

Dates for your diary

20th March 2019

Year R trip to Discovery Centre

22nd March 2019

Joint Quiz night with Garland Junior School

26th March 2019

3.40pm – 6.00pm Parent Consultations

28th March 2019

5.30pm – 8.00pm Parent Consultations

29th March 2019

3.25pm Cake Sale – Birch Class

2nd April 2019

Class Photos

4th April 2019

9.30am Easter Assembly – Year 1

5th April 2019

End of Term

**1.45pm Main School Finish
3.30pm Nursery (Acorns) Finish**

8th – 12th April 2019

8.30am – 5.00pm Forest Fun Holiday Club

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

School Begins

Change of Date

The Easter Assembly for Year 1 parents is now on Thursday 4th April at 9.30am.

School News

Shrove Tuesday

The children learnt about the origins of Shrove Tuesday and why we eat pancakes. The children then guessed the ingredients needed and whilst the pancake was frying, they heard the story of, 'The Big Pancake'. A representative from each class then had a go at tossing the pancake. The whole school cheered the competitors along to see who could toss their pancake the highest. Evie-Mae in Hazel class was the winner!



World Book Day

Thank you for all your hard work getting costumes ready for World Book Day. The children started the day off in assembly where they paraded their costumes class by class. They had a fantastic day sharing books, designing book marks, creating book covers and writing book reviews. Everyone stopped to read when the bell rang. All the staff read a book at story time to small groups of children. Can your child tell you who read to them and what the title of the book was? Thank you to all the parents who came in to read stories to the children.

See photos of each class on the back page of the newsletter.

Forest Fun Holiday Club – only a few spaces left

The Forest Fun Holiday Club will be running in the Easter Holidays from 8th April to 12th April from 8.30am until 5.00pm, for all primary aged children up to Year 6. There are a few spaces available for Nursery aged children (3years+). The cost is £25 per day, or for all 5 days £115.

Booking forms are available along with the full programme of activities from the Office. Children will spend the morning at the woods and then we have crafts and activities planned for the afternoons. Danny Williams will be leading a sports session one afternoon, there will also be dance session with the dance teacher, plus cooking and other art and craft activities. Places are filling up fast, please do put your booking form in as soon as possible

Quiz Night – Friday 22nd March

The PTA in conjunction with Garland's PTA are running a Quiz Night on Friday 22nd March from 7.30pm at Garland Junior School. This is a fun filled night – we've had the delights of 'Human Top Trumps' and 'Cheesy Whatsit faces' – what will be next?

Tickets are priced at £5pp, teams are groups of up to 6, there is a licensed bar, and bring your own snacks. Booking forms can be returned to the school office with the correct money. Please see the attached form.

PTA News

22nd March 2019
7.30pm Joint Quiz Night
with Garland Junior
School

29th March 2019
3.25pm Cake Sale –
Birch Class

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the
playground –

Aaron White, Clare
Desai, Jo Nuckley, Claire
Oakes, Gareth Bowen,

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children have been listening to the story of, 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear'. We have enjoyed looking at the different animals in the story and learning the colours. The children helped make a collage of a bear and wrote their own labels for the parts of the body. We have been learning our nursery rhyme Old Macdonald, for our Rhyme Time Challenge and some actions too. We had a fabulous World Book Day – we dressed up and went over to the big hall for part of the assembly. Thank you to everyone who came in and told a story. Next week we will be reading the story, 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?'

Acorn (Nursery AM and PM)

In Acorns this week we have been on a mini beast hunt looking at patterns and colours in nature.

In Literacy this week we have read the story 'Winnie the Witch!'

We have been practising our phonemes and reading simple words as well as singing nursery rhymes.

In Maths this week we have been representing numbers by drawing apples on a tree to match correctly to a number.

We have been making magic rainbow wands and mixing potions as well as pretending to dress up in our colour clothes boutique and selling fruit and vegetables in our shop which has real fruits and vegetables.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In English this week we have explored the story, 'The Case of the Red Bottomed Robber'. It was a big mystery as to who was rubbing out the chalk drawings, but we knew they would have a red bottom from the chalk. The children have drawn wanted posters to find and catch the robber. Can you re-tell the story at home?

This week in maths we have been learning all about time. We have learnt the days of the week, how to put the date on the calendar and how to read a clock. At home can you find anywhere that tells you the time or date?

On Thursday it was World Book Day. We had so much fun dressing up as characters from the Julia Donaldson stories. Lots of us brought in a book stop swop in the hall for the big book exchange and we all had fun listening to different grown-ups read, as well as parents read. This month is our educational visit, please can you return the permission slip and the correct amount of money to the office as soon as possible, thank you.

Birch and Willow (Year 1)

This week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Mr Gibson who is a firefighter, a real life hero. He talked to the children about what he does in his job and brought his equipment and uniform so we could see what he wears when he helps rescue people. Some of the children also got to see how quickly they could get dressed in firefighter outfits. He encouraged the children to talk to their parents and make a fire plan at home. Do you know what to do in a fire? How would you get out? Do you test your smoke alarms?

In Literacy this week we have read several 'Supertato' books, focusing on characters and settings. The children were able to answer questions about what they have read and write sentences about different aspects of the stories.

On world book day the children had a parade to show off all their amazing costumes, listened to lots of stories read by different adults, created book covers and blurbs and pretended to be super heroes.

In Maths we have identified, folded and coloured $\frac{1}{4}$ of different shapes and have talked about fractions saying how many parts the shape is split into and identifying whether a picture shows $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shape or not and were able to give reasons why.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week we have learnt a lot about different types of flowers, and written fact files. We have used different sentence starters, sub-headings and have drawn diagrams with labels. This links nicely to our Science lesson where we have dissected tulips and looked for the different parts of the flower- the stem, petals, stamen, sepals, stigma and pollen.

In Maths we have continued to learn to tell the time on an analogue clock, and have played time games to reinforce our learning. Any opportunity to practise the time at home would be really useful for your child. They need to be able to tell the time to the nearest 15 minutes, i.e. o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to. Some children have moved onto telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.

Book Day was brilliant and it was lovely to be able to share our favourite books and see everyone dressed up. The children worked together as a year group on different book related activities which was a lovely opportunity to work with different people.

We have all (especially Mrs Harlow!) been really happy to see Mrs Sawyer back from her travels.

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Perfect Presentation



PTA News

On Friday 22nd March we are pleased to confirm that we will be jointly running a Quiz Night Fundraiser (adults only) at Garland Junior School from 7.30-10.30pm, with proceeds from the evening being split between both schools. This always proves to be great fun, with rounds in previous years having included 'Human Top Trumps' and 'Cheesy Wotsit Face'.

The PTA committee this year are proving to be a sociable bunch with most meeting being followed by a trip to the local curry house! New faces are very welcome; we always struggle to staff larger scale events such as the Christmas Fair so are keen to recruit new members. If you can help in any way please get in touch with one of us; in the playground, via Facebook or via our Gmail address.

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...

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mrsblandsinfantandnurseryschool/>

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-blands-infant-and-nursery-school>

Mrs Bland's Infant and Nursery School
World Book Day 2019



Little Acorns



Acorns



Beech Class



Maple Class



Willow Class



Birch Class



Rowan Class



Hazel Class