



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Celebration Awards Friday 18th September 2020

Hawk	George B, Scarlett
Eagle	Leah, Jacob
Kestrel	Albie, Abel
Swift	Autumn, Oliver
Owl	Noah, Laurenza
Wagtail	Pixie, Nancy
Kingfisher	Harper-Rose
Robin	Buddy
Woodpecker	Alexia

Parent Governor

I am delighted to announce that we have had three nominations for the role of parent governor. We will be sending home more information about the candidates on Monday, along with ballot forms and information on how to cast your vote.

The candidates are:

Mr. Tom Hardingham (Esmé, Owl class and Baxter in Year 3),

Mr. Daniel Kemp (Freddie, Robin class and Kaydee, Swift class) and

Mr. Michael Watson (Arthur, nursery and Skyla in year 3).

Staff Vacancy

Over the summer three of our lovely Mid-Day Assistants left the school. Mrs Reeve retired after 28 years at Great Bradfords and Mrs Porter and Miss Larke also went on to new things. As a result, we have vacancies for MDAs. If you are available for an hour each day at lunch time and would like to support

our children and staff in school, please contact the school office for an application form. We take safeguarding very seriously at Great Bradfords and all successful candidates will need to complete a Disclosure and Barring Service Check (DBS). This check prevents unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups, including children.

School Council Reps

Children have been presenting their manifestos to their class, in order to win votes for the role of school council rep. The voting took place this week and the results are:

Hawk	Isabella and Alan
Eagle	Annabelle and Isabelle
Kestrel	Riley and Erin
Swift	Louie and Freya
Owl	Rosie and Vinnie
Wagtail	Pixie and Louis

This has been an excellent opportunity to teach children about British values. The children in reception will elect their class reps in the Spring term.

Nursery Fees

All nursery fees are payable in advance. However, we are currently moving over to a new system, but as with all things new, we are experiencing some teething problems. Invoices will be issued shortly with instructions on payment. If you wish to pay any monies now to avoid your bill increasing, please come to the school office. We ask that you pay in cash or by cheque

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at the moment. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated money to the Jeans for Genes collection.

We will let you know next week how much money was collected.



Harvest

We will be talking to the children about harvest in the coming weeks. They will have an assembly in their class as well as other lessons during the week of 5th October. We will be supporting Braintree Food Bank again this year and are asking if parents and carers would be kind enough to donate any of the items listed below. Please start bringing in your donations from next week and give them to your child's teacher.

Urgently needed

- Mash potato (drum or packet)
- Cereal bars
- Chocolate bars (Kit Kat, Penguins etc...)
- Sponge puddings
- Jam

Other food items needed

- Tinned hot snacks (Ravioli, Beans & Sausages etc...)
- Tinned potatoes
- Sugar (500g or 1kg bag)
- Tinned hot meals (Curry, tinned pies etc...)

Non-food items

- Deodorants
- Small boxes of non-biological washing detergent (gel form if possible)

Currently, they DO NOT need: pasta, pasta sauce, biscuits, fish, soup, baby food or nappies. The food bank is asking for small packs as larger packs do not fit in their boxes making it difficult for people to carry home. Also, they are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs. Thank you for your support.

Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Friday 25th September. Due to Covid 19 restrictions this year, he will be taking individual photos and sibling photos of children attending the infant and nursery school. We are not able to include siblings at the junior school. Proofs will be shared electronically for you to order if you wish. If your child usually comes to school in a PE kit on that day, please send them in their school uniform and their PE kit in a bag on this occasion.



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Woodpecker class. Their attendance was 97.4%. Will any class make it to 100% next week?



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Tidy Classroom

The cleaning staff have decided that Kingfisher class has been the tidiest this week. Well done children, keep it up.



children do not bring in juice for a number of reasons: it is not as healthy an option as water and also if bottles spill we do not end up with a sticky mess. We have had ant problems in the past when children have brought in juice and spilt it! Thank you for your support.

Snacks

You do not need to send snacks in with your child any more as we have a regular delivery of healthy snacks in school. At the start of term, the delivery was delayed and that is why we asked you to send some in.

Marlborough Road

We are very lucky to have our very own Crossing Patrol Officer, Mrs Ainger, helping children and families to cross the road safely every morning. Please may I ask that you cross in front of her and not behind. Help us to help your children learn how to cross the road safely.

Bikes and Scooters

It is always lovely to see children coming to school on bikes and scooters. Even better when they have their cycle helmet on! Please make sure that children dismount when coming in to school and do not ride them on the playground before or after school. Thank you.

Contacting The Office

Wherever possible, please avoid coming in to the school office. If you have any questions or queries please contact staff by email

admin@gbins.co.uk or phone 01376 326891. Thank you.

Rocket Points

Green rocket team were the winners this week with 115 smiley faces. Encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules: brilliant behaviour, kind and caring and wonderful work to earn a smiley face to put on their class rocket. They may also earn them by demonstrating our school values of honesty, perseverance, fairness, friendship, respect and kindness.

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. Sharon is available to support any parent/carers who may need advice or support. She can also support with other issues affecting families for example: divorce and separation, housing issues and benefits. If she

Drinks

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle. We ask that

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cannot help you personally, then she can refer to more specialised services who will be expert in their field. Sharon is available Mon- Thursday between 7.45am-4pm. Parents/carers are welcome to email her on Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk. She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666. You may contact her freely between those times and she can offer telephone / video call / email support.

Diary Dates		
23.9.20	Governing Board Meeting	7.00pm
25.9.20	Individual Photographs	Day
15.10.20	Governing Board Meeting	7.00pm
28.10.20 to 1.10.20	Healthy Living Week	Week
2.10.20	NON PUPIL DAY	Day
26.10.20 to 30.11.20	Half Term	Week
2.11.20	Non- Pupil Day	Day
16.11.20 to 20.11.20	Year 2 Phonics Screening Week	Week
26.11.20	Flu immunisation for children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Day
26.11.20	Governing Board Meeting	7.00pm
9.12.20	Christmas lunch for reception, Year 1 and Year 2	
19.12.20	Break Up for Christmas	

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