



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 23rd JUNE 2017

Dates for your diary

Monday 26th June
Yr 2 Games Afternoon at
Garland Junior School

Tuesday 27th June
Reception Enrichment trip to
Legoland

Thursday 29th June
Move up day

Yr 2 Children should be taken
by parents to Garland School
for 9.15am

Wednesday 5th July
PTA Cake Sale 3.25pm
Maple class

Thursday 6th July
Year One Trip to Milestones
Museum, Basingstoke

Wednesday 12th July
Open Afternoon 1.30pm –
3.15pm

Friday 14th July
School Disco
Yr R – 3.30 – 4.30pm
Yrs 1 & 2 4.45 – 5.45pm
Tickets on sale from Monday
10th July.

Thursday 20th July
Year 2 Leavers Assembly
9.30am

Thursday 20th July
Last day for Nursery

Friday 21st July
School Finishes 1.45pm

School News

Armed Forces Day

During our assembly today to mark the UK Armed Forces Day, all the classes shared information they had learned about the armed Forces. Some children talked about medals their parents have been awarded whilst in the Armed Forces. The whole school sang songs along with the National Anthem. Thank you to the parents and Governors who took part in the celebration.

Your child and the sun

All children need to have had sun cream applied to them before they come to school. If you wish them to have a small named bottle with them, they can apply it later on in the day to top up. Staff are not permitted to apply sun screen. All children need to come to school with a sun hat each day.

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.

Staffing for September 2017

Children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 will be moving up to their new classes on Thursday 29th June. Children moving up to Garland will need to be dropped off and collected from Garland on that day. Children moving up to Y1 and Y2 will need to be dropped off to their current classes and staff will take them to their new class after registration. All children moving up to Y1 and Y2 need to be collected from the KS1 playground at 3.25pm.

Maple Class	Mrs Williams Mon-Tues Mrs Cowie Weds-Fri
Beech Class	Miss Booth
Birch Class	Mr Davies
Willow Class	Mrs Ramchand Mon-Weds Mrs M Jones Thurs-Fri
Rowan Class	Mrs Harlow Mon-Tues Mrs C Jones Weds-Fri
Hazel Class	Ms Duncan

A letter will be sent out before 29th June to confirm which class your child will be moving up to.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Cox at the end of this term, who covered Mrs Jones' maternity leave and welcome back Mrs Jones and Mrs Harlow in September.

Head Lice

Head Lice have been reported in Reception and Year 1 classes. Please can you check your children's hair and treat as necessary, thank you.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery



Little Acorns have enjoyed playing with water this week to help us cool down! We also did some painting outside using diggers, investigated how ice melts and ate ice cream and ice lollies! We have stopped often to have a drink and played in the shade. We have talked about builders and what tools they use. We have used mini bricks with sand and tasted lots of yummy foods at snack time. We have learnt about "full" and "empty" and have enjoyed singing nursery rhymes.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week in Nursery, we have been learning about how to build a real house. We have extended our vocabulary by learning the names of the different types of occupation needed to build a house, such as; an architect, an electrician, a brick layer, a plumber, a carpenter and a roof tiler. We also learnt the names of different builder's vehicles and tools and what they are used for. Some of us had a go at using a real drill at Forest school and we used trowels in the sand pit outside to build brick walls with real bricks. Mrs Dolding dressed up as a builder so we could see the special clothing they need to stay safe on a building site and we watched as she built a real brick wall. We learnt that mixing cement is dangerous and we mustn't touch it, so we used our eyes to watch the cement dry and stick the bricks together over the week. We used the I pads to take photo's of the brick pattern on the walls of Beech class and in maths we have been counting, adding two groups together to find a total and number recognition. We are also learning about buildings in our locality and their uses and have had fun in the hairdresser role-play area.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

We started our week by learning all about the job of a builder. We found out about the different roles and responsibilities builders have and what they involve have and we also looked at what builders wear and why. Towards the end of the week, we focused on builder tools. We learnt the names of the tools and how each of them are used. In maths we moved on from addition to subtraction. Some of us were using a number line to work out subtractions. We learnt the steps that need to be taken and had lots of opportunities to practise. Those of us that were confident in using a number line, moved on to mentally counting back and calculating the subtractions. Can we please remind you that PE kits must be brought in on a Monday morning and stay in school for the week. We have had an increasing number of children that have not had it with them and we unfortunately only have a small amount of spare kit. Thank you.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we have been writing our own version of the story 'The Old Bear'. We concentrated on the different parts of a story and tried to use language to make the story interesting to readers. We finished the week by editing and improving our stories. In Maths, we have been looking at money and in particular working out how much more we need to buy things and calculating change. We made good use of number bonds to find totals. We used logic to predict how software works, and adding code to make characters move in ICT. On Friday we celebrated Armed Forces Day and our classes made a presentation. In RE we learned about the parable of the lost sheep. Following our theme of memories we drew some old teddies and toys in Art. Birch class recited the Spike Milligan poem, On the Ning Nang Nong in Celebration Assembly. Next week Willow have Forest School on Wednesday and we would be grateful for parent volunteers for this.

PTA News

This 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.

5th July 2017

**Cake Sale run by Maple Class
3.25pm**

14th July 2017

**Disco night for
Reception Year 1 and
Year 2.**

Get in Touch via –

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**or catch someone on the
playground –**

**Rachel James, Claire
Oakes, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter**

**Or Emma Shumsky in
the School Office**

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week, Year 2 children have been exploring "The Snail and the Whale" by Julia Donaldson and writing their own version of the story or a story about a sea creature. In science, we have continued to learn about living things by focussing on molluscs. In maths we have been learning about rounding numbers and revisiting our calculation methods. We were disappointed that the glorious sunshine stopped our PE afternoon at Garland's but we look forward to this next week. Both Year 2 classes this week have been learning about the armed forces in preparation for Forces Day on Friday. Hazel class have been learning about medals and Rowan class have been learning about ways that the armed forces help to keep peace.



Forest School



Monday 12th June - Nursery Forest School

Both the morning and afternoon children enjoyed their sessions in the woods. The children created a kitchen for the 3 Little Pigs, including a fire to heat water for the big bad wolf. We had a few more than 3 pigs, including Mummy Pig, Daddy Pig and a George Pig. The fire was lit for real to heat up water to wash muddy hands, after playing with the mud kitchen. Both groups enjoyed their drink and snack.

Wednesday 14th June - Outdoor Learning (Maple Class)

This morning Gareth took small groups of children round the school grounds to identify as many trees, bushes, vegetables etc. that we could find. Some children also helped with some watering. We identified sycamore, wild cherry, willow, hazel, pear, oak and apple trees. Smelled lavender and mint bushes and identified strawberries, lettuce, courgette, cabbage and lettuce plants....phew!

Friday 16th June

Rowan and Birch classes joined forces this week, due to the Scootathon. The two groups worked well together and had an enjoyable session. A big thank you to the Birch parents for volunteering, we couldn't have gone without you. The children used the Year 1 area of the woods and after their drink and snack had a choice of shelter building, bug hunting, soft toy house making, exploring the fallen tree and stone decorating to name but a few.

Nursery Monday 19th June

Both Nursery groups stayed on site this week, partly due to the high temperatures and also to make sure they could still remember all the Forest School rules. Both groups were brilliant, listening well to all the instructions. The children started off decorating a wooden disc, then using an electric drill to make a hole. Some children made their own necklace. All the children in the afternoon successfully threaded their own wool. After a drink, we went on a walk to use our sense of touch with our feet! We felt stones, sand, soil, mud and water. We finished off with more drinks, fruit, biscuits and listened to the story of, 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Wednesday 21 June

Hazel Class joined up with Beech class today and spent a lovely session shaded in the woods from the sunshine with a lovely cool breeze blowing through. The Year 2 children built an obstacle course for the Reception children to negotiate whilst holding a cup of water. Most of the children had a cool off under the Forest School shower. Some of the children caught grasshoppers and butterflies, while others queued for the ever popular Forest School swing. The children started off the session with a drink and were encouraged to stay hydrated throughout the session with regular drink breaks. Thank you to Evie-Mae's Daddy for coming with us today. We are unable to go to the woods without the support of parents/relatives.

Woodwork Club update

The Reception group are showing some amazing woodwork skills. So far they have used the electric drill to help them make their own sanding block. Last week they used a saw, hammer and nails to start making an aeroplane. This week they will be carrying on with their aeroplane by adding a tail and some wheels.

Forest Fun Holiday Club

Please note that Funzone is closed the week that Forest Fun is running (29th August to 1st September) so if you wish to book space in Forest Fun Holiday club, please do so immediately as we are filling up fast.

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



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!

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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.

Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

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