



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Celebration Awards Friday 9th June 2023

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| Hawk | Ayman, Hollie |
| Eagle | Lully, Elliott |
| Kestrel | Amelie, George |
| Swift | Whole class |
| Owl | Anthony, Sienna |
| Wagtail | Bella, Henry |
| Kingfisher | Bella-Ann |
| Robin | Philippa |
| Woodpecker | Pippa |
| Puffin | Roman, Thea, Edward, Ethan |

Eco Week

As part of Eco Week we had Bryan and Lesley from Friends of Bocking Blackwater in assembly on Thursday talking about our local environment and the wildlife. They spoke to the children about how we can look after our environment and keep the animals safe, they were all very keen to get involved.

After assembly the eco council went for a walk to have a look at the river, they enjoyed this very much!

Please check out the Facebook page for Friends of Bocking Blackwater (FOBB) if you are interested in looking after our local environment and getting involved in exciting projects!

*Their next event is on Saturday at the river pulling up Himalayan Balsam which is taking over our local plant life.



As your child what else they have been learning in class about the environment and caring for our planet.

Our Ducklings

I thought I would share a couple of photos of the ducklings so you can see how much they have grown. They are loving being in the garden with their own little pool. When they are a little bigger I will let them join the other ducks on the pond.



New Canopy

Finally we have our new canopy! Thanks to the fundraising by the PTFA and additional funds from school we raised enough money to have the old one removed and the new one installed over half term. Did you notice that it reflects our rocket team colours?



Rocksteady Performance

This afternoon, our amazing rock bands performed a special concert for everybody. It was great to see the proud, smiling faces in the audience and the progress the bands have made whilst attending weekly sessions with band leader



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Izzy. Our latest Year 2 bands will start their sessions next week.

Mobile Zoo

Year 1 were treated to an animal workshop in class this morning. The children had great fun learning about a variety of different animals.

"Some animals were really scary. We had to keep silent because the animals might get scared. We couldn't make a snake noise because Bruno the snake would be scared." Arthur, Owl.

"Some of the animals were really rough. We couldn't touch Sydney the Australian Tree Frog because it would get poorly because our hands are hot." Holly, Owl.

"The Prairie dogs were funny because they kept trying to eat the cardboard." Raven, Swift

"I think it's funny that the Prairie dogs are the only animals that kiss. They kiss each other goodnight." Harrison, Swift.

"I liked the Tree Frog because it had sparkly gold eyes and comes from the rainforest." Teddy, Swift

"The Skunk called Blossom was soft and she thinks she is a cat." Penny, Swift

"When you stroke the hedgehog downwards it doesn't spike you." Sahara, Swift.

"I loved everything! - The animals were so cute." Henry, Swift.

Online Safety

Keeping your children safe online is vitally important. In an age where children have more screen time than ever they need to have the knowledge and skills to access games and search engines safely. Please follow the link below for some stories to support you having those conversations with your child.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck/stories/>

PTFA Summer Fete

Don't forget to join in the fun on Friday 16th June from 3.30 – 6.00pm. There will be lots of games and stalls, BBQ, drinks, stocks, beat the goalie, coconut shy, face painting, fire engine and inflatables. Friday 16th June will be non-uniform day and in exchange please bring in a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) for the adult or child tombola. The Infant and Junior school choirs will be singing.

Tickets for the wristbands will be on sale from the **Infant School office** from Monday 12th June to Thursday 15th June from 8.15am to 3.45pm. The wristbands cost £6.00 each if bought in advance and £7.00 on the day.

This will give children unlimited goes on the inflatables.

Many of the games at the fete will be paid for using tokens. These may be purchased in advance from the Infant School Office at a cost of 50p per token or 11 tokens for £5.00, (payment by card only from the office). They may also be purchased on the day by card or cash.

For more information please check out the PTFA Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/greatbradfords-ptfa>

Attendance

Attendance Ted will be dividing his time between Eagle class and Woodpecker class as they had the best attendance this week of 98.3%. Hawk class and Kingfisher class had 100% punctuality this week. Come on everyone, we need to have everyone in on time!



Tidy Classroom

This week Kestrel class has been chosen as the tidiest classroom. Well done.



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Rocket Points

Purple rocket team were the winners this week with **157** smiley faces. Please encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

Family Support

Sharon McCormick is our Home/School Liaison Worker. If you are struggling with your child's behaviour at home; bedtimes and mornings are a nightmare; your child is a fussy eater or struggles to leave you at school time, then Sharon may be able to help. She is available to support any parent/carers who may need advice or support. She can also help with other issues affecting families for example: divorce, separation, bereavement, housing issues and benefits. 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 her drop in session in school between 8.00am and 9.00am on: Monday 3rd July

| Diary Dates | | |
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| 12.6.23 - 16.6.23 | Year 1 Phonics Screening Week | |
| 12.6.23 | Eagle class & parents – intro & tour of the Junior school | 9.00am |
| 13.6.23 | Year 2 Visit to Hatfield Forest | Day |
| 14.6.23 | Hawk class & parents – intro & tour of the Junior school | 9.00am |

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| 14.6.23 | New Reception Parent Meeting | 6.30-7.30pm |
| 15.6.23 | Kestrel class & parents – intro & tour of the Junior school | 9.00am |
| 16.6.23 | Non Uniform day – bring a bottle for the tombola | Day |
| 16.6.23 | PTFA Summer Fete | 3.30 - 6.00pm |
| 21.6.23 | Reception Sports Day | 10.00-11.00am |
| 21.6.23 | Eagle class to join Year 3 for break time | 10.10-10.25 |
| 21.6.23 | Years 1 & 2 Sports Day | 2.00-3.00pm |
| 22.6.23 | Hawk class to join Year 3 for break time | 10.10-10.25 |
| 23.6.23 | Kestrel class to join Year 3 for break time | 10.10-10.25 |
| 29.6.23 | Move Around Morning | 9.15 - 12.00pm |
| 3.7.23 | Sharon's drop in sessions | 8.00 – 9.30am |
| 10.7.23 | Year 2 Dress Rehearsal | AM |
| 10.7.23 | Governing Board meeting | 6.30pm |
| 11.7.23 | Year 2 performance to parents in Kestrel & ½ Eagle | 9.15am |
| 12.7.23 | Year 2 performance to parents in Hawk & ½ Eagle | 9.15am |
| 14.7.23 | Children's Reports sent to home | |
| 21.7.23 | Break up for Summer | 3.20pm |
| 4.9.23 | Non-Pupil Day | Day |
| 5.9.23 | Non-Pupil Day | Day |

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| 6.9.23 | Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 back to school | 8.40am |

All these dates can be found on our website.

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 Essex County Council



School Crossing Patrol vacancies

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