

Newsletter 11th June 2021



Dates for your diary

Throughout June
Loose Change Competition
run by the PTA

Friday 24th June
Y2 move up day at Garland
New YR children visiting

Monday 28th June 2021 Summer Term 2 Starts PTA Spellathon New Date

Tuesday 8th June 3.00- 4.00pm Y2 Disco

Tuesday 15th June
3.00 – 4.00pm Reception Disco

<u>Tuesday 22nd June</u> 3.00 – 4.00pm Y1 Disco

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

Friday 2nd July 2021
Non-uniform Day for a bottle
for the tombola

W/C 5th July
School reports sent home
Parent Consultation Meetings

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

Friday 16th July 2021
1.45pm School finishes for summer
(Includes main school, Nursery and Bumblebees)

Mrs Bland's Holiday Club

19th July – 23rd July
8.30am-3.30pm
YR-Y2 pupils
See flyers sent home for more details and themed days

School News

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 on the school noticeboards.

Rainbow Tombola

Thank you for all the coloured items donated....the displays outside each classroom are looking impressive! Please keep sending items in. If we have enough items we will be running an 'every ticket wins' tombola. Children and adults loved this stall last time, so please continue to be as innovative as possible in your contributions. The children are all looking at the items longingly; especially some of the 'play' items such as: boxes of Lego, tubs of hair bobbles, top trumps, bubbles, toy cars, storybooks, jam jars with coloured themed sweets etc.



Sports Week

We will be running our sports day slightly differently this year to enable the event to go ahead. Year groups will be having sports mornings during the week of 5th July and will be practising for these events in their PE sessions each week with Danny. Each event will be recorded and uploaded to Seesaw, so you can watch the event with your children. More details to follow.

Consultation Week W/C 5th July

To replace our annual open afternoon, we will be holding afternoons and one evening of meetings with parents, via Teams. The appointments can be made after the reports have gone home. Children will also be recording clips of their proudest moments, which will be uploaded to Seesaw. More details to follow.

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 -

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

Ben Ash, Laura Hooke, Sian Killen, Charmaine Kelly

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

What a sunny start to the term. The children have come back from half term ready to play and explore.

This term our topic is 'How Does That Building Stay Up?' we will be thinking about different types of homes, what buildings are in our village and trying to build our own play house using blocks.

This week our story was 'The Three Little Pigs', which the children enjoyed listening to.

Outside our beans and flowers have been busy growing over the break and the children have enjoyed filling up different containers to water them. The children were also excited to see if we had any new visitors to our bug hotel and to their delight we have a few little spiders, ants and snails!

Please can we remind grown-ups to ensure hats, water bottles and sun cream are named.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

This week we have started our new topic 'How Does That Building Stay Up?' and we have been talking about our homes. We have enjoyed the 'Home' story by Carson Ellis and have talked about different kinds of homes that people and animals live in. We have drawn pictures of our homes using different shapes, and talked about the numbers on our doors. Can your child look at the number on their house door and bring in a photo of their house to talk about next week?

Next week we will be learning about the, 'Three Little Pigs' story, and talking about the different houses they made, and we will be making some houses from straw, sticks and bricks!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Maths we have been investigating measures. We have sorted bears, plates and cups putting them in size order and using the words biggest and smallest. We have also explored mass, talking about heavy and light and using balance scales to help us. Then we moved onto length and height — comparing ourselves against things outside, what is taller/shorter than us? In Science we have been predicting whether objects float or sink and used this to help us make boats. Also in the water we have learned about capacity: which pot holds the most/ least?. A week of lots of great new scientific and mathematical vocabulary to use and explore.

In Literacy we read the, 'The Rainbow Fish' and have used this to help us think about what makes a good friend, writing labels showing others what a good friend looks like.

In PE this term we are doing gymnastics, looking at different ways to move on and off the equipment. Please make sure your child has PE shorts in their bag for this as trousers are not safe on the apparatus.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

It is lovely to have the children back this week and hear all of the lovely things they got up to during the half term break.

This week we have begun our new topic 'London' by being History Detectives and using clues, such as maps and paintings, to see what we could find out about the Great Fire of London. We then looked in more detail at the events that happened, and have sequenced them. We know how the fire happened, when it happened and why it spread so fast.

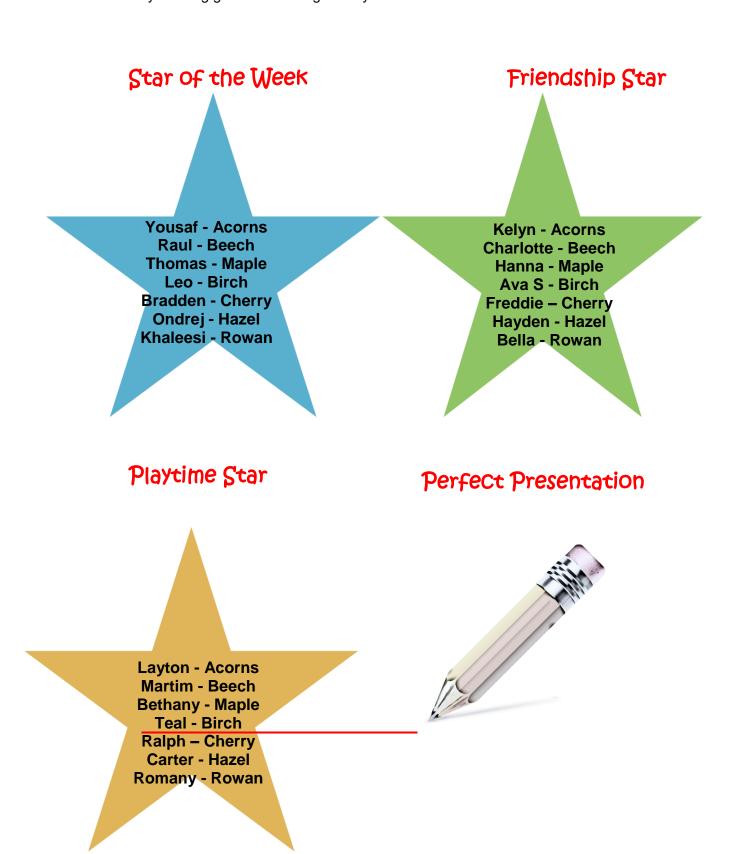
In Outdoor Learning we have tried to use the fire strikers to create a spark. This was very tricky, but most of us managed to do it. We know lots of things about fire safety. In Computing we have begun to use the app called Scratch Jr and we are beginning to learn some of the basics of programming. You could download the free version of this at home if you want to try too. We have also been practising the words for the Spellathon, so please continue this at home.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

We have had a very busy this week in Year 2!

In English, we have reading the story, 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. The children even had the opportunity to explore different sets of flotsam that had been washed up to shore! The children then made predictions about who they thought the items might belong to and explain why. We have also begun to think about the key features of formal and informal letters and how we might write them.

In maths, we have been recapping multiplication and division using the inverse. We have been writing our own fact families using multiplication and division facts and testing our times table knowledge! The children have been very active this week, dancing all afternoon at our Year 2 disco, practising their sprinting in PE and taking part in a very exciting sports afternoon at Garlands. The Year Six children introduced some very exciting games and we got to try them all!



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



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