



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

26th January 2018

Dates for your diary

2nd February 2018

Disco Night – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Reception
4.45pm – 5.45pm Year 1 & 2

Parent Consultation Meetings

Tuesday 6th February
3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 8th February
5.30pm – 8.00pm

7th February 2018

3.25pm Cake Sale – Willow
Class

9th February 2018

9.30am – Chinese New Year
Assembly by Beech Class.
Beech Class parents invited

9th February 2018

End of Term – finish normal
time

We have raised over £250 through staff and parents buying online via the 'easyfundraising' website when they buy online purchases. This is fantastic! Remember, it doesn't cost you any extra to shop this way and the school gets money! Please see the details on the back page of the newsletter if you would like to help.

We are currently raising money to develop our outdoor areas.

School News

The Children's Society

We have received the following letter from St Mary's Church Burghfield.

*'Dear Mrs Nisbet, on behalf of the Children's Society fund raising committee at St Mary's Church, I would like to thank you, your staff, parents and children for your contribution to our churches collections at the Christingle Services. The total collected this year was £638.38. This money will enable The Children's Society to continue to provide support to children in need. Yours Sincerely
Anne Burtenshaw.'*

Parent Consultation Meetings

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Thursday 8th February 5.30pm – 8.00pm

10 minute appointments in the hall strictly for parents only

Please make arrangements for your children. If childcare is an issue, can we suggest you make arrangements with other parents to look after each other's children during appointment times.

We will run strictly to time so please be punctual. In fairness to other parents, if you are late, your appointment will be curtailed or cancelled. Please speak to your child's teacher if you need to make an alternative appointment.

New Baby

Congratulations to Mrs Cowie on the birth of her baby boy. Both mother and baby are doing well.

Disco

Please register your child for the disco from Monday 29th January at the school office for £2.50 per child. Please place exact monies in an envelope with the child's name and class. Sorry no change can be given. The quickest method is to use the black post box just inside the main doors. Any queries or offers to help please contact the PTA.

Late Collections of Children

Please can we remind you that school officially finishes at 3.25pm and Nursery finishes at 11.45am and 3.30pm respectively. These times are when our legal responsibility towards your child ends.

We completely understand that emergencies happen and you may be delayed in picking up your child due to reasons outside your control. On these occasions, please contact us as soon as possible to let us know that you are running late and to inform us of your alternative collection arrangements.

Where children are being collected late on a regular basis, they will be placed in Funzone After School Club and the sessional charge of £ 8.50 will be made.

PTA Dates

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Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspata@gmail.com

or catch someone in the
playground –

**Rachel James, Gareth
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns we have been reading the story of, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have been learning about which foods are good for us and which are not. We have been doing lots of counting with fruit and tasting different kinds of fruit. We have enjoyed going out in all weathers – even in the rain!

Acorn Nursery

This week in Acorns we read the story, 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been thinking about Rural African culture and the similarities and differences we could find between our lives and theirs. We found out that some African people live in mud huts with grass roofs. They wear African dress, cook on fires, have to carry water on their heads long distances in buckets and bowls, carry their babies strapped to their backs and sometimes walk barefooted on rough ground. We have had lots of fun role-playing these experiences in our own African mud hut and have enjoyed dressing up and carrying baskets carefully on our heads. We also tried out some African dance moves to tribal music and drummed and played our instruments too. We have extended our vocabulary by learning the names of new fruits such as guava and passion fruit and we have used all our senses to investigate the fruit in Handa's basket. For maths we have been learning to take-away and our phonic sounds this week have been 'h' and 'b'. Please continue to support the children in writing their names. Thank you.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week there has been a strong, minty smell in Reception as we have been exploring the world of dentists. The children have loved pretending to be dentists in the role play corner, recording their observations on patient records sheets!

During literacy, we have read a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts about the dentist. We took part in a book sort and learnt about simple features of non-fiction texts such as contents pages and labelled diagrams. When sharing a book with your children this weekend, why not see if they can identify if it is fiction or non-fiction.

In maths this week, we have been adding two amounts together using pictorial representations and objects. We were delighted to hear children using vocabulary related to addition such as altogether and equals, as well as accurately counting the total of objects.

Finally, your children will be coming home with a book from the school library this term. We would like to encourage you to share these books at home with your children and return them regularly so they can be changed. Beech class will be visiting the school library on a Thursday and Maple class on a Friday.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We continued our learning on Brazil by thinking about the sweets children eat in South America. We followed a recipe to make a milky sweet. We then wrote the recipe, thinking about the language and grammar involved in writing recipes. We wrote a list of ingredients. We used 'bossy' words or commands to write the method. In maths, we used different method to subtract. We subtracted on the tens frame and on the number line.

We know to count back when subtracting. We read word problems involving this calculation. We also practised splitting numbers to consolidate our knowledge on number bonds. In Science, we investigated materials to find out if they were waterproof. We described what happened to the materials when they got wet. We learnt the scientific word absorbent.

Our art and DT focus on the Brazilian Carnival music and costumes. In PE, we are learning basketball skills.

Thank you to parents for volunteering for forest school. Please continue to sign up on the sheet which is displayed in the KS1 corridor.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

Our 'messy incident' has caused quite a stir in Year 2 this week! Who made it? Why did they leave it like that? The children have used this as a stimulus for their creative writing. They planned a story around the incident, acted it out, and wrote it out. They used WOW words, noun phrases and connectives to make their writing more mature.

In maths we have been learning about division this week. Did you know there were two ways to divide? By sharing and grouping. The children are getting the hang of both now, and have been working on questions such as 'There are 3 friends, they share 12 sweets between them, how many do they each get?' The children have been using lots of practical resources to help them.

Remember to keep on learning the 2, 5 and 10 times table at home. The children need to know these off by heart.



Forest School



FOREST SCHOOL IN JANUARY: PLEASE CAN PARENTS SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER AS WHOLE CLASSES WILL BE GOING EACH WEEK. WE NEED TWO PARENTS TO ATTEND EACH SESSION. COME AND EXPLORE OUR NEW WOODLAND AREA WITH US!

Stars of the Week

Star of the Week

**Sarah - Acorns
Mia - Beech
Jaxon- Maple
Adam - Birch
Alex - Willow
Alessia - Hazel
Amelie - Rowan**

Friendship Star

**Darcey - Acorns
Jack - Beech
Isaac - Maple
Dexter - Birch
Lacey - Willow
Aiden - Hazel
Niamh - Rowan**

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-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>