

### Dates for your diary

#### Year 2 Rowan Class Parent/Child lunches

7<sup>th</sup> October 12-1pm (other classes invited later in the year – see planner)

#### Flu Immunisation Yr 2 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

#### Vision Screening – Yr R Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October am

#### PTA Halloween Disco Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm-4.30pm Yr R-2 – details to follow

#### Newbury Weekly News 20<sup>th</sup> October Photographer for pictures of the new reception classes

#### Year 2 Millets Falconry Visit

21<sup>st</sup> October – in school

#### End of term 21<sup>st</sup> October – normal collection time

#### Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> October – 28<sup>th</sup> October

#### Start of Term 2 31<sup>st</sup> October

#### Year 2 JunkMan Orchestra Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### School News



This week we have started to feel a chill in the air as the days get shorter and there has been a very autumnal feel in school with the changing colours of the trees around us.

Please ensure your child has a warm coat in school with them each day and for outdoor learning they will require waterproofs too. (Acorns through to Year 2)



This week, Rowan Class invited their parents in to join them for lunch. Thank you to those of you that were able to come – we hope you enjoyed it! For the other classes, please keep your eyes peeled for invitations on Parentmail after half term for your child's class.



You should all have received your child's Christmas card proof now. Please remember the deadline for online orders is October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see the PTA section overleaf for contact details for the PTA if you require any assistance.



Please can we remind everyone again of the importance of naming EVERYTHING your child brings into school: Water bottle, book bag, wellies, waterproofs, trainers, shoes and clothes to name but a few are all things that can go wandering and it makes it so much easier for us to reunite people with their things when they are named.

We have had a few reports of headlice/nits across several year groups this week. Please can we ask you all to check/treat your child/ren over the weekend? Thank you!

## **PTA News**

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

### **Get in Touch via –**

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

**or catch someone on the playground –**

**Laura Hooke or  
Charmaine Kelly**

Christmas card orders can be completed and paid for online. If you have any problems in completing your order, please contact the PTA on the email above. The deadline for orders on 14<sup>th</sup> October!

**Halloween Disco 18th  
October**

## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

This week in Little Acorns, the children have been working hard on their sharing skills. The children have enjoyed working with their friends using the foam blocks to build large towers, tunnels to crawl through, and houses to jump up and down in!

You may have noticed the odd spec of glitter arriving home with your child after their session - this was due to the glitter trays in the mark-making area. We used our pointer fingers to draw shapes and patterns in the glittering trays!

During our carpet time this week, we used a wide range of musical instruments as we played and sang our favourite nursery rhymes.

The children were very focused as they learnt how to use tweezers to move coloured pom-poms into different containers. This activity helps develop their hand-eye coordination as well as their hand muscles, which are needed for pencil control.

Keep up the fantastic work everyone!

## **Acorns (Nursery am and pm)**

This week in Acorns the children have been looking at the story of Titch.

We have been using the language 'big', 'little', 'small', 'large'. We have been putting objects in order of size and even tried to put ourselves in height order.

We have also learned about the life of Rosa Parks who was at the forefront of a civil rights movement in America to allow people of colour to sit anywhere on a bus and the children were in awe of how much life has changed since then.

In PE the children have been enjoying going outside with our Sports Coach Danny and have been practising our throwing skills. Some children showed great confidence in aiming for the furthest hoop!

In science we made biscuits of different sizes to link in with our maths of size. We discussed how we wash our hands before cooking to keep the germs away.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have had a phonics spot check week. We spent the week revising the sounds we have already learnt – s a t p i n m g d o and have been trying to blend them together to read simple CVC words (consonant, vowel, consonant). We have continued to practise writing simple words and making them with magnetic letters. We have started guided reading, where once a week the children read the same book together in a group to encourage book talk. You will receive some information separately about reading books beginning to come home with the children from next week.

In maths we have been focusing on repeating patterns. We have made patterns inside with Duplo and beads and outside with natural objects. We finished the week by making our own healthy fruit kebabs, adding the fruit in repeating patterns.

Please can the children bring in a photo of their family next week, you can email a photo to [reception@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:reception@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk) if you don't have a printed out photo. In the next couple of weeks we will be looking at all our families and what makes families the same and different.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed making our own stories about: 'The tiger who came to school'. See if your child can retell their story. To prompt them, you could ask: "What did the tiger eat?", "What mess did he make?", "Where did he hide?"

Our maths learning objective has been to order amounts and numerals from smallest to greatest or greatest to smallest. We have focussed on numbers within ten but see if your child can extend this to higher numbers. Any work you can do on writing numbers correctly would also be beneficial.

In Science this week, Cherry Class engaged in a fun 'senses' experiment to see what activities they could or could not complete whilst blindfolded. Birch Class look forward to doing the same next week.

In Geography we have continued to look at the countries that make up the UK and marked their locations on a map. Next week we will be talking more about the capital cities and adding these to the map.

In the last couple of weeks of D.T., we will be moving on to the practical stage of making a 'chair for a toy bear'. Please can we ask for donations of cardboard to fulfil this? Please can we ask that you try to ensure that any food packages brought in are from items that were not free.

Lastly, we've already got a pile of un-named lost property, so please can you ensure that all uniform and outdoor clothes / wellies are clearly named.

## Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

It has been another busy week for year 2!

In English we have been writing recounts about our trip to Oxford Castle. The children have been learning how to write in chronological order, in the first person and how to use time conjunctions. When writing, we have also challenged ourselves to use powerful adjectives to describe.

In maths, the children have been learning how to use their knowledge of numbers bonds to ten to solve new problems. They have explored number bonds to 20 and 100 and looked at the patterns they can spot between all three.

In RE we have been thinking about kindness. We have read two different stories from the bible and have considered how kindness was shown or could have been shown. The children thought about ways we can be kind to each other and have been set the challenge to perform one act of kindness each day! Finally, in music the children have been learning about the difference between pulse and rhythm - ask your child if they can remember what these words mean!

## Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees, the children have been using the Hama beads to produce some lovely designs. The children work very hard to concentrate for a long period of time to complete these.

We have enjoyed looking at books and using 'How to draw...' books to draw some amazing pictures!!

### Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



# Whole School Stars

## Star of the Week



**Flavia - Acorns**  
**Harrison - Maple**  
**Xavier - Beech**  
**Murtaza - Birch**  
**Charlie - Cherry**  
**Clara - Hazel**  
**Hanna - Rowan**

## Friendship Star



**Mia - Acorns**  
**Mason - Maple**  
**Freya - Beech**  
**Avneet - Birch**  
**Sheerie - Cherry**  
**Daryna - Hazel**  
**Aoife - Rowan**

## Playtime Star



**Amir - Acorns**  
**Rosella - Maple**  
**Lezaal - Beech**  
**Alyzae - Birch**  
**Aneesa - Cherry**  
**Orla - Hazel**  
**Indianna - Rowan**

## **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>



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