



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

30th JUNE 2017

Dates for your diary

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

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 every 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. We have had lots of interest and only have 12 places, so please do check your eligibility on the Gov.uk website and get in touch if you would like to visit the nursery department.

Staffing for September 2017- Move up day 29.6.17

We welcomed the new Reception children in yesterday afternoon and look forward to seeing them back for visits next week. Our current Reception and Year 1 pupils spent the day with their new teachers. Everyone seemed happy and all were busy with activities when I went to visit them all.

Maple Class	Mrs Cowie
Beech Class	Mrs Wilby (nee 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

Cake Sale

It's Maple classes turn to host the cake sale next week, held after school on Wednesday 5th July in the year 1 & 2 playground. If anyone from Maple class can help the PTA set up and run the stall please can you let the either the office or Maple class teachers know. Thank you.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns has had a Dentist and Doctors surgery this week! We have talked about taking care of our teeth and making people feel better. We have read stories about teeth and have used a giant toothbrush to clean some large plastic teeth! We also talked about the changes that will be happening in September and showed our older members a book of photographs about the Acorns Nursery they will attend after the summer holiday. On Thursday some children had the opportunity to go to see their new classroom. We have sung lots of songs this week and have looked at shapes. Outside we enjoyed playing with mini diggers in the soil, cooking in our mud kitchen and riding in toy cars.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO DONATED YUMMY SNACKS! The children have had a wonderful selection this week of apples, pears, nectarines, raspberries, cheese and breadsticks.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week in Nursery we have continued to learn about real buildings and builders. We reminded ourselves that we can get information from both books and computers and learnt how to use a contents page in a non-fiction book. We have practised sound blending short words and writing letters using cursive formation. We have also been using shapes to make pictures and models and talked about why we chose to use certain shapes. We have counted objects to match numbers and have also practised adding two groups together to find a total. On Thursday most of us went for our visit to meet our new teacher in the main school and had a really exciting time using new resources and making new friends. Please could you continue to support the children to write their name independently using the name cards that were sent home this week. The formation of the letters is really important for when the children learn to use cursive writing, so please ensure they take the time to form all the letters correctly as the arrows show. Thank you.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

We have had a very busy week in Reception this week! On Tuesday we had our trip to Legoland. First, we took time to look around the mini village at the different buildings and to discuss some of them. We will be continuing with our topic on buildings over the next few weeks, firstly looking at and talking about London buildings, and then buildings around the world. Next, we had lunch and watched the Cinderella puppet show which the children thoroughly enjoyed, and finally, we had some time to go on some of the rides! The day flew by, and the children were beautifully behaved. A good time was had by all! On Thursday this week we moved up to our new classes. We were very excited to meet our new teachers and to see our new classrooms. Our teachers had lots of exciting activities planned for us for the day and we had lots of fun! In literacy this week, we have had a go at writing a recount of our trip to Legoland, and our maths focus has been on shape. We have discussed the names and properties of shapes using special mathematical words such as corners, faces and sides.

PTA News

It was the last day for bringing coppers in today, we will let you know which class won after the weekend.

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

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we learnt about a type of Japanese poem called the Haiku. We found out that it is a simple poem with only 3 lines and 17 syllables. We clapped the syllable to different poems and found the rhythm. We then used this knowledge to make our own poems. It was fun reading them to the class. In Maths, we have been very busy as we thought about time, shape and position. We related quarter, half and three quarter turns to the turns in the clock. We also related this to digital time. We are getting good at reading time on both analogue and digital clocks. We expanded our experience of 2D and 3D shapes by searching for them and describing their properties. Science was delicious as we used our senses to explore different fruit and vegetables. We learnt scientific words like 'identify' and 'classify.' So we 'classified' the fresh produces and sorted into different groups. In History, Art and DT we continued to explore old toys and we are looking forward to our trip to Milestones museum next week on Thursday where we will see lots of artifacts from the past. In RE, we thought about the holy festival of Eid which Muslims celebrate. The highlight of our week was Transition day when we got to go to our new classrooms and meet our new teachers. Please can the children be in summer uniform for our trip next week. Please can they have a back pack in which to carry their lunch and also ensure that your child has a water bottle. Packed lunches should be in disposable bags with no fizzy drinks, glass bottles, sweets or nuts.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

What a busy week we have had in year 2! On Monday, we went to Garland School for a sports afternoon. The afternoon was managed exceptionally well by Year 5 who were welcoming and true leaders. We really enjoyed spending time getting to know our buddies and the school grounds. The weather was beautiful and we tried activities from sack races to hurdles to ball dribbling. In class we have been describing seaside settings and leaving messages in bottles. This was made even more exciting by some of the year 2 boys who discovered a buried bottle in the playground. We decided that it must be very old because the lid said, "No deposit, no refund." In maths, Rowan class have been doing number puzzles and finding out what perseverance really means. On Thursday, Year 2 children were able to spend the day at Garland and are all very excited about the change that is coming and we had a new Year 2 for the day. We enjoyed our time with them and can't wait for September.



Forest School



The Wagtails from Maple and the Cuckoos from Beech had a wonderful time at forest school this week! We used large sweep nets to catch some of the many insects in the field. The children were especially interested in the grasshoppers they found. Well done to Janiel's Mum for finding so many when she helped out with Beech! We also used double sided sticky tape to collect some grasses and wildflowers from around us. Beech Cuckoos enjoyed looking in ID books to see what they were and also looked at some bug ID cards.

Monday 26th June

The morning Nursery children had a lovely session in the woods. All of the children had a go using a real hammer and nails to join two pieces of wood together. They all did a fantastic job at hammering, followed by some lovely decorating. The children enjoyed the warm sunshine and a welcome drink and snack before heading back to Nursery.

The afternoon children joined up with Maple class for their Forest Session. They all walked really well to the woods and followed all the instructions. Once in the woods, they had a choice of a craft activity, free play, hammering two pieces of wood together or bug hunting in the field. Most of the children had a go at using the hammer and did an amazing job, those who didn't get a turn will get to have a go next week. The children all worked together really well. We all had a drink and snack before heading back to Nursery.

Wednesday 28th June

Willow Class were joined today by Flo's Mum and Rosie and Alyssa (pupils from the Willink School). Once in the woods, after a reminder of the rules, we had our drink and snack. The children were then free to choose their activities. Some children did some hammering and decorating of their wood, while others went on the field to try and catch some bugs. The fallen oak tree was a popular choice as always; it's great to see how the children's confidence has grown throughout the year.

Wednesday 28th June

Hazel Class had their session on school grounds today, as we had no parent helpers. The group were happy to sit and decorate pebbles outside the log cabin before bug hunting and doing some tool work with hammers and drills. Some of the children had clipboards and wrote down all the mini-beasts they discovered, while other children wrote down a register of who was at Forest School and enjoyed taking regular checks of who was here today! A highlight of the session was harvesting the potato crops. We had some white potatoes and some red potatoes. Mrs Marshall then took them inside to boil and served them as a snack with some butter....yummy!

Wednesday 28th June - Woodwork

The Woodworkers put the finishing touches to their fabulous aeroplanes today, adding tails and wheels. The group have worked really hard so far this term and have grown so much in confidence...well done to Thomas, Ella, Inara and Amelia.

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



Joseph - Acorns am
Freddie - Acorns pm
Eleanor - Maple
Amelia - Beech
Ruby - Birch
Zoe - Willow
Ava O - Hazel
Joel - Rowan



Oscar - Acorns am
Kirah - Acorns pm
Amelia - Maple
Janiel - Beech
Amy - Birch
Matthew - Willow
Ella - Hazel
Max - Rowan

Perfect Presentation

Daniel - Willow

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.

Thank you for your support and good luck everyone!

The PTA

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