

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**

Sir Linkalot school visit

#### **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Yr 2 Millets Falconry in school

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

School Halloween Disco

3.00-4.00pm YR

4.00-5.00pm Y1 & Y2

#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

Inset Day – school closed to  
pupils

#### **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Half Term

#### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Autumn Term 2 begins

#### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Yr 1 Explorer dome in school  
– am

Yr 2 Junkman visiting – pm

#### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Remembrance Assembly- led  
by Rowan

#### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Children in Need assembly  
led by The School Council

#### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents Consultation Evening  
3.30pm-6.00pm

#### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Parents Consultation Evening

### **School News**

This week we have been celebrating Harvest and thinking about how we can help those in need. No one should have to be hungry, and our local foodbank has reported a **33% increase** in the number of emergency food parcels distributed by food banks in the Trussell Trust network compared to the previous year. We would like to extend our thanks to you all for your generosity in donations. We are very proud to be able to pass these onto the local foodbank for those most in need.

We would like to ask that ALL children bring their PE kit in a named bag on a Monday each week and that they leave it in school until Friday. On occasion it may be necessary for us to swap PE sessions between classes, and it is always handy for children to have a change of clothes in school should they get wet or dirty at break or lunch times.

We have had some queries from parents regarding the photographs from Tempest. We are expecting them very soon and once we receive them they will be handed to the children to put into their bags to bring home.

We have some lovely things planned leading up to the end of half term and at the start of the new half term for the children. On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October we will have a visit from Sir Linkalot, and he will be completing spelling workshops with each year group (YR-Y2).

#### **[Sir Linkalot – The Future of Spelling](#)**

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October, Millets Falconry will be in school for the Year 2 children. Please can we ask parents to check that they have paid for this visit in advance. There is the option to part pay in instalments on Parentpay.

### **Halloween Disco**

Finally on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October we will be holding our school Halloween Disco's! Reception children can bring their disco/Halloween clothes in a named bag and the staff will help them change before the disco. The tickets cost £5 (via Parentpay) and will include a drink, biscuit and a Halloween gift for each child.

**Year R (Beech and Maple)** – please bring a named bag containing your child's named outfit and the staff will help them to get ready. Their disco will be from 3.00pm to 4.00pm. Please ensure that you collect your child from the normal reception drop off and collection door at 4.00pm.

**Year 1 (Birch and Cherry) and Year 2 (Rowan and Hazel)** - Please return to school at 4.00pm dressed to party and form a line at the school office door. When you collect your children at 5.00pm please collect from the KS1 playground (usual end of day collection area) and we will release the children from there.

## Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

### **PTA News**

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

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

### **PTA AGM Dates - TBC**

### **Get in Touch via –**

[mrsblandspta@gmail.com](mailto:mrsblandspta@gmail.com)

**or catch someone on the playground –**

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

Another very busy week in Little Acorns.

The children have been hard at work identifying numbers 1-10. We have been singing different number songs and have used our Numberblock friends to help us identify numbers by sight.

We have been challenging the children to see if they can squeeze under and crawl through our soft play equipment. Thinking about how we can move our bodies in different ways.

Outside the children have had the opportunity to get messy in our sensory tray. Some very keen to see what patterns they could produce using the various tools in the yoghurt paint.

Our builders yard construction site was a big hit this week. Lots of the children enjoyed using their tools to 'help fix things' around the garden. Some enjoyed building walls using the big blocks. It was lovely to see the children working together to achieve their goals.

Well done Little Acorns.

## Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

Well done to the Acorns children for trying hard to put their coats on by themselves in Nursery this week! Here is a link to show the method they have been using to do it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FaxBoCvNgM>

We have also been working hard practising putting our boots and shoes on this week, for Outdoor Learning.

This week the children have been enjoying making obstacle courses outside and describing their routes to their friends. We have been talking about what letter sound their names start with and decorating the 1st letter of their names. The children have been enjoying the story, 'Titch' this week and learning this week about how tall everyone in their families is and putting objects in order by size. Next week we will be learning about different shapes around us - maybe the children could go on a shape hunt around their house to look for things that are circles/squares/triangles/rectangles? Some parents have asked about useful websites - this one is useful for phonics games (Phase 1) - <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/1> and this one for shape games <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/early-years/shape-monsters>

With the weather becoming more Autumnal, please remember to bring a named coat everyday as we go outside in all weathers, and to wear outdoor clothes on a Wednesday when we have Outdoor Learning. If you have any questions, do ask Mrs Collis, Mrs Tanner or Miss Phillips.

## Maple and Beech class (Reception)

In Reception this week, we have been really focusing on speaking and listening. We have been practising talking in full sentences and talking about things that are familiar and interesting to us. We have also played some speaking and memory games, for example "I went to the shop, and I bought...". We have continued to look at healthy eating, thinking about foods that would be healthy in our lunch boxes.

Our Sir Linkalot word this week was 'the'.

In maths we have been focusing on repeating patterns. We have made patterns with beads, with leaves, with conkers and stones, with sounds and body percussion, and with words in stories, listening to how the story of the Bear Hunt has lots of repeating word patterns.

We have talked about how we are the same as others and different from others. We made our own superheroes, deciding what our superpower would be. In computing we have been taking photographs of ourselves and things we find interesting in the Reception area. We have continued to develop our throwing and catching skills in outdoor PE and moving safely using gymnastics equipment in indoor PE.

In Outdoor Learning this week we planted the bulbs you all so kindly donated. We are looking forward to a riot of colour in the Spring. We also looked at how the Autumn leaves are changing colour (or not). We used sticks to find out the different sounds we could make tapping different surfaces in the playground.

As the weather gets colder, please can you make sure that your child has some tracksuit bottoms for outside PE.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In Year 1 this week, we have been learning about and looking at toys from the past and present and have created a timeline to show when the toys were made. We will be using the timeline with all our topics this year to put the events in a chronological order.

We have continued to learn about addition in Maths and the different ways addition can be represented. In DT we made a chair for Baby Bear, we thought about different shapes and structures for our design and then used different joining techniques to make our chair. Thank you to everyone who sent in resources for us to use.

In outdoor learning next we will be making pinecone bird feeders. If you can send in some pinecones (particularly large ones) for us to use, we would be very grateful.

## Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

It's been another great week in Year 2. In English this week, we've done lots of writing about dragons! The children have come up with some fantastic adjectives to describe dragons, and some have challenged themselves with expanded noun phrases and alliteration! Ask your child if they can remember some of our amazing dragon adjectives.

In maths, we've continued to work on fact families and the children have been able to demonstrate that they can use their knowledge of addition and subtraction to find missing numbers. We've also been looking at adding on 1 more, 1 less, 10 more and 10 less, and spotting what patterns we can see!

In science this week, we've continued to think about bridges, and what makes them strong. The children have been using paper to make their own bridges and using different methods of folding and twisting to make their bridges strong. We've also continued to think about castles this week in history and have been sharing our knowledge with each other in group discussions and by creating our own castle fact files. The children are all experts on castles now!

This week's Sir Linkalot words were: system, theatre, through and tunnel.

## Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

Welcome back to all our Bumblebees and a big welcome to our new children that have joined us over the past few weeks!

We have been very lucky over the summer to have some new flooring and our breakfast bar moved, which has opened up the room and means that we can have more creative activities out.

This week in Bumblebees, and making use of the new space, we have been busy playing turn taking games. The children have been very good at sharing with their friends.

We have been making clay pumpkins ready for Halloween in a few weeks which we will soon be decorating.

### Star of the Week



### Friendship Star



### Playtime Star



## **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, the trainline 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 is now registered with Amazon's 'smile' charity programme.

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



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

## October Half Term

With the summer holidays out the way, it is time to think about October half term activities!

On **Monday 25 October**, we have got you covered with Rhubarb Theatre performing Dustbin Doris and then the company will be hosting a creative workshop for your little ones.



**DUSTBIN DORIS**  
**MONDAY 25 OCTOBER 11AM**

**£10 ADULTS, £7 CHILDREN**

A dustbin, a homeless lady and an extra-ordinary tale of courage:

*In a makeshift cardboard home-made home*

*Lives a kind old lady with a heart of gold.*

*Rescuing creatures great and small,*

*Dustbin Doris will amaze us all.*

It's bin collection day and our two heroic waste collectors Max and Ola are racing to make up lost time. But what's this? A dustbin that refuses to release its contents! What could be attached? It's Doris, the dotty old lady who lives in the park. A struggle ensues as she clings onto her possessions. But every bin has a silver liner. So, when the pair of refuse loaders realise that 'one man's trash is another woman's treasure', an amazing trove of wondrous tales recycle their way out of the rubbish.



Rhubarb Theatre, known for their imaginative styles of storytelling, perform their latest bin-full of fantasy for all the family. Prepare for joy and sadness, laughter and tears & surprises around every corner. **Dustbin Doris** is waste-deep in theatrical play, puppetry, mask, dance, song and lots of laughter.

## CREATING FUN WITH RHUBARB THEATRE

12:30PM

£5 (ONLY £3 IF YOU PURCHASE YOUR CHILD A TICKET TO THE SHOW)

This workshop is packed with games and drama exercises to get the imagination buzzing. From creating your own stories and characters to giving new twists to old tales. **Perfect for 8yrs+.**

### **DUSTBIN DORIS** **WORKSHOP**

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## **BOOGIE MITES** **WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER** **10AM & 11:15AM** **£8**

One person's trash is another one's treasure! Here at Boogie Mites we LOVE discovering the brilliant sounds we can make from everyday objects – and rummaging through our recycling box to find amazing instruments!

Children under 5 years old will love this workshop – unleashing their creativity, and discovering how we can reuse our rubbish for a greener world.

Get ready for catchy songs, lots of actions, dancing and exploring instruments!




Most DEFINITELY NOT a load of old rubbish!

### **TICKETS**



# BURGHFIELD DRAMA CLUB



Free Trial Class

## Infant, Junior & Senior Classes

StageAbility is offering local children the opportunity to get involved in some drama on a Monday at Burghfield Methodist Church. Come and discover hilarious drama games, learn the skills of mime and storytelling while developing teamwork, connection, creativity and confidence! For more information and booking:

**<https://stageability.class4kids.co.uk/venue/25/burghfield-methodist-church>**