



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 8th June 2018

Dates for your diary

14th June 2018

Year 1 visit to Oxford Natural History Museum

14th June 2018

8.00pm PTA Meeting

15th June 2018

2.00pm Scootathlon
3.30pm Summer Fayre

22nd June 2018

Celebration Assembly –
Nursery parents invited

26th June 2018

Year 2 Sports afternoon at
Garland

29th June 2018

Move up day
Year 2 go to Garland

3rd July 2018

Acorns and Reception Classes

Pirates & Mermaids Day

6th July 2018

3.25pm Cake Sale – Maple
Class

9th July 2018

School reports sent home

11th July 2018

9.30 – 11.30am School Sports
Day

1.30pm Open Afternoon & Art
Exhibition

13th July 2018

EYFS Seaside Day (on site)
3.30 – 4.30pm Reception Disco
4.45 – 5.45pm Yr 1 & 2 Disco

19th July 2018

9.30am Leavers Assembly

20th July 2018

12.30pm Nursery closes
1.45pm School Finishes

School News

Welcome back after the half term break.

Summer Fayre & Scootathlon

We look forward to seeing you at the Scootathlon and Summer Fayre next Friday. We would love donations for the Bottle Tombola and Children's Tombolas. Please bring in your donations over the next week, a prize goes to the class who brings in the most. The PTA would love extra help on the day to set and run the stalls. Please help us by letting us know your availability.

Year 1 & 2 – Bottles please

Reception & Nursery – Small children's toys or sweets
Scootathlon tickets will be on sale from Monday 11th June to Thursday 14th June.

Art Exhibition

Parents of children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** classes are invited to visit our Art exhibition on **Wednesday 11th July 2018**. You will be able to view the children artwork from **1.30pm** during the open afternoon or when collecting at the end of day until **4.00pm**. The pictures will be professionally framed and will be available for sale in support of school fund-raising. An invitation letter will be sent to you with the details.

Mrs Jones (Willow class)

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.

Fundraising for Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

One of the parents, Noel Gonzalez-Jones, is undertaking a cycling challenge in July and has decided to fundraise for the school. Noel is taking part in the Velothon Wales Cycle race which covers 125km. His fundraising page can be found at the following:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/noel-gonzalez-jones?utm_id=2&utm_term=jQP6naJPM

Thank you for your support – every penny helps.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA Dates

Don't forget to bring in your coppers this June

**14th June 2018
8pm PTA Meeting**

**15th June 2018
2.00pm Scootathon and Summer Fair!**

**13th July 2018
3.30 – 4.30pm Reception
Disco
4.45 – 5.45pm Yr 1 & 2
Disco**

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 started our new topic, Water! We listened to a story about Peppa Pig going swimming and talked about when we have been to a swimming pool. We sailed boats outside in our garden and painted the sea. We have also been engaged in lots of role play, dressing up as fire fighters, Police Officers and also Doctors and Dentist! Our garden is coming along nicely and the children were very excited to see little strawberries had appeared over the half term break! We have counted fish and practised simple rhythms. We have been singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and talking about playing with kind and gentle hands. We also said "Hello" to Rufus who came to visit and we look forward to him joining us next week!

Acorn Nursery

This week in Acorn's we have started our new topic, 'Why is Water Wet?' We shared our current knowledge of water and came up with some ideas of what we would like to do with water this half-term. To develop our creative skills we made some 'Rainbow Fish' and colourful tissue paper jellyfish for our ocean display. We explored colour-mixing through a 'walking water experiment' and outside, we travelled across mats in different ways.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week we have been exploring our new topic, 'Why is Water Wet?' We have been creating lots of exciting artwork to make our underwater scenes in the classroom.

In maths, we have focused on doubling, we are all becoming more confident with doubling. We have used fish and fishing rods to help us, as well as some starfish. Challenge your children to double numbers at home.

In English, we have been reading, 'Commotion in the Ocean' which has introduced us to lots of sea creatures. We have also been focusing on our high frequency words that come up lots in our reading. Have a look at the front of your child's reading record to see the words they are working on. The highlighted words are the words your child can read by sight. Also this week we will be sending home some more WOW moments. We would love to hear about what learning you are doing at home too.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Welcome back for our last term of the year! The children have really engaged with our dinosaur topic. We have learnt that there are lots of different species and that they lived 250 million years ago. In English, we read texts to find out where dinosaurs came from and wrote about the different stages of the evolution of dinosaurs. In science, we have identified features of a variety of dinosaurs and learnt about their diet, sorting them into carnivores and herbivores. In Maths, we have been exploring movement of objects and shapes and we have described turns made using positional and directional language. In Art, we have created charcoal drawings of dinosaurs' skeletons and fossils. In DT, we have looked at the texture of dinosaurs' skin and made rubbings on different surfaces to create a range of patterns. In PE we have continued to practice our skills in our games of rounders.

We always need parent helpers for hearing readers and to accompany us to Forest school. Please put your names down on the list provided or speak to one of the teachers. Thank you

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in writing, Year 2 have planned and written a recount of their holidays, in which they have used different types of vocabulary such as time connectives, conjunctions, adjectives and noun phrases. They have also read a simple text about Captain Cook and answered comprehension questions about it.

In maths, the children have been applying their mathematical knowledge to solve a variety of worded problems and investigations, both on their own or with a partner or group.

At Forest school, the children had great fun pretending to be pirates and participating in four different survival activities, including making treasure maps, shelter building, building a fire, and collecting water.

Words for next week's spelling test:

Group 1- water, away, good, want, over

Group 2- looking, end, than, best, better, couldn't,



Forest School



Beech and Maple children helped to peel and chop carrots to make a yummy carrot soup which was cooked on the fire this week. The children were able to tell us what the safety rules were and followed them well. They all had lots of fun exploring the woods and having the freedom to play.



The Little Acorns Garden

Stars of the Week

Jack - Acorns
Poppy - Beech
Alice - Maple
Jack - Birch
Jarro - Willow
Amber - Hazel
Eleanor - Rowan

Friendship Stars

Lydia - Acorns
Ronnie - Beech
Emily - Maple
Ellie - Birch
Danny - Willow
Ellie - Hazel
Summer - Rowan