



## Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

### Newsletter

23rd March 2018

#### Dates for your diary

29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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

29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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

**Parent's only**

**Y2 SAT's Information Evening**

**You can still book seats with the school office.**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm**

Ordered books will be available as you arrive on the 27th March. For parents unable to attend, books will be available on the 28th March from the School Office.  
£3.00 each book

#### Summer Term 1 Starts

16<sup>th</sup> April is an Inset Day

17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

School opens for Children

### School News

#### The Secret Garden

The children had a wonderful surprise of the theatre production of "The Secret Garden" on Thursday brought to the school by M&M Theatre Productions. This adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic fairy tale was enjoyed by all the children.

#### Speak Out Stay Safe

We were also visited by the NSPCC this week when children learnt about the Buddy the 'speak out, stay safe' Mascot for NSPCC. The children were also taught the phone number for the NSPCC. Ask your child they can remember the actions to the number.

#### Menu Change for w/c 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

##### Monday

Macaroni Cheese  
Chicken & Sweetcorn pie  
Jacket Potato with baked beans

##### Tuesday

Chicken Pizza  
Margherita Pizza  
Bean and Lentil Pasta

##### Wednesday

Roast Gammon  
Vegetarian Bolognaise  
Jacket Potato beans and cheese

##### Thursday

Fish Fingers  
Vegetarian Frankfurter with chips  
Baked Salmon with boiled potatoes

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

### PTA Dates

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018  
3.25pm Cake Sale run by  
Birch Class

### Reminder!

7.30pm Quiz night – joint  
with Garland Junior School

Scootathlon and Summer  
Fair! Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone in the  
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth  
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,  
Beki Streeter

This week we have been learning about Spring and Easter time. We have painted egg cups and listened to stories about Spring. We have sang "Sleeping Bunnies" and "Hot x buns" as well as playing in our Spring Farm shop. Outside we had great fun in the snow using brooms to sweep it up and then have enjoyed some lovely warm sunshine which has meant we could enjoy playing with water and washing the toy cars. We have talked about shapes and patterns and have walked around the school garden looking for signs of Spring!

## Acorn Nursery

This week in Acorns we read the story, 'Dinosaur Rescue'. We have been thinking about the jobs of people who help us including policemen, firemen and paramedics and the vehicles they use. We have talked about what to wear to stay safe at night such as reflective and fluorescent materials and saw how they were used on the uniforms of people who help us. We have weighed objects using scales and have seen if objects float or sink in water. We have continued to practise counting objects with 1 to 1 correspondence and have been learning to hear sound blending. Please could you continue to support letter formation, name writing and phonic sounds through the songs with the children at home. Thank you.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

Our focus text this week has been 'Dinosaur Rescue,' by Penny Dale. The children were very knowledgeable about the different emergency services and loved dressing up as police officers and doctors in our role play corners. It was also lovely to see lots of children at the writing table, writing letters to the different characters. Keep up the good work Reception!

During maths sessions, we have explored subtraction using Numicon. The children learnt lots of new vocabulary related to the – sign such as take away, minus and subtraction. Again, we had many children at the maths table putting their new skills into practise, beginning to use the correct mathematical symbols.

After another cold start to the week, Reception have been glad to see the sun again! As the weather (hopefully) warms up please ensure your child has a named bottle of water to drink during the day. Also can we ask over the Easter holidays that you check PE and forest school bags to ensure you have all your child's clothing. We still have many pairs of named waterproofs missing. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

## Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week our Moon Zoom topic has taken us on an adventure into space with some famous astronauts. We have been learning about Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake. We were very interested to find out about the moon landing and the space walk. We wrote biographies about the astronauts and discovered that their interest in space began when they were children.

In Maths we continue to think about measurement. This week our focus was on weight. We thought about the mathematical language to describe weight and discussed how important it is to measure weight. We measured using balancing scales. We used non standard and standard units of measurement to weigh objects around the classroom. In PE, we are beginning to practice the skills we need to do the races in our sports day next term. We have been rehearsing our assembly and know our lines quite well now. We are looking forward to presenting this to you next week Thursday morning.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In writing this week, Year 2 have been learning the rules for changing singular nouns into plurals, and how to use apostrophes to show possession (e.g. the flower's petals). We have also read and started work related to a lovely story 'Katie and the Impressionists', focussing on the use of adjectives and noun phrases to describe the artists' pictures in the story. These ideas will be used by the children in their own version of the story next week.

In maths, both classes have continued work on fractions this week, recapping last week's learning on halves, quarters and three-quarters of shapes and numbers, as well as learning how to find a third of a shape or number. The children have solved problems involving a mixture of these fractions, both practically and by showing their workings out. Next week we will be learning how to read the time on an analogue clock, recapping o'clock and half-past, and learning to read a quarter past and a quarter to times. It would be helpful if you could please support your child with reading these times at home too.

The children have been checking the seeds for signs of growth in our on-going science investigation on what seeds need to grow. They are also learning about which plants we can eat.

At Forest school, Year 2 enjoyed using colour charts to look for different colours in the woods, and several children even carried back part of a large branch to continue examining closer with magnifying glasses!

This week's spellings are to practise the spellings from the last two weeks in either List 1 or List 2 (your child should know which):

List 1: about, got, their, people, your List 2 : place, mother, sat, boat, window, sleep, feet



**Forest School**



Maple class had a very snowy experience on Monday when we went to the woods! We saw dog and bird footprints in the snow and used buckets and spades to play with it! We played Hide and Seek to keep warm and practised our fire safety rules (as next week we will have a fire and do some toasting).

A very big thank you to the three parents who braved the cold to come with us!

### Star of the Week



### Friendship Star



### Perfect Presentation

**Alfie – Hazel**  
**Kayleigh – Hazel**  
**Amy - 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...

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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-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>