



# Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter 14th JULY 2017

### Dates for your diary

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 2 Leavers Assembly  
9.30am  
(Y2 parents invited)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Last day for Acorns Nursery  
(Little Acorns still open on  
Friday)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
School Finishes 1.45pm

### School News

#### Thank you to...

**Worthingtons** - Thank you to Worthington Hair Stylists who ran a raffle at the Burghfield May Fair and donated the proceeds of £60 to Mrs Bland's School . Thank you!

A huge thank you to Mrs Oakes who has run an after school Ball Skills Club for the last two years and donated all profits to the school via the PTA. The club has been really popular and the donations went towards the KS1 playground project.  
**Thank you Mrs Oakes!**

Thank you to Mrs Narborough for helping with Art Club this year. The children really loved her stained glass windows art project.

#### Staffing for September 2017

Maple Class	Mrs Cowie & Mrs Rushe
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

#### School Choir

Mrs Bland's and Garland School Choirs were invited to sing at the Anderson Day Centre on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. All of the children represented the school's brilliantly with their behaviour and singing - Well done!

#### Forest Fun Holiday Club

A reminder that the club runs for one week in the summer break: Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Aug - Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Children must be registered before the end of term this Friday. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place.

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

We have continued to learn about farms this week. There were eggs in the hay and farm pictures to print with. We had toy animals to count and played in our farm shop. We learnt about the biggest and smallest group of items and tasted lots of yummy things at snack time. A special thank you to Blnd's parents for bringing in a whole carrier bag of foods for us to taste!

### Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

This week in Nursery we have continued to learn about buildings on the farm. We have been practising sound blending farm animal names and have had a go at writing the names of animals using the correct letter formation. We have also been recognising and ordering numbers from 1 to 20 and practising writing numbers. We have been practising our fine motor skills through sewing numbers and writing our names in salt using paintbrushes. We also learnt about milk, where it comes from and how it gets from the farm and to the shops. We had an amazing visit from Millar's Ark Farm, where we listened very carefully to learn how to care for the animals and had a go at grooming and handling them.

### Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Beech and Maple classes we have been learning about different buildings from around the world. We have shared non-fiction books on buildings from around the world and have used the internet to find out more information about them. We have also discussed similarities and differences between these buildings and the buildings we found out about in London. We found out that both the Eiffel Tower and the London eye are lit up at night by lights! In addition to this, we have investigated different joining techniques and materials in order to create our own buildings. At the beginning of the topic we created a mind map of all the things we already knew about buildings. This week we have added to this all the things that we have learnt about buildings over the past half term. We have learnt a lot over the past few weeks! We are very good at solving problems in our play so this week we have had a go at solving some maths problems and in circle time we have shared our achievements and the things we are proud of from this year. We also thought about next year and the things we might like to achieve in our new classes.

### Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Following our visit to the Milestones museum, we have written information cards and labels for old and new toys to create our own toy museum. We also wrote about the items we put in our memory boxes and explained why there were special to us. We had fun playing bingo with tricky words which are part of our spelling practice. In maths, we have done a lot of different activities and word problems to assess our learning. We are continuing to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and solve missing number sentences. In science we made sensory bottles, thinking about our five senses, and used natural material with different textures, glitter and water. In Art we made a portrait of a friend in the class and chose to paint it, use pastels or do a collage. We discussed what made toys from the past and today popular and designed a toy for the future.

### PTA News

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 the children in year two have been very busy. We have created props and scenery for our leaver's assembly and practised rehearsing very hard. In between practises we have enjoyed some creative tasks and outdoor learning. In literacy, we have created riddles about staff members and written our memories of Mrs Bland's. On Tuesday, Year 2 children to a walk to Garland School to see, 'Archibald's War'. They were all buzzing about how good it had been and comments were made about our good behaviour. Thank you to everyone who came to the open afternoon. Year 2 was full of activity as children shared their work. It was great to see how proud they are of their achievements and to see just how far they have come over the year.



### Forest School



#### Outdoor learning - Maple class.

Maple class Wagtails had a truly wonderful outdoor learning session on Monday afternoon. In the lovely warm sunshine, we learnt about bees and how important they are. We tasted pollen and locally grown honey and we thought about how many foods rely on bees. We spent time watering all of the thirsty plants and vegetables growing in the school garden and picked some of the crops that were ready to harvest. We picked lots of courgettes! We washed these and cut them up and tasted them. Most of the children really enjoyed eating them and some even had seconds and thirds! We also tasted a runner bean! Well done Wagtails!

Thank you to Angela Massey for helping us have so much fun.

On Wednesday morning Beech class had their fire with Gareth to mark the end of their time visiting the woods. Next week they will be having an outdoor learning session on school grounds.



These are some of our bumper crop of courgettes from the school garden

### Forest Fun Holiday Club

**Please note that Funzone is closed the week that Forest Fun is running (29<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



We enjoyed a special treat of bacon this week at breakfast club! Along with the usual toast, cereal, beans, spaghetti, scrambled egg and porridge.

## Star of the Week

## Friendship Star



## Perfect Presentation

**Ava A – Hazel  
Alesha – Hazel  
Shaun – Hazel  
Kaycee-Louise – Hazel  
Ella – Hazel  
Ariana – 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>