



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 12th May 2017

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16th May
Class Photos being taken

Thursday 18th May
Outdoor Classroom Day

Wednesday 24th May
Sports Day
PTA providing refreshments

Thursday 25th May
Nursery Sports Day
Morning and Afternoon

Friday 26th May
End of Term 3.25pm

Monday 5th June
Return to School

Friday 9th June
Non-uniform day for Summer
Fete

Thursday 15th June
Yr 2 Trip to Englefield Estate

Friday 16th June
Scootathon and Summer Fete
2pm – 5.30pm

School News

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

On Thursday 18th May it is Outdoor Classroom Day. This is a global event to celebrate and inspire outdoor learning and play. Throughout the day all of the classes will be using the outdoor areas across school for learning based tasks and activities.

The official opening of the Forest School log cabin will also be taking place at 11.00am on this day!

Burghfield May Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped on our stall and to those of you who joined in with the country dancing.

Cake Sale 10th May

We made £126.54 from the cake sale this term. Thank you to Mr Woods and Mrs Krumova for your help. Next term Maple class will be holding a cake sale afterschool on Wednesday 5th July.

Mrs Bland's Summer Fete & Scootathon



Save the date of Friday 16th June 2017 as Mrs Bland's School host the annual Scootathon and Summer Fete. The Scootathon starts at 2pm and the Fete will follow on from 3.30pm till 5.00pm. Come along and join the fun!

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns have had a wonderful time singing "The wheels on the bus " this week! We have made junk model buses and had a ride in a large pretend bus out in the garden. We have made marks with paint using cars, cooked in the mud kitchen and played in our role play shop. Our growing area is doing well and the children have continued to water it daily. Thank you for all the lovely snacks parents have provided. The children have loved tasting apple, pear, nectarine, orange, tomatoes and banana to name just a few!

We had a new member who joined us this week. Welcome Isabel!

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In nursery this week we have been thinking about things that are fast. We read the story of, 'Faster, Faster Little Red Train' and created a story map to sequence the passengers getting on the train. We used our action story telling words 'first', 'next', 'after that' and 'finally'. We have been learning the names of 2D shapes and using mathematical terms to describe the shapes. We also made a train using shapes which are now on display in the nursery. We have been practising writing our names using the correct letter formation and a Beaky Bird grip. It would be lovely to have some support at home to help everyone get ready for moving up to Reception next year. A laminated name card will be coming home to help support each child shortly. **Just a reminder that the Nursery Sports Day is planned for Thursday 25th May.** Children will need to wear a pair of shorts/joggers, a t-shirt and trainers/pumps. Any colour is fine!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Beech and Maple classes our learning has focused around the stories 'Hurry up and Slow Down' by Layn Marlow and 'The Hare and the Tortoise'. In literacy we have carried out sequencing activities and answered 'why' and 'how' questions about the stories and their characters. We thought of words to describe the characters in the stories and wrote sentences about them too. In maths, our focus has been doubling, halving and sharing. We have continued with our learning on getting on and falling out and, this week, have talked about friends. We discussed what a friend is and what makes a good friend. We also thought about the different games we like to play with our friends, and tried playing with someone different in order to make a new friend! In expressive arts we have thought about how different animals move and have listened to fast and slow music, thinking of what it reminds us of and how we would move to it. We evaluated each other's dances, talking about what we liked about it and what we thought they could do even better.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Following our fantastic trip to the museum last week we carried on looking at information texts, we collected more facts about dinosaurs and created PowerPoint presentations. We downloaded pictures from the internet and used pictures taken last week. We also included lots of factual information that we have gathered at the museum, from books and online. We have started looking at fossils and learning about what they teach us about dinosaurs. In Art we have created charcoal drawings. We have been learning about Mary Anning and the fossils that she discovered as a child. Many of her fossils are in Lyme Regis museum. In Maths we have been using our knowledge of number bonds to find simple ways of extending addition and subtractions past the nearest 10. Thank you for all who came to Oxford and made the trip such a huge success. We also appreciate those of you who are coming into school to read with the children. This work is extremely valuable.

PTA News

Scotathon & Summer Fete

16th June 2pm – 5.00pm

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Rachel James, Claire Oakes, Lizi Hawkins, Beki Streeter or Emma in the office.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In Year 2, the children have been planning and writing their own mini beast stories. We gathered ideas together and then role-played our stories to think about how our characters might be feeling and how they might behave. Then we wrote and edited them. In maths, we have been revising what they have learnt over the year and have been applying our skills to problems. In science, the children have been learning about mini beast life cycles. Hazel class learnt about butterflies and Rowan class learnt about bees. Please support your child by helping them to learn their 2x, 3x, 5x, 10x tables and their number bonds to 10 and 20. Please also remember to sign their reading record after reading with them. Recording a note about things you discussed about the text is also very helpful. Thank you.



Forest School



Wednesday – Beech Woodpeckers

The Woodpecker group from Beech enjoyed their first "outdoor learning" session this week! We looked at our compost bin and talked about how it works. We cut up an apple and discussed what would happen if we left the cut up apple out in the classroom. The apple was then left for them to look at and talk about. Each child planted their own sunflower seed and we discussed how to care for it. The children enjoyed watering their own EYFS garden, the school nature garden and some plants growing in the main garden too. The most exciting part of our time was when we discovered a small green caterpillar!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO INARA'S DAD FOR HELPING US!

We still need volunteers for the forest school session when we have our fire - please see note up on Beech class door.

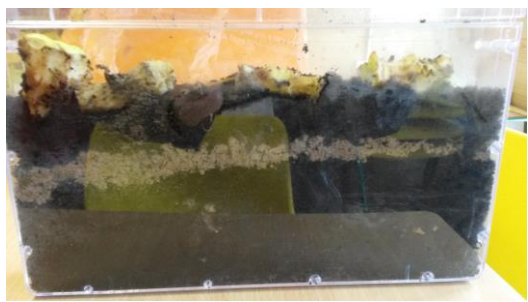
Nursery Butterflies AM - Monday 7th May

We started off the session showing Jamie around the Forest School woods. All the children were amazing at remembering the rules and boundaries. Most of the children were fascinated with all the old rabbit holes in the woods, getting very excited when they found a new one to uncover. We found lots of spiders in one particular spot and decided there must have been a nest somewhere close. We also found a worm and a beetle. Some of the children played hide and seek before sitting down for a drink and snack, Hungry Caterpillar story and some singing. Thank you to Sienna's Mum.

Nursery PM Butterflies - Monday 7th May

The afternoon Butterflies joined up with children from Maple class for a joint session. Once in the woods we all sat down for a drink and snack and a talk about the Forest School rules and boundaries. After snack the children all watched a spectacular snail race. The snails were very entertaining with some showing off their wrestling skills, one snail having a piggy back from another snail and three snails demonstrating some yoga moves. I put up a swing, which most of the children had a go on, while Charlie's Mum helped make a den. Thank you to Eleanor's Mum and Charlie's Mum for your support.

If you haven't completed an induction for Forest School then please ensure you book one in through the office before you attend.



Year 2 built a wormery with help from Gareth.

Forest Fun Holiday Club Bookings Close on Friday 19th May 2017

Availability: Tuesday 30th May – Den Delights! Use a variety of equipment to build your own shelter and eat your picnic lunch inside! Swing in a hammock or on a woodland swing.

Very Limited Availability: Wed 31st May – Wet Wednesday! Water fun in the woods! Terrific tools, use a saw, mallet or hammer.

Limited Availability: Thurs 1st June – Cookathon! Help cook mini pizzas or cheese toasties on an open fire. Toast marshmallows.

Availability: Friday 2nd June – Fire Friday! Can you light a fire with one match? Can you light a fire using a metal striker? Help collect “snappy sticks” for the fire.

Breakfast Club


Breakfast club is now held in the Fun zone building from 7.30am every morning. For £4.00 you can drop your child off and they will be given a healthy breakfast and the opportunity to chat and play with their friends. Please contact the office if you would like to book your child a place. You need to register and pay in advance for your child's place.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



Caitlyn - Acorns am
Cory - Acorns pm
Cheyanna - Maple
Riley - Beech
Archie - Birch
Jack – Willow
Emily S - Hazel
Findlay - Rowan



Max - Acorns am
Sophie - Acorns pm
Hope - Maple
Davina - Beech
Evie – Birch
Jake – Willow
Mia G - Hazel
Bridie - Rowan

Help us to Raise Funds for the School:

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3 and it's free! Go to...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mrsblandsinfantandnurseryschool/>

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School will be really grateful for your donations.

If you have a tablet or smart phone you can download the 'easyfundraising' app which is easy to access.

School Lottery

Please click on the link below to access the new school lottery where you can win money and prizes whilst supporting the school. Please share this link with your friends and family. The more people that buy tickets, the better the prizes and the more money we raise. Our

first draw is scheduled for Saturday 13th May

Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/mrs-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>