



Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 15th June 2018

Dates for your diary

26th June 2018

Year 2 Attend 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 at Mrs Bland's
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

Nursery Assembly

A huge 'well done' to the morning nursery children, who stood up and performed two songs and showed their artwork to the rest of the school and parents this morning. They should be very proud of their achievements!

Y2 Transitions Dates

Please note that Bland's staff will take Y2 up to Garland for their sports afternoon next Tuesday. They will return to Bland's to be collected as normal. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit and a sunhat.

On 29th June, parents should arrange for Y2 children should be dropped off at Garland at 9.15 am and collected from Garland at 3pm. Children attending Funzone will have been made aware of Funzone arrangements.

Reception and Y1 Transition

Our current Reception and Year 1 children will be visiting their new classes on 29th June. They should come in as normal to their current class where they will be registered. Their teachers will take them to their new classes to meet their new teachers and they will spend the morning there. They will return back to their current classes ready for lunch and the rest of the afternoon and can be collected as normal at 3.25pm.

Wednesday 11th July – Reception, Years 1 & 2 Sports Day, Open Afternoon and Art Exhibition

School Sports Day is being held at Mrs Bland's starting at 9.30am. Please arrive from 9.00am onwards to sign in and go to the Sport's field. We will be starting promptly at 9.30am. We finish at 11.30am when parents leave.

Open Afternoon is from 1.30pm onwards, and is for parents and carers to celebrate their child's work in class.

You will also be able to view the children's artwork from 1.30pm during the open afternoon, or when collecting at the end of the school day. The exhibition is running until 4.00pm. The pictures will be professionally framed and will be available for sale in support of school fund-raising for £10. You should pay at the office and collect your picture the next day.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA Dates

Don't forget to bring in your coppers this June

13th July 2018

**3.30 – 4.30pm Reception
Disco**

**4.45 – 5.45pm Yr 1 & 2
Disco**

**Tickets available from
Monday 9th July**

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**or catch someone in the
playground –**

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

We have continued with our "Water" topic this week. We read the counting book "One is a Snail" and explored shaving foam. We filled containers with dried chickpeas (and had great fun tipping them out again!). We picked and tasted our first garden strawberries and made 3D jelly fish! We made our own ice cube paints and squirted water at pretend flames in the garden! We have also been visiting Acorns nursery as lots of children will be starting there in September.

Acorn Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been describing the illustrations in the book: 'Water can be...' and discussing the many uses and forms of water in our environment. We have also started to learn the names of 3D shapes (cube, cone, cylinder, sphere) through a shape song and poem. The children have all worked hard to create artwork and to learn songs for our Sharing Assembly - well done Acorn's!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In English this week we have been reading the story, 'The Rainbow Fish', which has inspired us to write some lovely sentences and some of us have even written a story. The Rainbow Fish has been great story to make us think about how to be kind and a good friend.

In maths we have been learning adding and subtracting. We are all much more confident at adding after using the fish to help us this week. Next we will continue to look at subtracting and counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

On Thursday 28th June, Beech and Maple classes will be having show and tell, please bring in something that begins with the letter S. Next week looks like it will bring us some lovely weather, please remember to bring in your sun hats and water bottles every day.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

Thank you to the children who bring books and items in from home to support our topic. Following our trip to the Oxford Museum last week, we carried on looking at information texts on dinosaurs and talked about what we learnt during our workshop on fossils. We then wrote interesting facts about T-Rex and selected or drew pictures to use in our fact files. We also discussed the reasons why dinosaurs became extinct and designed a poster.

In Maths, we have used our partitioning knowledge to order and compare numbers within 100. We also learned about the 'smaller than' and larger than' symbols. The children have also been sequencing numbers from smallest to largest.

In RE, we continue to learn about Jewish festivals and found out what happens during the celebrations of Rosh Hashanah (New year). We have made a viewfinder to draw details of dinosaur pictures and of course we are working hard on our artwork for the exhibition.

In view of the ever-changing weather, thank you for providing your child with water and sun hat as well as a sweatshirt every day.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in writing, Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed working with a partner to plan and write information books about pirates. They have researched information books and texts to help plan their work, then used these to write the information under different sub-headings. Do ask your child for some fascinating facts about pirates!

In maths, the children have had a very practical week learning how to give and follow instructions involving direction, movement and position. They have been using vocabulary such as left, right, clockwise, anti-clockwise, quarter and half turns. This linked in nicely with learning about compass directions in geography using north, south, east and west.

At Forest school, the children had more fun pretending to be pirates, making camps on islands. As part of science, they also hunted for things that are dead, alive and those that were once alive and are now dead.

Words for next week's spelling test: Practise the last two lists



Maple and Beech learnt all about the importance of bees this week by acting out what would happen to some of our favourite foods if we didn't have enough bees! We also looked at a real honeycomb and some of us tasted honey and pollen!

In Maple class several children made "potions" in the mud kitchen and were very good at tidying up again afterwards. We celebrated Jaxon's birthday and lots of children played "Hide and Seek". THANK YOU TO IZZY'S DAD AND IMOGEN'S MUM for helping us at Forest School.

Gardening Club

Oscar, Freya, Mia, Benedict and Ellen have been hard at work tending the vegetable patches and planting out new seeds. We have had to do lots of watering and this week and harvested some spinach, lettuce and strawberries.

Monday 18th June

Nursery stayed on school grounds this week carrying on with their water investigations. We also planted some pea seeds and gave them lots of water to drink. We read, 'Pebble Boy', a story about a little girl on the beach who makes a friend out of pebbles and did some singing.

Wednesday 20th June

Hazel Class were fascinated with 'Dolly' the sheep skeleton and thought about what dinosaur it could have been. They looked for objects that are alive, once alive and never alive. Several of the children spent the session drawing maps and using a compass to navigate their way around the woods. Mrs Bowen kindly began writing our pirate joke book and came up with ideas for the upcoming end of year production! What is a Pirate's favourite football team?.....Arrrrrsenal!

Willow Class all took part in some great dinosaur activities. They helped Mrs Sawyer to make a fabulous T-Rex, using bark. Mrs Gibson kindly helped children to make fossilised plant wooden discs. The children also worked together to 'excavate' a dinosaur trapped in the ice and drew pictures of what dinosaur they thought 'Dolly' the sheep was. Mrs Kostadinova made a trail of T-Rex footprints through the woods.

Stars of the Week



Friendship Stars



Perfect Presentation

Jessica – Hazel
Amara – Hazel
Zoe – Hazel
Dudley – Hazel