In exchange, we would be grateful if the children could bring in a bottle for the tombola. This could be a bottle of wine or juice, tomato sauce or something else that comes in a bottle.

PTFA Quiz

Thank you to everyone who went along to the quiz before half term. With your support the event raised £645. Thank you to the ladies of the PTFA for organising yet another brilliant evening.

Friend of Braintree & Bocking

On Tuesday, Bryan Baker from the Friends of Bocking Blackwater led our assembly as part of our Eco Week focus. Bryan spoke about the things the group of volunteers do and what we can do to help our local nature reserve thrive as a space for us all to enjoy. Bryan let the children know about some of the animals that can be found in the nature reserve. Some we knew already, but some we were surprised to learn about such as the adder snakes and muntjac deer!

Police Visits

The children met 4 police officers in school today, Jo, John, Christie and Dan. They spent time chatting to the children and encouraging them to try on the uniform that they brought with them. Lots of children said that they would like to be a Police Officer when they are older.



Absence Notification

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school. Please phone the school on 01376 326891 and leave a message on the absence line by 9.00am. You must contact the school each day that your child is absent to avoid it being recorded as an unauthorised absence.

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Summer Reading Challenge

Marvellous Makers is coming to a library near you this summer! Essex Library Service and The Reading



Agency are teaming up with Create for a very special 2024 Summer Reading Challenge which will be a celebration of the creative arts. We'll be inspiring children to express themselves in creative ways, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling, and – of course – to read!

The challenge runs from Saturday 20 July to Saturday 7 September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries. There will also be a special early joiners' day on Saturday 13 July!

Children are being asked to read 6 books, they will collect stickers for their folder for each book they read. After reading 6 books they earn their certificate and medal.

To find out more, follow the link below:

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/marvellous-makers-the-summer-reading-challenge-2024>

Attendance Changes

There are a number of changes coming into effect from 19th August 2024 regarding pupil attendance at school. Please click on the link below to find out more information.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/category/attendance/>

I will be updating our attendance policy soon and will share with you once this is complete.

Carnival

If you were able to visit the Braintree and Bocking Carnival last weekend, you may have spotted our lovely Raven as the Rosebud Princess.



General Election

The school will be closed on Thursday 4th July for the general elections. The Junior School will be used as a polling station and as a result members of the public will be on the school site.

Birthday sweets

Staff will not hand out birthday sweets in class at the end of the day. It is time consuming and many parents do not want their child to have sweets. We are happy for parents to bring the sweets to school at the end of the day and stand with their child while they hand out sweets to the children as they leave. Children are then encouraged to show their parents the sweets so parents can make a decision about when and if they eat them. Many children have allergies and may not be allowed to eat or even touch the treats being offered. Thank you for your understanding.

Good Beginnings Course

A face to face course for parents and carers of children aged 5 or under, who have autism or social communication needs. To find out more information click on the link below:

[Good Beginnings Course | Essex Local Offer](#)

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Swift with 98.2% attendance. No class achieved 100% punctuality again this week! Come on everyone, this needs to be better!



Rocket Points

Red and Green rocket teams were the joint winners this week with 142 points each. Well done children.

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Tidy Classroom

The winning class this week was Woodpecker class. Well done children for taking care of our school.



Family Support

Sharon McCormick is our Home/School Liaison Worker. If you are struggling with your child's behaviour; bedtimes, mornings are a nightmare; your child is a fussy eater or struggles to leave you at school time, bereavement or family separation, then Sharon may be able to help.

If she cannot help you personally, then she can refer to more specialised services who will be experts in their field. Sharon is available Monday - Wednesday between 7.45am-4pm. You are welcome to email her on Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk. She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

Alternatively, come to one of her drop in sessions in school from 8.00am - 9.00am on one of the following Tuesdays:

25th June
16th July

Diary Dates		
17.6.24	Hawk library visit	AM
24.6.24	Swift library visit	AM
25.6.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00 - 9.00am
4.7.24	School closed for Polling Station	
5.7.24	Non-Uniform Day Please bring a bottle for the tombola	

5.7.24	PTFA Summer Fete	3.30 – 6.00pm
8.7.24	Year 2 Dress Rehearsal	AM
9.7.24	Year 2 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Kestrel class & ½ Eagle class, children's surnames A to H	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
10.7.24	Year 2 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Hawk class & ½ Eagle class, children's surnames I to Z	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
11.7.24	Farm visiting Reception	AM
11.7.24	Governor Curriculum and Finance meeting	6.30pm
12.7.24	Year 2 Leaver's Disco	3.30- 5.00pm
15.7.24	Wagtail library visit	AM
16.7.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00 - 9.00am
18.7.24	Reports go out via Arbor	
23.7.24	Break up for Summer	3.20pm

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2.9.24	Non Pupil Day	
3.9.24	Non Pupil Day	
4.9.24	Back to School Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am
5.9.24	Back to School Nursery	

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