

Dates for your diary

Friday 28th May 2021
Last day of Term

Throughout June
Loose Change Competition
run by the PTA

Monday 7th June 2021
Summer Term 2 Starts
PTA Spellathon

Tuesday 8th June
3.00- 4.00pm Yr 2 Disco

Tuesday 15th June
3.00 – 4.00pm Reception Disco

Tuesday 22nd June
3.00 – 4.00pm Yr 1 Disco

Friday 25th June
Move up Day – where children
get to go to their new classes

Friday 9th July 2021
3.15pm Mrs Bland's PTA
Summer Fayre

Friday 16th July 2021
1.45pm School finishes for
Summer

School News

PTA Summer Fair – 9th July 3.15pm-5.00pm

Thank you for all the bottle donations and rainbow tombola received so far!



We will be holding our Summer Fayre, all being well, outside in the playground. Due to Covid restrictions, fundraising by the PTA has been significantly reduced over the last 18 months, so do note the date in your diary. We will be collecting bottles for the bottle tombola and items for the rainbow tombola, so please do start putting things aside for us. The competition for the rainbow tombola has begun! Currently, Cherry class are in the lead and have the widest array of items, however, this may well change as there is still time for items to be brought in.

Loose Change Competition

Throughout June we are running the Mrs Bland's Loose Change Competition. The class that collects the most coins will win a film afternoon with popcorn! Please see the posters in the school noticeboards.

Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help design marketing materials for our marvellous school. If you have the skills and the spare time to help, please can you let the Office or Mrs Nisbet know.

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

Throughout June

Mrs Bland's Loose Change Competition, bring in your loose change & make a change.

Collection pots in each classroom.

The class that collects the most coins will win a film afternoon with popcorn!

Friday 9th July

3.15pm Mrs Bland's PTA Summer Fayre

Get in Touch via –

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or catch someone on the playground –

**Ben Ash, Laura Hooke,
Sian Killen, Charmaine
Kelly**

What a week we have had in Little Acorns! The children did not let the weather stop their fun at the beginning of the week. They collected dripping rain water and enjoyed pouring it down the guttering pipes, watching it collect into different pots and pans. The rain also provided excellent puddles to splash in and enabled us to practise jumping and landing with both feet.

The changing weather allowed for good discussions about how we check the weather and allowed the children to frequently change the weather picture on our weather board.

Inside we enjoyed exploring with playdough, building giant train tracks and creating different sized caterpillars using our fingertips. We practised our counting skills as we did this.

The children learnt a new song this week - the insect song, maybe you could ask them to sing it to you over the weekend?

Have a wonderful half term!

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

This week we have made some more minibeast hotels using a range of resources and have been making 'soup' in the mud kitchen! We have enjoyed the 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' story and have talked about the ladybird in the story who was bad tempered and the one who was friendly - and how we can be a good friend. We have practised hearing and matching the first letter sound of the animals in the story, and we have made ladybirds with different amounts of spots, comparing which one has *more* spots.

Just as a reminder, we will be opening the Nursery gate at 8.40am and closing it by 8.50am so that the staff can be in the classroom with the children. If you are delayed and arrive after 8.50, please take your child to the school office to be signed in.

Next term our topic will be 'How does that building stay up?' We will be starting off learning about different types of houses and homes. We hope you have a lovely half term break.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

A big well done for everyone making it through this term. We have loved learning about different journeys. This week in Literacy we have made up stories thinking about where we would go, what we would travel in and what we would do when we got there. There have been some very original ideas and some great sentence writing too. In Maths we have been using number lines, cubes and ten frames to help us work out subtraction calculations. The children are getting very good at spotting how many are left on a 10 frame without counting. We used pictures as a stimulus for our calculations e.g. First there were 6 lambs. Then 3 escaped Now there are left. In outdoor learning we managed to have a fire and popcorn, Beech managing to do so in the rain on Monday!

We have rounded off our topic by sorting animals from our country and those from the Arctic or Antarctica, the children giving some great responses to why they put different animals into the categories.

Thank you for all the donations for the rainbow tombola so far but we still need more so if you are out and about over the holidays please look out for suitable red or purple items.

Thank you, we hope you all have a lovely break and we look forward to our new topic Oceans and Seas when you return!

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

We have enjoyed our final week of this term. We got to have a fire and toast some marshmallows in outdoor learning. In English we have been learning some jokes and we hope the children have been sharing them with you at home. We are helping to create a joke book for the PTA to sell.

This week in maths we have looked at quartering shapes and numbers. We did a lot of practical activities to help us understand quarters. The children have enjoyed using the Bee bot app on the IPAD's this week and it is free to download if you would like to download it at home. It helps the children to understand that we give commands to a robot to move and this leads on to algorithms.

We hope that everyone has a fantastic half term week and we look forward to hearing all about it. If any families got to London and they can pick up any leaflets from tourist attractions/tubes maps then that would be great as our topic next term is London.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

What a fantastic half term we have had in Year 2! We are so proud of how hard the children have worked and the fabulous work they have produced.

In writing this week, we have been creating our own fantasy stories involving a magical object. The children have worked hard to include adjectives, adverbs, expanded noun phrases and similes to make sure our stories are exciting and full of detail!

In maths, we have been continuing to practise telling of the time. We are feeling more confident with quarter to, quarter past and even telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. We have used this knowledge to solve problems and create our own clocks!

We had a special visitor this week who came in to talk to us about the special things she does as a Muslim and she answered all our questions. She was very impressed with what we had already found out!

In Outdoor learning, we finished our designs and made our bug hotels – Rowan's courtyard is covered in bug hotels and they have even had some visitors. We will keep monitoring them over the next half term to see how many minibeasts make themselves comfortable!

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Perfect Presentation



Covid News

We cases are reducing, new strains of the disease continue to remain highly infectious, so to continue to keep the school community safe could all parents, who are not exempt, please wear masks whilst dropping off and collecting your children at school.

If you or your child are showing Coronavirus symptoms and have a Covid test, the whole family bubble must isolate until the test result is received back. Please do not come into school if you or your children are showing any of the symptoms.

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 Blands is now registered with Amazon's 'smile' charity programme!

If you select Mrs Bland's as your selected charity, 0.5% of eligible spend will go straight back to the PTA.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1050019-0>