



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

22nd May 2017

Dates for your diary

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

Scotathon and Summer Fete
2pm – 5.00pm

Monday 19th June

Yr 2 Games Afternoon at
Garland Junior School

Tuesday 27th June

Reception Enrichment trip to
Legoland

Thursday 29th June

Move up day

Thursday 6th July

Year One Trip to Milestones
Museum, Basingstoke

School News

Following on from the tragic events on Monday evening, we held a short assembly and talked about how some families had been affected and that this might make us feel sad. Teachers then followed on with a circle time in class where the children could share their thoughts and feelings. Some children then chose to express their feelings through pictures, messages and prayers and these were collected in a collective message basket in the hall. The safety and security of the children in school is very important to us. We regularly carry out fire drills and lock down procedures which the children are very much used to. We will continue to be vigilant during a time when security levels have been raised in the UK, following school and Local Authority policies and procedures.

30 Hours 3 Year Old Funding

Mrs Bland's Nursery has registered to offer the 30 hour provision from September. If you would like to register your child or would like more information, please contact the school office.

Football Club

The children who attend football club with Danny took part in a football game against Bucklebury School last Friday. Mrs Bland's worked brilliantly as a team and they were delighted with their win of 5-3! They did the school and themselves proud!



Sports Day and Nursery Sports Day

On Wednesday we held our Sports Day for Reception and Years 1 and 2. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting the children and I'm sure you will all agree they all had a fantastic morning, participating in a wide range of sports events and activities. Well done to the green team who were this year's winners! On Thursday the sun continued and it was time for the nursery children to show what they could do!

Thank you from the School Office

We really appreciate all the donations of envelopes, thank you so much. If you have any charity pens at home which you don't need we will be happy to accept them in the office.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns were singing Incy Wincy this week! We also painted spiders and made our own spiders to take home. Outside we explored gloop with spiders in and played with lots of water in the lovely warm sunshine! We continued to water our plants that are growing well.

PTA News

Next month its coppers for June. Bring in all the coppers you have and the class that raises the most gets a film and popcorn afternoon.

Thursday 15th June
9am PTA meeting

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.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week we have been practising for Sports Day. The children have shown how well they can follow instructions and how much progress they have made in using hand-eye co-ordination, showing control of their bodies and moving with skill in different ways. The children have also shown good sportsmanship in encouraging each other during the races and great perseverance in keeping on trying at skills that at first may have been a little difficult. We had a fantastic Nursery Sports Day and it was lovely to see so much parental and family support cheering the children on at both the afternoon and morning events. The children thoroughly enjoyed the races and coped very well with the heat on the hottest day of the year so far! We hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to our final term of learning together before moving on! Please keep practising name writing and recognising numbers 1-20 over the holidays.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In literacy we have focused on poetry based around sport and exercise. We have looked at rhyme and alliteration and have composed our own acrostic poem together! We have talked about the effect of exercise on our bodies and why it is good for us. We have also thought about other ways that we can stay healthy like getting plenty of sleep, eating healthy food and keeping our teeth clean. In maths our focus has been one more and one less. We had a lovely time on sports day and everyone who took part did their best. Our teachers are very proud of us for the effort we put in and for how we congratulated those who took part. Before sports day we talked about winning and losing and how this makes us feel. We also talked about strategies we could use to control our feelings, and how to help others feel good, even if they hadn't won. This half term seems to have flown by and we hope everyone has a lovely half term break!

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

In English this week, we wrote stories about our lost dinosaur. We found our dinosaurs in the strangest places: buckets, baskets and coat pockets! Our stories were very interesting as we thought about adding details to extend the sentence structures and content. In maths, we continued to learn about time and related analogue to digital time. We played with mini clocks and moved the hands to find o'clock and half past. We also thought about arrays as an introduction to multiplication and division. In ICT, we made animated pictures on the Purple Mash Programme, 2CODE. Of course, the highlight of our week was sports day! We took part in lots of fun races and it was great competing against our friends.

Our topic next term is "Memory Box." Please can the children bring in photos of themselves as a baby and one of their toys for our toy museum. If any parents or grand-parents have kept toys from the past, we would be grateful to see those as well. Please also bring in a small but sturdy box, which we can use to make a memory box.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week the children have been learning about, and writing riddles about mini beasts. Ask them to tell you theirs and see if you can guess the mini beast! In maths we have been focussing on aspects that they each need a little more practise with. The sunshine has meant that we have been able to get outside more. Children have been writing and exploring outdoors. We are very proud of all of the children this week. They all worked extremely hard through their assessments and equally as hard during sports day.



Forest School



It was the last forest school session for the groups from Beech and Maple this week. Both enjoyed drawing and writing with charcoal, hunting for bugs and of course sitting around the fire toasting marshmallows.

Thank you so very much to the wonderful volunteers who came to help - Lily May's Mum, Finley's Grandpa and Elizabeth's Mum. We are extremely grateful for your help ☺

I have thoroughly enjoyed our trips to the woods and our outdoor learning and hope that the children will continue to enjoy forest school in year one.

HOT WEATHER

Even when it is very warm children **MUST** wear LONG SLEEVES AND LONG TROUSERS TO FOREST SCHOOL. This is to protect against sunburn, ticks, bites and stings.

Forest Fun Holiday Club
Please ensure you have booked by Monday 22nd May

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



Perfect Presentation

Maria
Ava A
Kaycee-Louise
Mia E
Lily

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?

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

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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. Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

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