



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 29th September 2017

Dates for your diary

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.

18th October 2017
Cake Sale run by Rowan Class
3.25pm

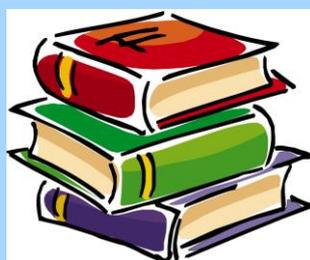
20th October 2017
Bulb Planting Day – Wear
green clothes and donate
bulbs

20th October 2017
End of Term – school finishes
3.25pm

School News

Thank you for all your donations for our School Pet Day! The children all really enjoyed the opportunity to meet our school guinea pigs Pip and Squeak and they are very much looking forward to having them visit again! Our School Pet Day gave the children the chance to talk about their own pets and to think about the ways in which we can show care and concern for animals.

Summer Reading Challenge



We hope you all enjoyed the Animal Agents Reading Challenge at the library over the summer. You have until the 30th September to complete the challenge. Please can you bring in your certificates by Friday 6th October ready for the reading challenge assembly that Mrs Williams will be leading to celebrate the children's hard work!

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!

Spare clothing

Nursery has run out of spare boys socks, if you have any socks suitable for 3 – 5 year old boys, we would be delighted to take them of your hands.

PTA News

18th October 2017
3.25pm Cake Sale run
by Rowan Class

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week we have continued to learn about ourselves and our families and how much they love us.

We have made salt dough hand prints and used tweezers to pick up pom-poms. We have buttered/put cheese on our own toast and enjoyed playing with the "Happy Land" house and vehicles. We have also helped clean out the guinea pigs and played with some big diggers!

We have enjoyed some counting activities and have sung lots of songs. We are listening well at story time!

Acorn Nursery

This week in Nursery we continued to learn about our topic, 'Why do you love me so much?' We moved on from knowing we are all unique and different in our own way to finding out about how special our bodies are. We learnt about non-fiction books and found out they give us information about real things. We drew around two friends and learnt lots of vocabulary relating to our bodies. We had a go at writing labels for our non-fiction body display in the nursery and used a Beaky bird tripod grip to hold our pens. We have also practised using a pincer grip to form the letters in our names correctly using dots of paints and cotton buds. We have counted from 1 to 20 and practised counting actions with 1 to 1 correspondence to 10. We have had lots of fun pretending to be doctors in the role-play area and making sure our bodies feel better. We have also thought about the foods which are healthy and good for our bodies and those which are not so healthy. We also had fun doing lots of physical activities outside to see the effect of exercise on our bodies. What a busy week! We look forward to learning about our families next week!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

We have had another busy, full week in reception and we are now settled into our routines of the school day. In our literacy sessions, we have read a range of Alfie stories and poems by Shirley Hughes. The children have been writing letters and birthday cards to Alfie and the characters in the stories. They particularly liked the story Alfie's Breakfast and discussing what they had for breakfast, as well as what are healthy choices. In maths we have been looking at sorting and grouping objects by colour, shape, size and function. We have enjoyed sorting a range of items from the classroom and the children have also been applying these skills during provision to independently sort items. Finally, we have been attending our music sessions on a Tuesday where we have learnt two new songs about autumn and the harvest festival. The children's singing was beautiful and they did a brilliant job at remembering the actions too! While we are looking at families this topic we would love to see a picture of the children's families. If possible, please could you bring in one picture of your family, with your child's name on the back and we will make sure we return it. Have a lovely weekend!

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Following last week's story of Eddy looking for his lost Teddy, the children have planned their own stories. They told their stories orally then drew a story map before writing a part of their stories. The focus has been on writing sentences that make sense with a capital letter at the beginning and a full stop at the end. In Maths, we are consolidating our knowledge of numbers, counting on and back, ordering and comparing numbers using the more or less than signs. We are also practising to form our letters and numbers during our daily handwriting sessions. In Science, we have continued sorting things using different senses. In Art, we have designed and decorated our memory boxes using different media: collage, tissue paper, drawings and painting through mixing our colours. Thank you for helping your children with their spelling practice and always let us know how they are doing with their reading. We appreciate your support and will welcome you to hear readers or accompany our groups to Forest school.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

On Tuesday, we had a fantastic trip to Oxford Castle. Only some of the castle is still standing, and we were lucky enough to go up to the top of the original tower. The spiral staircase was hard work but it was worth it for the amazing view of Oxford at the top! We also spent time in the workshop where we saw old artefacts, smelled what a castle would have been like and dressed up as kings and queens. All of the children enjoyed the trip and everyone was beautifully behaved.

In Literacy we have been writing recounts of our trip and we have been learning how to download the photos that we took onto a PC.

In Maths we have been learning all about odd and even numbers and have been using our knowledge of place value to order numbers from smallest to biggest.

Please keep bringing in any toilet/kitchen rolls and cardboard boxes so that we can make our castles next week. Also remember to keep practising your spellings!



Forest School



Monday 25th September

Maple Jays first trip to the woods was very successful! The children got changed quickly and we found lots of muddy puddles on the way to explore! We practised our "Sticky Toes" and learnt about our boundaries. We searched for soft toys and talked about whether they would live in the woods or not. We played with our friends - climbing, hide and seek and stirring water in mud mountain! We enjoyed a hot chocolate and biscuit. We all talked about our favourite part of the session before we walked back to school.

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO MRS DESAI AND TO THE EVANS GRAND PARENTS OF NOAH AND TOMMY FOR JOINING US FOR OUR FOREST SCHOOL SESSION! We really appreciate you giving up your time to have fun with us in the woods!

Wednesday 27th September

Hazel Kingfishers - After a safety talk and a drink and snack, Hazel were keen to continue their Forest School adventures. The soft toy animals needed a bit of TLC today, so we had several children who became vets to care for them. They used stethoscopes, blood pressure monitors, thermometers and lots of bandages! The swing was as popular as ever. Harry and Jake carried on developing their den and ended up getting muddy in the process!

Birch Robins - It was lovely to see how much the children had grown in confidence in such a short space of time when tackling the fallen oak tree. I set up a Forest School ukulele group, who took it in turns to play and sing some lovely songs.

Friday 29th September

Rowan Blackbirds had an amazing session today in some lovely warm sunshine. All the children were happy and engaged in their own activities and games. Eleanor took charge of constructing a den and did some great climbing. George helped make a tyre swing, which was enjoyed by many of the children. The hammock, swing and mud kitchen were also well used resources. Mrs Smith took some of the children on a mushroom and fungi hunt, discovering some unusual shapes and colours.

Willow Cuckoos - After a drink and snack and reminder of the rules, the children went in different directions. Some were keen to show off their climbing skills on the fallen oak tree, while some were happy to chill in the hammock. The mud kitchen was well used and produced some fine dishes, which would put The Bake Off to shame!

Thank you to all the volunteers who kindly gave up their time to come with us and join in the fun, we could not do this without your support.

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



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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>