



## Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Dates for your diary

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018

1.30pm – Nursery Sports Day  
Venue: Blands School  
All nursery children invited

#### 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Bad Hair Day – in support of  
the PTA

#### 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

End of Summer Term 1 –  
school finishes normal time  
3.25pm

### School News

#### Burghfield May Fair

It was a lovely day on Sunday at the May Fair and it was nice to see so many children and parents. Well done to Year 2 for some excellent dancing and a big thank you to all of the volunteers who gave their time organising and helping on the school stall!

#### Outdoor Classroom Day – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018

We enjoyed our second Empty Classroom Day. The weather was perfect and meant the children spent the whole day outside learning. We even held our assembly outside! Despite some of the children saying, 'It's the greatest day ever, as we don't have to do work!' they did learn a variety of skills and the activities were planned to support the current learning in each year group. Thank you to all of the parent and grandparent helpers who came to join in the fun!

#### Parking Considerately

Please could we remind you to park considerately when coming to school and do not obstruct the pavement or driveways of the neighbours.

#### Teacher Appointments

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher then please ask the office to arrange a convenient time, rather than trying to catch the teacher at the door. You can then have a confidential fully focussed conversation. These appointments would generally be offered for the end of the school day.

#### Vacancies

We are currently looking for a play worker to help at Funzone on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 7.30-8.45am term time only. If you are interested, please speak to the office staff.

We are also looking for a casual part time cleaner from 4.30pm – 6.30pm Monday to Friday starting after May half term, for approx. one month and then ad hoc. If you are interested, please speak to the office staff.

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

### PTA Dates

25<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Bad Hair Day

15<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
2.00pm Scootathon and  
Summer Fair!

### Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone in the  
playground –

Rachel James, Gareth  
Bowen, Lizi Hawkins,  
Beki Streeter

Little Acorns have spent a lot of time outside this week due to the very good weather. We have continued to care for our plants (we now have flowers on our strawberries) and play in our mud kitchen. We have enjoyed balancing on our assault course and having an outdoor tea party with natural ingredients. We have talked about the Royal Wedding and looked at photographs of different types of wedding. Our story was, "The Queen's Hat" which was set in London so we talked about the different landmarks and transport we could see in the pictures. We have "celebrated" the Royal wedding by making crowns, dancing, dressing up and making sandwiches to eat!

## Acorn Nursery

In Nursery this week we have read the story of, 'The Giant Jam Sandwich' and we made jam sandwiches and crowns for our own Royal Tea Party. We have also learnt the names of 2D shapes and role-played asking for shapes in a 'shape' shop. Next Wednesday at 1.30pm we will have our sports day. Please dress your child in any T-Shirt, shorts and suitable footwear e.g. trainers for the day. Any morning children wishing to attend must arrive with a grown-up who is responsible for them during the sports day.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

We'd like to start by saying a massive thank you for all your support this week. Both the Outdoor Classroom Day and our Royal Wedding celebrations were a huge success. The children thoroughly enjoyed both events and loved seeing their grown-ups in school on Thursday.

Inside the classroom this week we have been reading, 'Katie in London,' by James Mayhew. We were very impressed with how many London landmarks the children could name. Some even knew the name of the river that runs through London – wow! The children then had a go at writing their own versions of the story with some familiar faces superimposed onto illustrations from the book...

In maths, we have been estimating and using vocabulary related to money. The role play areas have been filled with coins and tills which they have used to buy items. This weekend why not see if the children can identify some of the coins in your purse?

## Birch and Willow (Year 1)

We are having fun with Superhero stories and have enjoyed the different adventures of Supertato. We have been thinking about the settings and the characters actions, before planning our own stories with a clear beginning, middle and ending. In maths we have been exploring fractions and we have worked on finding half of objects and numbers. We also have written short prayers based on the blessings done during Shabbat. The highlight of our week was our Empty Classroom Day. We did a maths treasure hunt and used playdough to find halves and quarters. We wrote a letter to Evil Pea who had captured Supertato! We created an evil pea assault course in our sand tray and made an evil pea. We painted superheroes hands, did a cityscape collage and made superhero wooden puppets. We then performed puppet shows during the day. We also completed an obstacle course wearing our superhero costumes and had a skipping rope competition. It was a fun sunny day with lots of teamwork and challenges.

You will have received a letter regarding our educational visit to Oxford museum on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please do come and see us if you can help on that day.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

In writing this week, Year 2 have been busy writing riddles about mini beasts, as well as imaginative descriptions of imaginary mini beasts. In their work the children have tried hard to use a variety of language, including the use of different sentence starters, adjectives and noun phrases, adverbs and conjunctions.

During Outdoor Learning Day, Year 2 enjoyed a variety of activities covering all areas of the curriculum, including a maths activity in which the children learned practically about direction and movement on a large grid, using language such as quarter and half turns, clockwise, anticlockwise, left and right. The children also programmed the robot Beebots to move to planned destinations on a grid.

During Outdoor Learning day on Thursday, all the children had great fun participating in a variety of activities, such as investigating the question, 'Do snails have noses?' by observing whether live snails chose real or plastic fruit, mini beast hunts and making a garden for a mini beast.

For the spelling test next week the children need to practise the last two sets of spellings as they will be tested on all of these.



### Forest School



Beech class had a very warm afternoon for their forest school this week. In our different groups we hunted for bugs (found lots and lots of ants, a VERY big spider, a bee and some woodlice, amongst other things). We also made crowns using natural objects found in the garden (like herbs) and used nets in the pond to look for creatures that lived there.

Maple class visited the woods and made crowns using woodland materials and some of us learnt how to use peelers to peel a carrot.

Thank you so very much to all those parents who came to help us.


PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE NEXT FOREST FUN IN MAY/JUNE HALF TERM

### Stars of the Week

### Friendship Stars



Layla - Acorns  
Lexsi - Beech  
Max - Maple  
Donovan - Birch  
Harrison - Willow  
Chanel - Hazel  
Noah - Rowan



Aaron - Acorns  
Josephine - Beech  
Aminah - Maple  
Amelia - Birch  
Darcey May - Willow  
Zeraan - Hazel  
Amy - Rowan