



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 10th November 2023

Hawk	Arthur, Jessica
Eagle	Alf, Leyton
Kestrel	Carina, Antoni
Swift	Isla, Pippa
Owl	Michael, Macauley
Wagtail	Ralph, Eddie
Kingfisher	Rena
Robin	Blessed
Woodpecker	Whole class, Aisata
Puffin	Bonnie-Bleu, Obiamaka, Rohan, Noah

Woodpecker Class Assembly

I'm lost for words! What a fantastic assembly by our young children in Woodpecker class this morning. We are enormously proud of all the children for their hard work in the learning, their fantastic singing, spelling and maths. It is amazing how confident they were to share all this in front of such a large audience.



Good-Bye Mrs Dedman

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Dedman in assembly this morning. The children presented her with lovely cards and flowers. We will miss her but wish her every success in her new adventure.

PTFA Pop-Up Shop

Thank you to the PTFA for running the Halloween Pop-up Shop. The money raised for both schools was £291.73. The next events will be Santa's Grotto and the Christmas Hampers and Raffle. Keep an eye out for more information

Non-Pupil Day

Don't forget that school is closed to children on Monday. We re-open on Tuesday 14th November at 8.40am.

Link to Hope

Thank you again to everyone that filled a shoe box for the appeal. School Council reps helped Mr Kimber load the boxes into his car to deliver to a collection point in Chelmsford. We are hoping to hear where these boxes end up!



PTFA Santa's Grotto

An email has been sent home with a QR code to book a slot for your child at Santa's Grotto. Please remember to include your child's name and class so that the PTFA know who the slot is for.

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QUH0ZC38>



Collecting Children

If you are unable to collect your child from school at the end of the day, you only need to notify the office if the person collecting is NOT on your green collection form. Please ensure they have your password if it is an adult that does not collect very often.

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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: Anthony (Kestrel), Penny (Eagle), Amelia (Hawk), Austin (Swift), Amelia (Owl), Isabelle (Wagtail), Leyla-May (Robin), Max (Woodpecker) and Seth (Kingfisher). Well done everyone.



leave and march through Braintree Town Centre to St Michael's Church where a service will be held.



PTFA Golden Bauble Hamper Raffle

You should have received an email today requesting items for the Christmas Hamper Raffle. Please hand in items at the office or to class teachers. Thank you for your support.



Reception Starters 2024

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024, you will need to apply for their place online. The portal opened on Monday 6th November and closes Monday 15th January. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2024>

Year 2 Parents

Remember you must go online to apply for your child's place in the Junior School for September 2024. The portal opened on Monday 6th November and closes Monday 15th January. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2024>

Remembrance Sunday

Raven and Jude, Eagle class, will be laying a wreath at the cenotaph in the Public Gardens, on behalf of Great Bradfords Infant & Nursery School. If you would like to come along, the service will begin in the Public Gardens at 2pm. A parade will then

Parking

Please ensure you park legally and safely when dropping off or collecting children from school. A child was nearly knocked over earlier in the week when a car mounted the pavement to park in Essex Road. We all have a duty to protect our children and families.

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Attendance

The class with the best attendance again this week was Robin class with 98%. Well done children, parents and carers. Robin class also achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone!



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Tidy Classroom

The winning class this week was Swift class. Well done to the children for taking care of their classroom.



Social Prescribing: For those who would like to make positive change to their health and wellbeing, a social prescriber can support with a range of non-medical circumstances. Including: *Keeping Active*- Wellness walks, seated exercise, weight management programmes. *Practical support*- Help into employment, dementia and carer support, advice on slips, trips, and falls, Food bank referrals and vouchers, food support. Essex family support service. *Connecting with others*- social groups and activities, befriending and volunteering opportunities.

Rocket Points

Blue rocket teams were the winners this week with **158** smiley faces. Well done children.

Financial Support

If you are finding it difficult to manage in the current economic climate. Please see the following information for support options available:

Household support fund: Those who are not eligible for a cost of living payment from DWP in October /November 2023 may be eligible for a grant from the household support fund. Anyone in Essex is able to apply to the fund and can contact the Peabody team for financial support with the cost of living. They will arrange a call to guide families through the application process. The email address for contact is here: efscsco-ordinator@peabody.org.uk

Essential Living Fund: Grants for support with food, hygiene products and fuel payments, for items of furniture or one off purchases. All grants are paid via a prepaid mastercard and furniture support is made by voucher. The application is completed through the Essex council website as they hold the fund. The link for applications is

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, family separation or bereavement, 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 Mondays:

29th November

11th December

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Diary Dates		
13.11.23	Non-Pupil Day	Day
17.11.23	Non- Uniform Day for Children in Need	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 – All of Swift Class & ½ Owl Class, surnames A-I	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
6.12.23	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Wagtail Class and ½ Owl Class, surnames J-Z	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
6.12.23	Christmas lunch - Rec, Years 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
5.1.23	Back to school for Nursery children	8.40am

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