



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

15th September 2017

Dates for your diary

26th September 2017

Year 2 Trip to Oxford Castle
Children to wear school uniform.

26th September 2017

Newbury Weekly News
Photographing Reception Children

28th September 2017

6pm Meet the Teacher Evening

29th September 2017

School Guinea Pig Day

10th October 2017

Tempest Photography

11th October 2017

Year 1 Trip to Milestones Museum

13th October 2017

9.30am Harvest Assembly led by Hazel Class, Hazel Class
Parents welcome to come.

20th October 2017

Bulb Planting Day – Wear green clothes and donate bulbs

20th October 2017

End of Term – school finishes 3.25pm

School News

Thursday 28th September – 6pm

Meet the Teacher and Maths Curriculum Evening

On Thursday at 6pm, we will be running a short presentation on the teaching of maths for all parents, followed by the opportunity for you to chat informally to your child's teacher about how they have settled into their new class.

Details have been sent out by Parentmail.

Friday 29th September 2017 – School Pet Day

This year at Mrs Bland's we are excited to have acquired two guinea pigs as our school pets. The guinea pigs will spend an equal number of weeks throughout the year in the different classrooms and the children will be asked to be responsible for them. We appreciate that not all children have the benefit of having pets at home and this is a valuable extension of the children's learning experiences.

On Friday the 29th September, therefore, the guinea pigs will visit each classroom with Heidi and we will be learning how to look after and handle our pets carefully. We are asking that on the day children bring in either a pound or a contribution towards the upkeep and care of the guinea pigs as shown below. We would also welcome newspaper contributions at any time throughout the year.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Acorns/Little Acorns – Guinea pig food

Reception – Wood shavings

Year 1 – newspapers

Year 2 - Hay

Bicycle Helmets

If you have any spare bicycle helmets in good condition for 2 – 7 years old. We would love to take them off your hands so that the children can play on the bikes and scooters safely.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA News

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the
playground –

Rachel James, Claire
Oakes, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter

This week we have continued to talk about love. We have talked about our bodies - drew round a body and named some of the body parts and sang "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes". We talked about our families and pets and Teal brought in her puppy dog, Pepper, to show us! We have listened to stories and have been busy painting and drawing. Outside we have had fun on the bikes and cars and building with the duplo as well as cooking in the mud kitchen.

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

We have continued to learn our new rules and routines this week and have all been given a treasure chest sticker chart in which to put stickers when we remember routines or when we do anything amazingly well. When our sticker chart is full we will get the opportunity to visit Mrs Nisbet's treasure chest for a special reward, which we are all very excited about. This week we learnt how to greet each other in different languages and have used our listening skills to follow instructions and find special sounds in the outdoor area. We have all been involved in setting up our outdoor Post Office role-play area and have painted and made post boxes to post our letters. We have been practising our good sitting and listening skills during group time and have enjoyed many stories. We have also been learning some new songs, including, 'The Silly Song' and have practised counting objects with 1 to 1 correspondence.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Wow! We've made it through our first full week in Reception and what a busy week it has been!

In our literacy sessions, we have read 'My Mum' and 'My Dad' by the author Anthony Browne. The children created some beautiful portraits of their grown-ups and had some wonderful stories to share with us... The word 'lovely' and 'beautiful' seemed to be very popular word choices!

We have also had daily maths sessions where we have been focusing on counting skills to 20. The adults in Reception have been very pleased with how high your children can count up to. Well done!

Finally, we have also squeezed in our first Forest School session where the first groups have explored the school grounds and the many different trees and plants that grow in it. We are looking forward to making our way to the woods in the next session.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

The children are really starting to get into the swing of Year 1 now. It's amazing to think that we are already nearly half way to half term. In Maths, we have been counting on and back from numbers up to 20. We have also been reciting days of the week and months of the year. In English, we have been reading, 'Where's My Teddy' by Jez Alborough. We have been role-playing the story and sequencing it in our books. In science, we have been exploring hearing. We listened for different sounds around the school.

We are continuing with our topic: Memory Box. In history, we have playing older games.

Thank you for bringing in all of the boxes, photographs and toys. This is really supporting the children's learning.

We would also appreciate parent volunteers:

Forest school (Friday afternoons for Willow and Wednesday afternoon for Birch); listening to readers; Milestones Museum Trip on Wednesday 11th October.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in English, Year 2 have been planning and writing their own version of Rapunzel. In preparation for this, they have acted out the story and rehearsed it orally before writing and then tried hard to use adjectives and time connectives in their work.

In maths, the children have continued learning about place value, and have been partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones. They have had lots of opportunities to partition practically using different types of apparatus, and have played games, as well as recording their work. Year 2 have also learned to place numbers on a number line, as well as how to identify odd and even numbers.

The children are really looking forward to their visit to Oxford Castle next week, and we will remind everyone of what to bring nearer the time.

The children will also start building model castles next week in DT. We would be therefore be grateful for more kitchen roll tubes, as well as empty cereal boxes. Thank you for your support.



Forest School



MAPLE AND BEECH FOREST SCHOOL.

As it was our first session we stayed on school grounds. We visited the log cabin and practised our Forest School rules ("Sticky toes") and explored the school garden. We met the Forest School soft toys and had a play with them. We also had a drink and biscuit and listened to a story.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR EACH WEEK WE GO TO THE WOODS and welcome volunteers for outdoor learning which takes place on site, so please sign up! Without adult support we don't have the correct ratios to take children off site.

Heidi Evans, Forest School leader.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star

**Annelise - Acorns am
Jasmin - Acorns pm
Noah - Maple
Annabel - Beech
Dexter - Birch
Lachlan - Willow
Joshua - Hazel
Eleanor - Rowan**

**Freddie - Acorns am
Jack - Acorns pm
Ross - Maple
Ronnie - Beech
Mollie - Birch
Rhea - Willow
Ellie - Hazel
Archie - Rowan**

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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.

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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>