



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Celebration Awards Friday 7th February 2020

Jet	Connor, Alicja
Topaz	Amber, Scarlett
Amethyst	Chloe, Aden
Opal	Charlie, Ruby
Diamond	Leila, Harvey
Sapphire	James, Eva
Emerald	Corey
Ruby	Zoe
Moonstone	Charlie, Abel-Rae



Dinosaurs

On Monday we got to be palaeontologists in Year 1! We had a paintbrush and we had to brush off sand to find fossils. When we found a fossil we had to identify it in a research book. In the afternoon we met a baby t-rex called Jack and Millie, the seven year old t-rex. Lily-Rose and Chloe said "It was the best day ever, we loved it!"



PTFA PJ & Popcorn Night

The children and staff had a great evening watching Toy Story 4 whilst munching on popcorn. The children were all extremely well behaved, as always. Thank you to all the staff and PTFA for organising and running the event.

Maths Workshops

We would like to invite parents and carers in to school for a workshop focused on maths. The workshop will start with a half hour meeting in the hall explaining how we teach calculation methods across the school. This will then be followed by a stay and learn session in class where you can see the teaching in action. We hope you will be able to join us on:

Year 2 Monday 10th Feb

Year 1 Wednesday 12th Feb

Reception Thursday 13th Feb

All workshops start in the hall from 9.00-9.30 followed by class time from 9.30-10.30am.

Easimaths Champs

The Easimaths top scorer from year 1 is Elodie (Diamond) and the top scorer from year 2 is Keelan (Topaz).

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ESafety Workshops

Mr Crow will be running workshops for parents and carers on internet safety. There will be sign-up sheets in classes if you would like to join us. The workshops will be in the ICT suite on the following days:

Emerald + ½ Ruby Monday 9th March
9.00-9.30am

Moonstone + ½ Ruby Thursday 12th
March 9.00-9.30am

Year 1 + 2 Friday 13th March 2.20-
2.50pm

Writing Celebration Wall

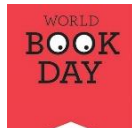
The display in the library celebrates children's effort and achievement in writing across the school. Please feel free to pop in to the library to read the selected pieces of writing.

The chosen writing belongs to: Alicja (Jet), Harry (Amethyst), Ava-Marie (Topaz), George H (Opal), Chloe (Diamond), Joshua (Sapphire), Matthew (Emerald), Freya (Ruby) and Amber (Moonstone). Well done everyone.



World Book Day

We thought we would give you lots of time to prepare for World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. As always we will be inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.



Braintree Library

Unfortunately, due to low turnout and other staff commitments the library has decided not to run their Family Story Session on Wednesday afternoons any more.

After School Reading

Please come and support your child's reading in class.

Reception: Every day

Year 1: Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday

Year 2: Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday

All sessions run from 2.55pm until 3.15pm. We hope you will be able to join us.



Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Ruby class for the best attendance of 99.2%. The classes with 100% punctuality were Sapphire, Jet and Topaz.



Tidy Classroom

Diamond class won the award for tidy classroom this week. Well done.



Valentine's Menu

Next week we are on the week 1 menu. The kitchen staff are planning a special valentine's themed menu on Friday 14th February: Beefburger in a bun or vegetarian burger in a bun, chips, baked beans or sweetcorn followed by chocolate chip heart cookie and a chocolate or strawberry milkshake.



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J9 Initiative

Mrs Roach and Mrs Easton attended training on Domestic Abuse this week. The J9 logo you may see around school, at Braintree Council and in other establishments nationwide, identifies that place as somewhere safe where people will listen and help. Domestic abuse affects 1 in 2 women and 1 in 4 men. Please click on the link for an information pack or come in and talk to us.



<https://setdab.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/J9-Information-Pack-2019.pdf>

500 Words

Please follow the link if you would like to enter BBC Radio 2s writing competition. Closing date is 27th February 2020.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgQL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

Isabelle, (Sapphire class), has entered and here is her story:

“Once there was a dinosaur family called the Dino Family. There was a Daddy Dino who worked hard, a Mummy Dino who was a good cook, Big Sister Dino who loved writing, Little Sister Dino who liked playing with her babies and Dino Dog who was a naughty pup.

One snowy afternoon they put on their hats, gloves and coats and took Dino Dog out for a walk. They walked across the field, over the little bridge and into

the woods. Little Sister Dino found a stick and threw it for Dino Dog who chased after it. Big Sister and Little Sister Dino decide to play hide and seek while Mummy and Daddy were taking pictures of Dino Dog. Big Sister Dino counted to 20 and Little Sister Dino ran off to hide. ‘Ready or not, here I come’ said Big Sister Dino and ran off to find Little Sister Dino. She looked behind the big tree, the hill and behind the tree stumps but couldn’t find her anywhere. She was worried because she thought she had lost her Little Sister. Suddenly Big Sister Dino had an idea and shouted for Dino Dog who came running over. Dino Dog, go find Little Sister Dino’ and off he went sniffing through the bushes. He stopped and sniffed at a rabbit hole and there was her little face peeking out! ‘Three cheers for Dino Dog’ Hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray, hip hip hooray! And they all went home for some hot chocolate and biscuits.”

Essex 2020

Essex 2020 was launched on 20th January, kicking off a year-long celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts and maths (STEAM). The event brought together trail-blazing innovation and a rich cross-section of arts which together are driving Essex into the new decade and beyond. Please click on the link below to find out what events are going on across Essex.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKESSEX/bulletins/279293d>

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Social Stories Workshop

For the past twenty-five years, parents and professionals have used Social Stories to effectively share social information with children, adolescents and adults on the Autistic Spectrum. Participants of this one-day workshop will have opportunities to practice skills and concepts as they are introduced and to write a Social Story on the day. This fun, fast paced and interactive workshop will not only teach participants to write, edit and implement a Social Story, but also provide plenty of positive and practical ideas along the way. The workshop will be held on:

Thursday 5th March 2020

9.30am - 4.30pm

Paxman Academy

Paxman Avenue

Colchester

CO2 9DQ

The cost of the workshop will be £25 for parents. Please bring your own lunch. Light refreshments will be provided.

To book a place please visit their website via the link below:

<http://marketfieldschool.co.uk/training-and-outreach/social-stories>.

PLEASE NOTE: The number of places are limited on this training. Places will therefore be allocated in the order in which they are received and only on receipt of payment. As there is a waiting list for places please notify cancellation at least 24 hours prior to workshop to obtain refund. A certificate will only be awarded on full completion of training.

School Uniform

We have made some changes to improve the system for supplying school uniform.

You can now order and pay for school uniform online from School Trends by following the link:

<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uni/form/GreatBradfordsInfantNurserySchoolCM79LW>

Family Support

Sharon's drop-in sessions are from 8.30-9.15am on:

Monday 10th February

Monday 9th March

Monday 20th April

Monday 11th May

Monday 8th June

Monday 6th July

Diary Dates

10.2.20	Year 2 Maths workshop for parents & carers	9.00-10.30am
12.2.20	Year 1 Maths workshop for parents & carers	9.00-10.30am
13.2.20	Reception Maths workshop for parents & carers	9.00-10.30am
12.2.20 & 13.2.20	Parent/carer consultations for Years 1 & 2	3.30-6.30pm
14.2.20	Sapphire class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.10-9.40am
17.2.20 to 21.2.20 Half Term		

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24.2.20	Non-Pupil Day	Day
25.2.20	Back to school	8.45am
5.3.20	World Book Day	Day
5.3.20	Governor Curriculum meeting	7.00pm
6.3.20	Jet class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.10-9.40am
9.3.20	Emerald +1/2 Ruby Esafety workshop	9.00-9.30am
12.3.20	Moonstone +1/2 Ruby Esafety workshop	9.00-9.30am
13.3.20	Year 1 + 2 Esafety workshop	9.00-9.30am
21.3.20	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	11.00-1.00pm
31.3.20	Reception Dress Rehearsal	9.30am
1.4.20 & 2.4.20	Reception Performance for parents & carers	2.15-2.45pm
3.4.20	Break Up Easter Holidays	3.00pm
20.4.20	Back to School	8.45am

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