



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

17th November 2017

Dates for your diary

21st November 2017

3.30pm – 6.00pm Parents
Consultation Evening
Strictly Parents only

23rd November 2017

5.30pm – 8.00pm Parents
Consultation Evening
Strictly Parents only

24th November 2017

9.30am Celebration Assembly
with Poem read by Birch
Class, Birch parents welcome
to come along

Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December
12.00-2.00pm

Christmas Performances

4th, 5th, 6th 7th December
Book online now via
SurveyMonkey

Tickets will be available at the
end of the month

School News

Children In Need

Thank you to Rowan class for their assembly all about the 'Children in Need Charity'. Birch Class won the 'old round' pound competition by collecting £32. We had lots of donations for wearing 'spotacular' clothes and from the cake sale. The final total will be confirmed next week. Thank you for your support.



Race Night 2017

Thank you for all your support, we raised an amazing £410 for the school.

Anti Bullying Workshop

Konflux theatre came in this week to work with the KS1 children on anti-bullying.

Parent's Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has booked a consultation with their children's teacher. May we remind you that these appointments are for **Parents only**. Please ensure you are punctual for your appointment as we will be running strictly to time. In fairness to staff and other parents, if you are late, the appointment will be curtailed or cancelled.

Christmas Performance Tickets

Christmas Performance Tickets will be available from **next Thursday** for collection from the school office. Each ticket is £1.00 and we will be able to offer any spare tickets at the time of collection. Again, these will be limited. Please do not come to the office before Thursday for them.

Outdoor Learning

We have now sourced a new piece of woodland to use for outdoor learning. We are hoping to be able to use the new area from next week after we have fully risk assessed the area.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week we have been reading a new story, "The Enormous Turnip!" We have enjoyed learning the names of lots of different vegetables and weighing them. We have played in our role play farm shop and have taken part in our play dough "dough disco" (to exercise our fingers!). Outside we dug in soil to bury some potatoes and used vegetables dipped in paint to create works of art. We tasted lots of vegetables at snack time (as well as other healthy foods) and have played with the farm animals.

Acorn Nursery

In Nursery this week we read the story of, 'The Little Red Hen.' We thought about the front cover, the setting and the characters of the story and found out how to make a story more interesting by changing our voices for the characters. We learnt how to draw and read a story map to re-tell the story and have used puppets and face masks to tell and act out the Little Red Hen. In the role-play we have been taking orders as waiters and pretending to be bakers making bread, cakes and biscuits for our customers in the bakery. We have been using the language of weight including, heavy and light and have practised our fine motor skills putting corn kernels in plastic bottles using a pincer grip. This week we have been learning the phonic sounds, 'l' and 'n' and have played rhyming word games to find the odd one out.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have been exploring the story the Little Red Hen. During our literacy sessions, we have been learning the story The Little Red Hen. To help us remember the story we have put actions to the words so that we can re-tell it. See if your child can tell you some of the story at home. Many of the children have been mark making and writing words from the story. Everyone's handwriting is getting better too, well done!

We have been very busy in maths this week as we have been looking at repeating patterns, weighing and measuring. We have used shapes, animals and colours to make repeating patterns. As we were so confident we have also looked at more complex patterns. Then we looked at measuring and weighing items from the Little Red Hen story. The children have enjoyed using the scales and seeing which items are heavier and also to see if we can make any items balance.

Next week, we are beginning to practise for the Christmas production. Thank you to everyone who has already brought their costumes in to school, Beech class will be shepherds and Maple class will be angels.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We have continued our exploration of The Gruffalo story this week. We have carefully examined the characters, planned and written our own version of the story and explored the tale in more depth. In Maths we have been learning about the properties of 3D and 2D shapes. We have examined the characteristics that are similar and different in a wide variety of shapes. In Geography we have been following directions and learning about simple navigation. In Art we looked at the work of Andy Goldsworthy. We made some beautiful pictures using the wide variety of natural materials available outside of our classroom. We are grateful for you continuing to encourage the children to practise writing their letters and numbers. This combined with our daily handwriting sessions will help them improve their letter and number formation.

Please can parents ensure that the children have all the correct PE kit: plimsolls, t-shirt and shorts for indoor PE; track suit and trainers for outdoor PE.

We depend on parent helpers for Forest school. We would very much appreciate volunteers.

If you have time available to listen to readers during the day, it helps a great deal. If you haven't already completed an induction to help in school, then please book one with the office.

PTA Dates

Volunteers Needed !

If you can help set up/clear away or run a stall for the Christmas Fair please let us or your class know. Thank you

2nd December 2017
12 – 2pm Mrs Blands
Christmas Fair

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone in the playground –

Rachel James, Gareth Bowen, Lizi Hawkins, Beki Streeter

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in Year 2, Rowan Class have been busy rehearsing for their Class assembly. We hope that everyone enjoyed it.

In English we have continued looking at Newspaper Reports and we wrote our own individual newspaper reports about the Grand Old Duke of York. We also complete a comprehension each week. You can help at home by asking the children questions about what they have read in their books and by getting your child to say then write the answer down in a sentence.

In Maths we have been adding two, two digit numbers. You can help your child at home by breaking down the numbers into tens and units and then adding the units together followed by the tens.

We have sent home lines for the children who have speaking parts in the Christmas production, please help your child learn their lines.

Some children do not have the correct PE kits in school. They need both indoor and outdoor clothing and trainers. Please ensure that the children have socks in their kits if they wear tights to school.



Forest School



Maple Magpies: On Monday afternoon we were on school grounds but still managed to have lots of fun! We chopped and ate fruit, used a hammer, made works of art using leaves and planted bulbs to grow in the Spring. We listened to a story about exploring a garden and discussed what creatures we might find living in our gardens.

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN BRING WATERPROOF SUITS/TROUSERS TO FOREST SCHOOL.

Forest Fun Zone

The next **Forest FunZone** will be the second week of the Easter Holidays: 9th - 13th April 2018

FunZone will be running during the Christmas break on the following dates (8am-6pm) and we are hoping to offer the following themed days (TBC).

21st December – Sports theme - with Danny Williams Sports Coach

22nd December – Christmas theme with magician

2nd January – 2018 Great British Bland's and Garland Bake Off

3rd January – Street Dance and Music

More details to follow. If you would like to book children in, please contact Garland school office at office@garland.w-berks.sch.uk

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



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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!

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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.

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>