



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

24th November 2017

Dates for your diary

Christmas Fair

Saturday 2nd December
12.00-2.00pm

Christmas Performances

4.12.17 2.00pm
5.12.17 2.00pm
6.12.17 2.00pm
7.12.17 9.30am

13th December 2017

Christmas Lunch for staff and pupils

13th December 2017

3.25pm PTA Cake Sale – Hazel

18th December 2017

2.00pm Joint Carol Service with Garland Junior School

19th December 2017

KS1 Theatre Trip – The Borrowers

20th December 2017

EYFS The Gingerbread Man Theatre Production (in school)

20th December 2017

End of Term –
Main School finish 1.45pm
Nursery finish 3.30pm

School News

Well done to Birch class for their poetry recital of Spike Milligan's poem, 'On the Ning Nang Nong'. We were pleased to welcome lots of Birch Class parents who came to watch the assembly.

Christmas Fair

Don't forget it's our Christmas Fair next Saturday. The PTA are collecting donations of bottles for the bottles tombola, children's toys, chocolates and sweets. Donations should be brought into the school office. Thank you.

Children In Need

We raised a massive £405.77 for 'Children in Need'.



Christmas Performance Tickets

Christmas Performance Tickets are now 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.

Outdoor Learning

We have now sourced a new piece of woodland to use for outdoor learning. We will start using the new area after the Christmas break. In January, we will be trialling sending the whole class to Forest School, every week. We will need two volunteers each week, so if you haven't volunteered already, please email the school office or speak to your child's teacher.

Immunisation Form

Please can you bring in your filled Flu Immunisation form if you have not done so already. The form needs to be returned even if you do not consent as you state that on the form.

KS1 Theatre Trip

Payment is now due for the KS1 Theatre Trip to see 'The Borrowers'. If you haven't already done so, please can you sign up for the KS1 trip and pay for the ticket as soon as possible.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

Little Acorns have continued to learn the story of "The Enormous Turnip". We have painted pictures of different vegetables and tasted some too. We have enjoyed doing lots of different puzzles and building towers with blocks. We have stretched our fingers in "dough disco" and continued our yoga in the hall. Outside we played in the sand and had races in the garden. We used large wooden blocks to make stepping stones.

Acorn Nursery

In nursery this week we have been learning through the story of, 'The Little Red Hen Makes a Pizza'. We found out that some of the characters were different but the story language was the same as in the story of The Little Red Hen. We found out that Pizza was first made in Italy and we used books and a computer to find out more information about Italy. We learnt that we could go in a boat and a bus to get there or we could fly in an aeroplane. Italian people like to eat pasta, olives and pizza and they love football and fast cars. We have been counting pizza toppings to pretend pizzas and adding two groups together by counting all of them. We have been listening to initial sounds in words and have played games on the Smartboard and outside to practise. We also made choices as to what toppings to put on our own pizzas which were hopefully delicious!! This weeks phonic sounds were 'm' and 'd'.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Beech and Maple classes this week our maths focus has been addition. We have worked on combining 2 groups of objects to find the total number and have had a go at writing the corresponding number sentences too. In literacy this week, we have continued learning the story of, 'The Little Red Hen'. We have thought about how we could change part of the story and have retold it with our own twist. We have also tasted different breads and talked about the similarities and differences between them. Beech class have been looking after the guinea pigs this week, ensuring they are fed, watered and clean. They will be visiting Maple Class next week too! We have also spent time rehearsing for our Christmas play – 'CHRISTMAS spells Christmas' and Maple Class have spent some time getting ready for our Advent assembly on Friday 1st December. On Saturday 2nd December the Mrs Bland's Christmas Fair will take place. If you are able to help out on either Maple Class or Beech Class stall please speak to your child's class teacher. It was great to meet with parents this week and to discuss the progress of your children. If you haven't yet been able to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please speak to them to arrange a time.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We listened to the traditional story of Hansel and Gretel. We acted the story and used actions and story language to retell the story. We continue to use the actions by the well know writer, Pie Corbett. We also drew maps and wrote directions for our characters to get home. We thought carefully about the character of the witch and made wanted posters to try to catch her. In maths, we are learning about tens and units. We used tens and unit dienes to represent splitting the numbers. We are learning to count in 10s. We have been learning our Christmas songs and are practising our movements and actions in the whole school production. It was lovely to meet all the parents and carers this week at parents' evening. Please can parents fill water bottles with water only. We encourage the children to be healthy and have spoken about the benefits of drinking water. Thank you to our parent helpers for all the support we are receiving in Year 1.

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

13th December 2017
3.25pm Cake Sale –
Hazel Class led

11th January 2018
8.00pm PTA meeting

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 writing, Year 2 have been doing work linked to the story of, 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier', so have acted out the story and written descriptions of some of the main characters. They used exciting adjectives and noun phrases in their work, as well as conjunctions (e.g. and, so, but, because etc.) and related these to the events in the story. The children have been learning to subtract a two-digit number from a two-digit number, both practically and by showing their workings out. Year 2 have enjoyed an afternoon of art with Mrs Nisbet, as well as practising hard for the Christmas play with the rest of the school.

Please could you send in your child's costume by next Thursday at the latest if you haven't already done so.



On Monday Maple Class Forest School group remained onsite as risk assessments were not quite ready for us to use the new woodland area. We talked about **hibernation** and the children were able to tell me lots of facts about hedgehogs and squirrels. We walked around the school garden collecting leaves, sticks, pine cones and acorns. The children then built beds for the animals to sleep in to keep warm. A toy squirrel came to inspect the beds! We sat together and had a drink and a snack. The group then made up their own story about a squirrel. They named him and chose what adventures he went on. Every child contributed and the story will be typed up so that the children can share it with the rest of the class. **THANK YOU TO IMOGEN'S MUM FOR COMING TO HELP US**

Wednesday 15th and Friday 17th November

Hazel Sparrows and Rowan Chaffinches - Both groups were busy this week with several activities around the school grounds. These included peeling vegetables (carrots, parsnips and potatoes) to put in the pan for our autumn vegetable soup. Another activity was with Mrs Streeter, walking round the playground on a nature treasure hunt. The third activity was planting some of the bulbs that were kindly donated on our Bulbs to School Day last term. The children learned about the anatomy of a bulb, how it grows, what it turns into and it's lifecycle. The majority of the children tasted the soup with most of them giving it the thumbs up. We did of course finish our sessions with hot chocolate and a biscuit. Thank you to all the adult volunteers who helped make these sessions special for the children.

Birch Wagtails and Willow Woodpeckers - Various activities were on offer this week for the Year 1 groups. These included learning some interesting facts about hedgehogs and talking about 'hibernation' and 'carnivorous' animals. The children also decorated a hedgehog picture using different coloured leaves and pens (on Friday some children wanted to decorate Pudsey pictures too). We also continued with our bulb planting, learning all about how the bulbs grow etc. The children also had great fun looking for a list of natural objects and talking about numbers, colours, length, insects, bugs etc. Both sessions were of course finished off with a drink and biscuit.

Friday 17th November

Woodwork Club - The Woodworkers finished off their bi-planes today, having worked really hard over the last 3 weeks on their creations. There were lots of imaginative decorations, individual ideas, great hammering, drilling, screwing and sawing from all the children.



Fun Zone Holiday Club

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).

20th December – (1.45-6pm)
21st December (8-6pm)– Sports theme - with Danny Williams Sports Coach
22nd December (8-6pm)– Christmas theme with magician
2nd January – 2018 (8-6pm)Great British Bland's and Garland Bake Off
3rd January (8-6pm)– 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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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!

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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-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>