



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 6th October 2023

Hawk	Toby, Natalia
Eagle	Ajer, Amelia C
Kestrel	Whole class
Swift	Kaiden, Logan
Owl	Archie, Lana
Wagtail	Jemima, Joshua
Kingfisher	Elliott
Robin	Jesse
Woodpecker	Jasmine
Puffin	Archie, Lainie, Michele, Gabriel R

Kestrel Class Assembly

We thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic assembly by Kestrel class this morning. It is amazing just how much learning has been packed in to four weeks. The children were very confident to speak out and share what they have learnt in class. I must admit, my favourite part was the children sharing why everyone in their class was a star. Well done Kestrel class.



Freshwater Theatre

Year 2 were delighted with a History drama workshop where they re-enacted The Great Fire of London.

“Yesterday, Annie taught us how the Great Fire of London started. We learned a rhyme about 1666 and did some acting. We pretended we were the flames. We also pretended to escape from the city.”
Ezra

“My favourite part is the fire spreading out.”
Sara

“We learned that only six people died.”
Holly

“I like the rhyme Annie taught us.” Arthur.



Open Morning

Nursery and Reception will be open from 10.00am-12.00pm on Saturday 14th October and Saturday 4th November for any parents or carers that have children starting school next year. Please come along and meet staff and have a look around. No need to book.

Congratulation Ms Dunne

We are very excited to share that Ms Dunne is expecting her second child at the end of December. The children were all very excited when she told them this week. From January Mrs Holroyd will be teaching Kingfisher class Monday to Thursday and Mr Brownsell will be teaching on a Friday.

Parent Consultations

If you are a parent of a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, please go on to Arbor to book a slot to meet your child's class teacher. Consultations are on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October from 3.40-6.20pm.

Holiday Requests

May I remind parents that requests for holidays during term time will not be authorised. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school every day that they can. The only exceptions are if they are too ill to attend or if a day's leave has been granted for exceptional circumstances. Please click on the link below to see our Child Attendance Policy. <https://www.gbins.co.uk/media/2380/child-attendance-policy-july-2022.pdf>

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Writing Celebration Wall

There is a display in the library celebrating children's efforts and achievements in writing across the school.

The chosen pieces of writing belong to: James (Kestrel), Eli (Eagle), Bella (Hawk), Laurel (Swift), Isabelle (Owl), Luis (Wagtail), Mason (Robin), Rosie (Woodpecker) and Grayson (Kingfisher). Well done everyone.



School Council

This week the School Council met for the first time since being appointed. Together, they shared what they had told their classes about why they would make excellent representatives. They also received their shiny new badges, which they will endeavour to wear at all times. Finally, they produced self-portraits to update the School Council display in the hall. At playtime this week, they have been rewarding examples of kindness spotted on the playground with smiles.

Can You Help

Nursery would love any of the following items:

- wicker baskets and/or hampers
- wooden bowls
- baby dolls (hard or soft bodied)
- party shoes or dressing up shoes
- superhero figures
- hats and costume jewellery

We are also in desperate need of age 4-5 and 5-6 jogging bottoms, shorts and leggings, and are running very low on socks!

If you can help with any of these items, please take them to nursery or hand in to the office. Thanking you in advance.

Parent/Carer Workshops

It was lovely to see so many reception parents at our phonic workshop.

The workshop began with a meeting in the hall from 9.00-9.30am followed by an opportunity to spend time in class seeing the learning from the workshop in action. We hope you are able to join us for more of the workshops for all year groups. See Diary Dates at the end of the newsletter.

Breakfast Club

Don't forget, our lovely breakfast club is open every morning from 7.30am. You can book and pay on Arbor for as many sessions as you would like.

Pushchairs/Buggies

The children in Years 1 and 2 love playing with the dolls and pushchairs on the playground at lunch time. If you are having a clear out and have unwanted prams/pushchairs/buggies we would love to have them. Please give to their class teacher or the main office. Thank you.



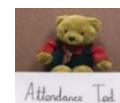
Harvest – Collecting Now

For Harvest, we are collecting donations for Braintree Foodbank again this year. Any donation, no matter how big or small supports them in their mission to ensure that no one has to go hungry. Please bring donations to the school office or give to class teachers at drop off or pick up. Thank you in advance for your support.



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Kingfisher class with 100%. Well done children, parents and carers. Kingfisher and Robin classes achieved



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100% punctuality. Let's see if we can make that 100% across the school next week

Tidy Classroom

The winning class this week was Puffin class. Well done to our youngest children for taking care of their classroom.



Rocket Points

Red rocket teams were the joint winners this week with **202** 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 one of her drop in sessions in school from 8.00am - 9.00am on one of the following Mondays:

- 30th October
- 27th November
- 11th December

Diary Dates		
9.10.23	Maths workshop for Years 1 & 2 parents & carers	9.00am
11.10.23	Nursery Parent Consultations	3.30-6.10pm
13.10.23	Swift class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.05-9.30am approx
13.10.23 to 19.10.23	Book Fair open after school	3.20-4.15pm
14.10.23	Nursery & Reception Open morning for new starters Sept 2024	10.00am-12.00pm
16.10.23	Governing Board Finance meeting	6.30pm
18.10.23	Parent Consultation meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.	3.40-6.20pm
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20.10.23	Eagle class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.05-9.30am approx
23.10.23 to 27.10.23	Half Term	
30.10.23	Back to school	8.40am
2.11.23	Flu Immunisations – more info to come	AM
4.11.23	Nursery & Reception Open morning for new starters Sept 2024	10.00am-12.00pm

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6.11.23	Maths workshop for Reception parents & carers	9.00am
10.11.23	Woodpecker class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.05-9.30am approx
13.11.23	Non-Pupil Day	Day
4.12.23	Governor Curriculum Meeting	6.30pm
4.12.23	Year 1 Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM
5.12.23	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited – info to come	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
6.12.23	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited – info to come	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
6.12.23	Christmas lunch - Rec, Yrs 1 & 2	11.45-1.00pm
6.12.23	Christmas/Seasonal Jumper Day	
8.12.23	Nursery & Reception school disco	3.15-4.45pm
8.12.23	Year 1 and Year 2 school disco	5.00-6.30pm
20.12.23	Last day of term	3.20pm
4.1.24	Back to school Rec, Year 1 & 2	8.40am

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