



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter
20th October 2017

Dates for your diary

30th October 2017
Term Starts

3rd November 2017
8.00pm Race Night Fundraiser

6th November 2017
Family Portrait Sessions
Grandparents and small pets
welcome.

9th November 2017
9.00am PTA Meeting

10th November 2017
9.30am Remembrance
Assembly – led by Service
Children

School News

Book Fair

We are delighted to say that just under £860 was raised by the Book Fair. Thank you everyone for your wonderful support.

Volunteers

Also, thank you so much to the volunteer parents who have come in to help with Forest School and listened to Readers. If you would like to volunteer, please do contact the school office. There are never too many helpers ☺

Funzone/Breakfast Club changes

A letter has been sent out via Parentmail today advising of changes to Funzone.

Tempest Family Portraits

Monday 6th November. We will be offering 15 minute slots from 4pm onwards, when families can come in for a portrait photograph. Grandparents and well behaved small domestic pets are welcome to come along too. Please look out for the booking information after half term. The photographs will be ready before Christmas.

Parent Consultation Appointments

We will be sending out booking information for 10 minute appointments after half term. The dates are Tuesday 21st November 3.30pm-6.00pm and Thursday 23rd November, 5.30pm – 8.00pm. These appointments will be in the hall and are strictly for parents only. We do run strictly to time and should you arrive late, your appointment will be shortened or cancelled and you will need to rebook for another time.

Head lice

We have had reports from parents of unwanted visitors in children's hair. Please do take the time in half term to check your children's hair and treat if necessary.

<https://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Newsletter

We spend a lot of time preparing the newsletter to share this week's learning and school news with parents. Last week's newsletter was only opened by 83 people – 268 registered users have not read it. I hope you all accessed this via the school website instead ☺

PTA News

Come and join us for an evening of entertainment whilst raising money for the school. Friday 3rd November is Race Night. Join in the fun with family and friends. Tickets go on sale from Monday 16th October in the school office £3 in advance, £4 on the door.

Next PTA meeting is on 09.11.17 at 9.00am

PTA Dates

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

**3rd November 2017
7.30pm Race Night
Tickets on sale from Monday 9th October**

**9th November 2017
9.00am PTA Meeting**

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandsppta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Rachel James, Gareth Bowen, Lizi Hawkins, Beki Streeter

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week Little Acorns have been very busy making paper plate bears for our story, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We enjoyed making porridge and all having a taste. On Thursday we celebrated Diwali by making a Rangoli pattern to welcome the parents in. We also tasted some naan bread and poppadoms! We finished our topic with a Teddy Bears Tea Party with a selection of 'bear' friends.

Acorn Nursery

This week in Nursery we completed our topic, 'Why do you love me so much?' We continued to learn about families through the traditional story of, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and we drew a story map to support us re-telling the story. We have made patterns using compare bears and have made collage bears using various brown materials. We have also learnt about Hindu families this week as the Hindu festival of Diwali was celebrated on Thursday 19th October. We found out that it is the, 'Festival of Lights' and we compared their celebrations with those of the Christian celebration of, 'Christmas' and the British celebration of, 'Bonfire Night.' We found out that some activities were similar; such as decorating the house, giving gifts, eating special food, dressing up in special clothes and watching fireworks. We heard that Indian music is a bit different to our popular music and we watched and had a go at dancing to Indian music and tried copying some Indian dance moves. We also had a go at painting Mhendi patterns using spices and tried eating Indian food. Finally we brought in our own teddies to take on a special picnic to celebrate the end of our topic. We hope everyone has a good rest over the Half Term holiday and look forward to going to Forest School on Mondays next term. The Blue Whales (morning only) children will go in the morning and the Green Turtles (Full days) and Red Ladybirds (Afternoons Only) will go together in the afternoon. Please come dressed in long sleeved tops, long trousers, wellie boots and waterproofs. Warm clothes are essential.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In our literacy sessions this week we have continued to read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We are now much more confident at telling the story using our story map, that we have started to change the story to make it our own. The children have been writing the story into a story book and making their own story maps. To help re-tell our stories we have been using our Goldilocks and the three bear wooden spoon puppets that we also created this week.

Our maths sessions have been looking at making repeating patterns. We have made patterns with bears, 2D shapes, colours, cubes and even with acorns, leaves and sticks that we found outside. The children were confident with this and could even spot and recreate patterns with lots of different variables. Over the holidays try making a pattern with items you have at home.

This week in forest school the children have been able to experience a fire and we even got to roast some marshmallows to have with our biscuit, YUM! Next half term it will be the Pheasants from Beech and the Magpies from Maple turn to go to forest school.

The children have now completed their first half term at school and are all settling into the routines and beginning to make new friends, well done everyone! Have a relaxing and exciting half term and we will see you back in a week to look at, 'Why Leaves Go Crispy?'

Have a wonderful half term.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we have written an account of our visit to Milestones and completed our terms work on poetry. As usual we have been taking great care to write in full sentences, use capital letters correctly and being very careful to use finger spaces. In Maths, we have been learning about subtraction and using subtraction stories to help our understanding. We are keeping up practising the formation of our letters and numbers during our daily handwriting sessions. In Science, we have completed an assessment. In Art, we have started preparing materials for our new topic after half term which is, "The Enchanted Forest". Again, a huge thank you for helping your children with their spelling practice and always letting 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)

In English this week, Year 2 have been acting out, answering comprehension questions about, planning and writing their own versions of the Anthony Browne story, 'The Tunnel', which they have been building up to over the last two weeks. In their stories, they have tried hard to write independently, and include a variety of vocabulary such as adjectives, expanded noun phrases and time connectives, as well as use the correct punctuation at the beginning and end of sentences.

The children have been learning to add and subtract one-digit numbers, as well as finding 10 more and 10 less, showing their workings out in different ways, including practically using apparatus.

In DT, they have been finishing their group castle models by painting them and adding finer details such as flags and arrow slits.

After half-term the new topic 'Beat, Band, Boogie' will be music-based so if you have any connections to a local band, music group, or play an orchestral instrument and would like to talk and or/play to the children we would be very pleased to hear from you. The children will also be making small musical instruments in the first week back so we would be grateful if each child could bring in an empty margarine/butter tub, or a small cardboard box and un-wanted elastic bands. Thank you for your support.



Forest School



Wednesday 18th October Forest School

Hazel - It was the last session this half term, so we finished off with our fire and marshmallow toasting. Amber's Mum had kindly brought some hand painted stones for the children to find and keep. The stones were then incorporated into their session. There was a lot of running through the woods and some lovely interactions throughout the whole group. Thank you again Amber's Mum and also Rick , who is a regular assistant at Forest School.

Birch - The group were joined by Dexter's Mum, Ella's Mum and Finley's Grandad today for their marshmallow toasting. All the children remembered the rules and enjoyed their marshmallows and hot chocolate. Lots of fun was had by all the children, with the fallen oak tree a great spot for adventures and imaginative role-play. There was some den building and singing too.

Wednesday 18th - Cooking Club

Cooking Club finished off their sessions with some rather scrummy looking and smelling banana muffins (sadly there was not enough for myself or Mrs Hill to sample any). The children worked hard mashing their bananas, mixing the flour and butter with their fingers, mixing the other ingredients together and putting the mixture into cases. They were also enthusiastic in tidying up. We asked them what their favourite thing was they had cooked and there was a split between the pizza and the soup! Well done to all the Cooking Club children.

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! 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>