



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

16th March 2018

Dates for your diary

21st March 2018

3.25pm Cake Sale run by Birch Class

23rd March 2018

7.30pm PTA Quiz night
Tickets available from the 19th March.

29th March 2018

9.30am Easter Assembly by Year 1 – Year 1 parents are warmly invited.

29th March 2018

1.45pm End of term – main school
3.30pm – Nursery Finish

Parent's only

Y2 SAT's Information Evening

Tuesday 27th March 6.30pm

Thank you to those parents who have booked your seats and ordered your books.

School News

We will be saying goodbye to some of our staff team at the end of this term. I would like to say a huge thank you to them all for all they have contributed to the school during their time with us. We would like to wish them all the best in their new ventures.

Mrs Dolding
Mrs Ramchand
Mr Davies
Mrs Lawrence

We welcome Ms Sawyer to our Y1 team. Ms Sawyer will be teaching in Willow class with Mrs Jones and also takes over the SENDCo role.

Forest Fun Holiday Club at Funzone

Our Funzone Forest Fun holiday Club will be running during the Easter break from 9th-13th April. Daily from 8.30am-5pm. Please arrive by 9.15am as the children will leave for the woods at 9.30am for lots of forest adventures. Weather permitting children will eat lunch in the woods and return to school at 2.00pm. More details are available on the school website and from the school office.

Spaces are going fast, please remember to book as soon as possible.

Rates: £100 for all week
£22 per day early bird booking rate
£25 per day if booked after 12 noon on 28.3.18

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA Dates

Weds 21st March 2018
3.25pm Cake Sale run by
Birch Class

Friday 23rd March 2018
7.30pm Quiz night – joint
with Garland Junior School

Scootathlon and Summer
Fair! Back to 15th June!

2 weekends left to create
your entry for the May
Fayre programme cover
competition.

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone in the
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,
Beki Streeter

This week we have been continuing to learn about Dinosaurs and the rescue services (based on our story "Dinosaur Rescue"!)) We had to put out fires with water sprayers outside and played with Happy Land vehicles and figures. We watched a song and film showing firefighters going to put out a fire and we have learned about fossils (making our own out of salt dough). We have learned about filling and emptying containers of water and used weighing scales.

Next week we will be looking at the changes around us as Spring arrives and we will be thinking about Easter!

Acorn Nursery

In nursery this week we have been learning about space through the story, 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet.' We have learnt about 2D shapes in maths and have made pictures using shapes and practised scissor skills through cutting around shapes. We have listened to lots of space stories and talked about the settings, characters and features of stories. We have practised our Beaky Bird pencil grip to write the letters for our names on rockets and have created planets with craters using puffy flour paint and corks. We also read the story of, 'Whatever Next' and have role-played going to the moon for a picnic in a cardboard box like the bear in the story.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Beech and Maple class this week our maths focus was addition. We have explored using numicon to help us add numbers together and make addition sentences. Next week we will use our numicon again, but this time to help us subtract numbers.

Our English book this week is, 'The Dinosaur that Pooped the Past'. We loved this book, as well as our other favourite, 'The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet'. We enjoyed re-telling the story and labelling pictures from the book. Our handwriting is getting much better, well done every one!

Our trip to Paulton's Park was very interesting. We saw lots of different types of dinosaurs, including Spike, which we were able to touch. Spike roared and we roared with him.

On Monday we all really enjoyed bringing in items from home that were old and showing them to the class. We had some items, thank you for sharing everyone.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We have had a really interesting week finding out all about the solar system, its planets and moons. In English we have been writing Planet Top Trumps information sheets for Mars and Neptune. In Maths we have focussed on measuring length and heights. In science we have been learning about the composition and order of the planets. At the end of the week we have been finding out about Tim Peake, the British astronaut in preparation for a piece of work we are doing on biographies next week. Our art and DT has involved painting space pictures and making spacecraft. In RE we are continuing to think about the weeks leading up to Easter. We are also working hard on our Easter assembly ready for the 29th March.

A big thank you to all of you who continue to support the children's learning, at home, listening to readers in school and coming to Forest School. It makes a very valuable contribution.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week we have been learning lots about different types of plants and flowers in England. We have read information from non-fiction books and then practised saying our factual sentences so that we know them really well. This has helped us to then write our own fact file about the flowers.

We have been doing careful observational drawing of different flowers and plants too, and have coloured them using charcoals and oil pastels. We had to think about the shape and size of the different parts of the plant, and then think carefully about how to shade them to make our pictures appear more life-like.

In maths we have been learning about quarters. We have worked hard to recognise $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ of numbers and shapes and explain what they mean. Next week in maths we are moving onto finding $\frac{1}{3}$ of a shape and number.

Here are the spellings for next week-

List 1- get, just, now, came, oh

List 2- am, before, gran, clothes, tell, key, fun



Forest School



Maple class had an extremely wet forest school on Monday but this was great for one of our activities! We were digging up the clay soil and modelling it. The children showed wonderful determination and team work as they dug and then put balls of clay onto a branch of a tree. Another group of children had fun digging up dinosaur bones whilst lots of children played hide and seek. A very big thank you to Olly's Mum (who was queen of the mud!) and Imogen's Mum (who played lots of hide and seek games!) for coming out in such damp conditions.

Beech class had some lovely Spring weather to go to the woods on Thursday. We had a wonderful time learning about what kind of sticks burn best and enjoyed exploring mud! We did some mud painting, clay models and climbed up slippery muddy slopes! We practised our fire safety as next week is our last forest school of this term. Thank you so much to Travis's Dad for coming along and being so enthusiastic at joining in our activities.

Hazel Forest School - Hazel Class enjoyed the mud slide today. Dudley won the prize for the muddiest child. We were looking out for signs of Spring on the way. We saw buds growing on trees, blossom, bulbs flowering and heard lots of birdsong. The children did some fossil hunting, clay modelling with natural clay found on site and some lovely imaginative play. Thank you to Libby's Dad, Amara's Mum and Sebby's Mum,

Birch Class stopped on the way to forest school to observe the big hornbeam trees and see how they are changing. They noticed that the buds had grown bigger since last week. The children and volunteers were impressed by the wooden disc 'planetarium'. Good use was made of the clay with some strange faces appearing on the trees. Thank you to Donovan's Mum for volunteering.

Reception Woodwork - Jaxon, Imogen, Patrick and Oscar are all working hard creating some wonderful models. They have so far done hammering, drilling, screwing, sawing and measuring. Next week they will be carrying on with their planes and bridges!

Star of the Week

Friendship Star



Perfect Presentation

Joshua - Hazel

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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.

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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-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>