

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16th November

Parents Consultation Evening
(whole school except Rowan
Class) 3.30pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 16th November

Parent Consultation email
Rowan class ONLY
2.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 17th November

Parent Consultation email
Rowan class ONLY
2.30pm – 4.30pm

Thursday 18th November

Parents Consultation Evening
(whole school except Rowan
class) 5.30pm-8.00pm

Friday 3rd December

Year 2 SATS Information

Friday 8th – 10th December

Christmas Performance. This
will be recorded for parents to
view.

Monday 13th December

Joint Carol Service with
Garland TBC

Tuesday 14th December

Theatre Trip 'Beauty and the
Beast' The Hexagon (whole
school excluding Nursery)

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Jumpers,
Christmas Lunch and Class
Parties

Friday 17th December

End of term School closes at
1.45pm

School News

This week our new children have joined the school. We are so pleased with how they have settled into school life and it is a joy to see them enjoying the learning and resources we have to offer at Mrs Bland's. We are very proud of the way our current children have handled the changes in their classes and would like to thank everyone for their support.

The classes have worked hard this week to make poppies and wreaths to remember those we have lost in combat. On Thursday 11th November at 11.00am the whole school fell silent for two minutes in commemoration of those lost. All of the children managed to remain quiet, well done!

We are pleased to say that our nurseries are growing! We are therefore looking for someone that has experience of working with nursery aged children to join our Little Acorns team. This would be a fixed term contract January 2022 - July 2022 from 11.40am to 3.40pm, Monday to Friday, term time only. If this is of interest to you then please contact Julie Dell for an application form.

We have had a number of parents contact us recently regarding missing items, particularly clothing. We always do our best to return items as and when we find them but we cannot do that if they are not labelled. Please can you ensure that your child's uniform, water bottle, PE kit and shoes/trainers are all named. This can be as simple as just writing their name inside the items, but I have included a leaflet for stick labels for your information. Should you wish to purchase the stick labels please ensure you quote our fundraising number 13921.

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

or catch someone on the playground –

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

Little Acorns Class (Pre-Nursery)

This week in Little Acorns our children have been busy printing poppies independently using apples and paint for Remembrance Day. Together the children built lots of towers using our coloured filter blocks-practicing the important skill of learning how to share and take turns independently. In literacy this week we have focused on the story 'A cold dark night'. A story about a hedgehog looking for a home. The children showed excellent sitting and listening skills during our carpet time. Outside we imagined we were hedgehogs looking for a home too. We are continuing our counting skills and number recognition from 1-10 some children are getting very confident with their counting, which is really lovely to see. The children enjoyed using their fine motor skills using tweezers to collect conkers and roll them down tubes or full up different containers. The weather is beginning to turn wet and cold please can we ask you provide a named puddle suit/ waterproofs. Any concerns please do talk to the staff. The weather has turned colder so we please ask that your child has a coat, hat and gloves as we do still play outside every day.

Please do continue to bring in spare clothing (named) daily and a (named) water bottle.

Thank you.

Acorn Class (Nursery am and pm)

We are really proud of the way the Acorns children are remembering to say 'please' and 'thank you' for things in class, well done to all of them!

This week with our topic 'Why are leaves so crispy?' we have enjoyed learning about animals that hide in leaves and come out at night such as hedgehogs, with the story 'It was a cold dark night'. In maths we have been learning all about the number 2 (the Number Blocks programme is good for this), and also how to describe shapes. We have also made poppies and a wreath for Remembrance day and talked about what we are remembering. Next week we will continue to learn about nocturnal animals, and about daytime and night time. We will explore the story 'Night Monkey, Day Monkey'. We have been learning about the s/a/t/p letter sounds - see if your child can sing along to these phonics songs at home <https://vimeo.com/76605648> We will also be exploring ways to represent number.

Maple and Beech class (Reception)

This week we have welcomed 11 new children and we have been so impressed with how kind and helpful all of our existing children have been. Thankyou.

In Maths this week we have been exploring 4 and 5, looking at groups of objects and sorting them according to how many they have. We have used a 5 frame and put the objects onto it to count how many. In literacy we have listened to different poems.

We have thought about different words to describe Autumn and fireworks using our senses to help us; I can hear..... I can see.... I can smell....

In History we have used the children's baby photos to discuss how they have changed since being a baby. We also listened to a story about Guy Fawkes and found out that he was born nearly 400 years ago. We used this to start a time line which we are going to add to throughout the year, helping us use words like 'the past' 'a long time ago' In outdoor learning we explored leaves and learnt which elements were needed to make a fire. (fuel, spark and oxygen).

In Art we have explored different ways to make firework pictures, using paint, printing, drawing and ICT and have looked at paintings by Jackson Pollock.

Our Sir Linkalot word this week is 'was' We have started to do daily handwriting sheets with all children focusing on how to hold the pencil correctly and use the correct formation for each letter, they have learnt different rhymes to help them remember.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in Year 1 we have been reading the story of 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon which the children have absolutely loved. It is about an alien who crashes on Earth and is looking for her mum and dad. We have been looking very carefully at the pictures in the book and trying to describe how Beegu feels. We have learnt a version of the story off by heart and have begun to rewrite the story. In our independent learning time some of the children have written their own letters to Beegu.

In maths we have been reading and writing numbers to 20, and learning about place value. Please continue to practise writing numbers to 20, both forward and backwards, with your children as we are finding this is something which many children are struggling with.

We have done lots of DT this week and have looked at vehicles and discussed their design. We have designed our own moon buggies, which the children will make next week. If you have any small boxes (smaller than cereal boxes) please send them in.

If there are any parents who could spare some time to come and hear our children read then we would be delighted to welcome you in. Please contact the office to arrange and induction if you are interested.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in English, Year 2 have enjoyed learning more in detail about the Gunpowder Plot, and have written some good accounts of the events. They have also had fun taking part in a quiz about it and have surprised themselves how much they have remembered. Do ask your child about the Plot so they can share what they have learnt!

In maths, the children have been doing work on money. They have learnt to recognise all the coins and notes, place them in order of value, added them to make different amounts and found different ways to make the same amounts. If your child could use coins to buy an item in a shop, this would be a great first-hand experience for them.

In Science this week, both classes have been learning about what sound is and how it travels through some fun activities, such as twanging rulers, blowing balloons and tapping drums with rice on top. They have been exploring and creating rhythms in ICT, using the I-pads, and in music have learnt what a composer is and listened to some music by different composers.

In DT, the children have also looked at different percussion instruments and designed their own one.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have enjoyed making poppies to create a Bumblebee's poppy wreath. We talked about why remember the 11/11 and we practised our minutes silence ready for Thursday. The children enjoyed playing turn taking games and creating their own versions of poppies.



Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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