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December 2023

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

2023 Round-up

When	For	Time	Activity
15/12/23	All School	All day	Last day of term
02/01/24	All School	All day	Staff Training Day
03/01/24	All School	All day	First day back to school
8/01/24	Primary	All Week	Bike ability training
9/01/24	Primary	3.30 pm	Parents Evening YR 3&4

Highlights

Event Round Up

Bradford Girls Grammar & Lady Royd Primary excelled in residential programs, BBC Radio 4 interviews, BDAT athletics, civic engagement, Age of Wonder projects, diverse school trips, and charity fundraising. These experiences enriched academics, fostering a dynamic learning environment and shaping well-rounded individuals.

Lady Royd Primary Christmas Event

Lady Royd Primary's Christmas performances, "Bethlehem's Got Talent" and "I Spy Christmas," showcased incredible student talent with lively musical numbers and heartwarming skits. Kudos to all participants for their dedication, spreading joy during the holiday season with brilliant performances!

Winter Wonderland

Grateful for all who made Bradford Girls' Grammar School's Winter Wonderland Festival magical! Your warmth, joy, and festive spirit added enchantment. From hot chocolate to games, cakes, gifts, and Santa's visit, your presence made it unforgettable. Looking forward to more magical moments!

Ice Skating Reward Trip

The Senior Reward Trip brought laughter, camaraderie, and exhilarating icy thrills as students showcased their skating skills. A heartfelt thank you to all involved for making this day unforgettable! Here's to more cool adventures ahead!

Bake Sale

Our recent bake sale was a huge success, raising £400 for Save the Children and Red Cross. Thank you to our generous community for making a difference in the lives of those in need. Your support is truly appreciated!

Behavior and Uniform Reminder

Ensure high attendance and punctuality; late arrivals post-Christmas will face detentions. Uphold uniform standards with blazer, tie, and appropriate footwear. Lanyards, essential for ID and lunch payment, are mandatory. Expect a revised behavior policy in January, emphasizing respect and stricter guidelines. Parents' support crucial for maintaining the highest standards at BGS.

Car Park Notice

For student safety during pick-ups, ONLY parents with passes can use the school car park. Outside, respect road safety; yellow lines keep all children safe. Your cooperation ensures a secure school environment. Thank you.

Appointment policy

For minimal disruption, please schedule pupil appointments outside school hours. If not, allow time for us to get your child from class. No pupil can leave the building ALONE during school hours for safety reasons. Notify the school office in advance for smooth coordination.

Local Events

We're excited to share some wonderful local events happening in our community.

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Event Round Up

Here's a roundup of the amazing events that Bradford Girls Grammar and Lady Royd Primary School have taken part in this year:

1. **Residential Programs:** Students from both schools had the opportunity to participate in enriching residential programs, fostering team building, personal development, and creating lasting memories.
2. **BBC Radio 4 Interviews:** Selected students had the honor of representing their schools in interviews on BBC Radio 4, showcasing their achievements, experiences, and insights. This exposure not only highlighted the schools but also provided a platform for the students to share their perspectives.
3. **BDAT Multi-Skills Athletic Event:** The schools actively participated in the BDAT Multi-Skills Athletic event, demonstrating their sportsmanship, teamwork, and athletic prowess. Such events contribute to the holistic development of students.
4. **Bradford Citizens Delegates:** Students were selected as delegates to participate in Bradford Citizens events, engaging in discussions and activities that promote civic awareness and responsibility. This involvement is crucial in shaping young minds into responsible and informed citizens.
5. **Age of Wonder Project:** The schools embraced the Age of Wonder project, encouraging students to explore their creativity and curiosity through various innovative projects and activities.
6. **School Trips:** Throughout the year, students had the chance to embark on educational and recreational school trips, broadening their horizons and providing hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom.
7. **Fundraising for Charity:** Both schools actively participated in fundraising initiatives, contributing generously to causes such as Remembrance Day, Children in Need, and Save the Children. This commitment to philanthropy instills a sense of empathy and social responsibility among the students.

The collective efforts of the students, teachers, and staff at Bradford Girls Grammar and Lady Royd Primary School have not only enriched the academic curriculum but also created a vibrant and dynamic learning environment. These diverse experiences have undoubtedly played a significant role in shaping well-rounded individuals ready to face the challenges of the future.

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Lady Royd Primary Christmas Event



Lady Royd Primary School dazzled audiences with their festive Christmas performances, showcasing incredible talent in two enchanting shows: "Bethlehem's Got Talent" and "I Spy Christmas." The creativity and dedication of the students were evident as they delivered stellar performances, demonstrating their artistic abilities and holiday spirit. From lively musical numbers to heartwarming skits, the students captivated the audience with their enthusiasm and skill. The commitment and hard work of all the participants deserve applause, as their brilliant performances truly spread joy and warmth during the holiday season. Well done to the students of Lady Royd Primary for delivering memorable and delightful Christmas celebrations that undoubtedly brought smiles to the faces of all who attended.

Winter Wonderland

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the enchanting Winter Wonderland Festival at Bradford Girls' Grammar School! Your presence brought warmth and joy to the occasion, creating magical memories for all. From hot chocolate to games, cakes, gifts, and the delightful visit with Santa, your enthusiasm and festive spirit made the event truly unforgettable. We appreciate your participation and eagerly anticipate creating more magical moments together in the future. Thank you for being a part of the Winter Wonderland!



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Ice Skating Reward Trip

A Frozen Extravaganza at Bradford Ice Arena! The Senior Reward Trip was an absolute delight, brimming with the joyous sounds of laughter, the warmth of camaraderie, and the exhilaration of chilly thrills as our students gracefully showcased their skating prowess. It was a day filled with fantastic moments as they glided across the ice, creating memories that will last a lifetime. A heartfelt thank you resonates to everyone involved in making this experience truly unforgettable. Here's to the prospect of more cool adventures awaiting us on the horizon!

Save The Children Bake Sale

We are thrilled to share the fantastic success of our recent bake sale held last week! Through the collective efforts of our generous school community, we managed to raise an impressive £400. These funds will be equally distributed between Save the Children and the Red Cross, supporting their invaluable work. A heartfelt thank you to all the bakers, volunteers, and everyone who contributed to this initiative. Your kindness and support are making a tangible difference in the lives of those in need. Together, we can continue to create positive impacts and foster a spirit of compassion within our school community.



Appointment Policy

We would like to bring to your attention an important update regarding pupil appointments during school hours.

To minimize disruptions to your child's learning, we kindly request that all appointments be scheduled outside of school hours. However, if this is not possible, we ask for your cooperation in allowing sufficient time for us to safely retrieve your child from their classroom. Please be aware that, for the safety of our pupils, no student is permitted to leave the school building alone during regular school hours. This includes meeting parents on Squire Lane, etc. We appreciate your understanding and support in maintaining a secure environment for all students.

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If your child has an appointment during the school day, please inform the school office in advance, providing details and estimated departure times. This will ensure a smooth process and minimal disruption to both your child's education and the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school environment safe and conducive to learning.

Car Park Notice

We want to ensure the safety of our students during school pick-ups. Kindly note that **ONLY** parents and guardians with passes may use the school car park. This helps streamline traffic and maintain a secure environment.

When parking outside school grounds, please be extra cautious and adhere to road safety rules. Yellow lines are in place to keep all children safe, including your own. Avoid obstructing traffic flow, and prioritize the safety of pedestrians and cyclists.

Your cooperation in following these guidelines contributes to a safer and more organized school environment. Thank you for your understanding and commitment to our students' well-being.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to all parents and carers who support us in our drive for high attendance and punctuality. Attending school every day and being on time to all lessons is vital for our children to achieve their potential and get the very best outcomes. Unfortunately, an increasing number of students are arriving late to school in a morning. This doesn't make for a good start to the day and is not a habit that leads to success. With increasing traffic and delays across Bradford at the moment, please ensure you leave enough time to get your child to school if you are bringing them, and for secondary students who travel independently, please can you reinforce the expectation that they are on site in time to enter the building and be in their form room by 8.40am for the register to be taken. The school gates open to allow students access to the site at 8.15am. After Christmas, late arrivals will be expected to make up the minutes they are late in a detention.

Uniform

Our uniform is something which identifies our pupils as being part of our school community and is something all students should wear with pride. In the past few weeks, standards of uniform have fallen short of our expectations for some students. We are now increasing the checks and so please ensure your child has full, correct uniform to return to school wearing in January. This includes a blazer, tie and plain black footwear. Students can wear additional layers for their journey to school if the weather is cold, but these need to be removed along with coats as soon as they enter the building. Trainers with white or coloured logos or trims are not acceptable for school and so must not be worn.

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Students receive positive points for wearing their correct uniform and being fully equipped each morning but incorrect or missing items of uniform will mean negative behaviour points are allocated. Please ensure any missing items of uniform are sorted over the holiday period so that all students return looking smart and in full, correct uniform in January.

For safeguarding reasons, every child is issued with a lanyard in the colour corresponding to their year group and their ID card. Please ensure that your child has these and wears them at all times. Lanyards will be treated in exactly the same way as other items of uniform and will incur negative points if missing. The lanyards also act as a means to pay for lunch - please ensure these are topped up to avoid your child being embarrassed at the tills when unable to pay for their items.

Behaviour

Whilst the majority of our pupils behave exceptionally well and show respect at all times, sadly there is a small minority who have demonstrated that they do not meet our expectations in terms of behaviour. We will be launching a revised behaviour policy in January and this will involve clearer and stricter expectations in relation to behaviour in lessons and around the building during break and lunchtime. I know when I speak to parents that you want to support us in educating your child in how to demonstrate respect and behave appropriately, so please reinforce this with your child. A summary for parents will be available in January on the website so you are as clear as we are about expectations. Thank you in advance for your support in ensuring manners and behaviour is of the highest standard at BGGs.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

JOIN US OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:
18TH DECEMBER - 22ND DECEMBER
2ND JANUARY - 5TH JANUARY

COME ALONG TO THE HUB THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WHERE YOU CAN PLAY GAMES AND ENJOY A NICE HOT MEAL!

1 ADULT WITH 1 JUNIOR MEAL & 2 DRINKS: **JUST £7!**

ADDITIONAL CHILDREN £2.50 EACH

Any questions, please email:
bradleigh.pioli@bcfccommunity.co.uk



Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities?

If so, our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) teams can offer specialist advice and support on:

- sleep
- emotional wellbeing
- toileting
- development
- signposting to sensory resources
- and much more...

We work closely with Health Visitors and School Nurses - why not come and meet the teams in person at a drop-in session? **Check the dates and venues below and come and say hello – we'd love to meet you!**

Farcliffe Family Hub, Bradford, BD8 8QH
Drop in and see us from 10.00am - 12.00am

- Friday 10th November 2023
- Friday 8th December 2023
- Friday 12th January 2024
- Friday 9th February 2024
- Friday 8th March 2024

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS clip 'n' climb ILKLEY All age family fun

Buy Vouchers for Christmas Presents

Please Book Online

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Open 9.30am-5pm
Closed 25th/26th Dec
And 1st January

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Seasons Greeting and Thanks



As we reflect on the year's end, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your steadfast support throughout this academic journey. Your dedication to your child's education has been a cornerstone of our collective success.

2023 has been marked by growth, achievement, and cherished moments, and your collaboration has been integral to these successes. Your active participation in school activities, encouragement at home, and partnership in the learning process have truly made a positive impact.

Additionally, we want to express our sincere appreciation for the generosity and kindness you've shown. The thoughtful gifts, cards, and expressions of gratitude have touched our hearts and are a testament to the wonderful community we have.

As we all look forward to a well-deserved break, we wish you and your family a joyous holiday season filled with warmth, laughter, and precious moments. May this festive season bring you peace and rejuvenation.

Thank you once again for your continued trust, support, and the abundance of goodwill. We eagerly anticipate the new year and the opportunities it brings for further collaboration and success. Happy Holidays!

Return to school for all pupils - Wednesday 3rd January 2024

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