

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Remembrance Assembly**

Led by Rowan class 11<sup>th</sup>  
November (Rowan class  
parents will be invited shortly)

#### **Beech Class Parent/Child**

##### **Lunch**

11<sup>th</sup> November 11.45am-  
12.45pm (more details to  
follow on Parentmail)

#### **Parent Consultation**

##### **Evening**

15<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm –  
6.00pm

#### **Parent Consultation**

##### **Evening**

17<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm –  
8.00pm

#### **Children in Need**

##### **Assembly**

18<sup>th</sup> November  
Led by School Council

#### **Children in Need**

#### **Preloved sale (in school)**

18<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Children in Need**

#### **Cookie Sale after school**

(main playground) 18<sup>th</sup>  
November

#### **PTA Christmas Fayre**

2<sup>nd</sup> December 3.30-5.30pm

#### **Y2 Parents Sats**

#### **Information session**

9.10am via Teams  
'Supporting your child  
through SATS'

### **School News**

Welcome back for another term! We hope you all had a lovely break during the Half Term week.

This week, Year 2 had another educational visit, this time from The Junkman Orchestra. The children had a fabulous time and loved creating their own musical masterpieces!

#### **Poppies**

We are once again supporting the Royal British Legion with their poppy appeal for Remembrance Day.

We have the following items;

Zip Pull 50p

Reflector 50p

Silicon Wristband £1

Snap Band £1.50

We also have the original poppies for a donation.

If you would like to purchase any of the above items, please put the correct money (no change can be given) into a clearly named envelope, along with the name of the item/s that you would like. We will then send the items home with the children at the end of the day. Once the items have been purchased they must be kept at home, all except for the paper poppy, which can be worn on jumpers/cardigans, as they create too much of a distraction during lessons.

#### **Newbury Weekly News**

Our New Reception intake had their pictures taken for Newbury Weekly News last month. Please know that the photographs are in this week's Newbury Weekly News – out now!

#### **Head lice**

Please can everyone check their child's hair this weekend as we have had reports of head lice, particularly in Year 1. Hopefully if we all check and treat this weekend we can all be nit/lice free next week.

## **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**

## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

What a lovely return back to the nursery.

The children have started their new topic- 'Why Do Leaves Go Crispy?' On Monday, the children had the opportunity to explore the woodland area. Whilst out and about, we used our eyes to see how many different coloured leaves we could find and tasked some children to sort them into piles of big and little leaves. The children enjoyed working together, making big piles of crunchy leaves to jump in. Back in the nursery, we have been using the leaves we collected from our trip in many creative ways, painting on leaves, leaf rubbing and finally gluing and sticking to create a leaf wreath for our class display.

We have been reading stories this week about fireworks. What noises they make, and how to be safe near them. The children enjoyed making their very own edible sparkler too.

Well done, Little Acorns.

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

Welcome back! We hope you all had a very restful half term. This term our topic is 'Why Do Leaves Go Crispy?' We will be looking at the signs of Autumn throughout the term and going on an Autumn walk around the school to observe these changes.

This week we have been learning about Guy Fawkes and the role he played in why we celebrate Firework night. We talked about how we have to be careful around sparklers and fireworks.

In PE, we moved our bodies to firework noises and pretended to be rockets shooting up into the sky. We also started our weekly Yoga sessions with Mrs Sharratt. The children really enjoyed practising the different poses while going on a bear hunt! We are trying hard to take our shoes off and put them back on all by ourselves so please encourage your children to do this at home too.

In Maths, we have been looking at numbers to 10 and trying hard to recognise the numbers. We have been on a number hunt trying to spot the numbers around the nursery.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have recapped on all the sounds we have learnt so far. We have completed phase 2 phonics now. Thank you to those who are returning books daily. Please can you make sure you sign the reading record so we have an idea who is reading at home.

We have been learning about Diwali. We have read about how Hindus and Sikhs celebrate Diwali, read and sequenced the story of Rama and Sita and made our own Diva lamps.

In maths we have been focusing on shapes this week. We have explored the properties of circles and triangles and made our own pictures, inspired by the geometric art of Kandinsky.

We have used our baby photos to begin to talk about things that happened 'in the past'. We have also explored how the seasons are changing outside.

Reminder – Beech class library books need to be returned by Tuesday and Maple class by Thursday, as these are our library days. Reading record and reading book need to come into school every day.

A P.E kit reminder – as it is getting cold now, children need a navy tracksuit as well as their P.E shorts. Girls also need a pair of socks for P.E if they come to school in tights.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

For our new year one topic of 'Fairy tales and forests', we have started to look at the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

We used the 2Paint program on the I-pads to draw pictures of the characters and items in the story. We learnt to use the 'shape' and colour 'fill' tools to speed up the drawing process.

We also made labels and speech bubbles for our Goldilocks role-play areas. The children were introduced to the use of question marks. E.g. Who has been eating my porridge? See if your child can recall the questions asked by the three bears in the story.

In maths we have continued to look at addition. We have learnt how to use Rekenreks (like an abacus) to visualise and work out additions and we have told 'first' 'then' and 'now' stories to link addition to real life situations. E.g. First there were 3 children on a bus, then 5 more children got on, now there are? Some of the children also began to learn how to use numberlines to solve additions.

In our outdoor learning this week, we enjoyed watching a miniature Guy Fawkes burn on the fire. We also added some special powder to the flames and loved seeing the colour change to blue and green. The children were all very sensible, sitting still and following the safety rules.

You should all have received a note detailing the phonic sounds we have been working on this week: ay, ea, ie, aw, ue. Please keep working with your child on reading these sounds and the example words and we will send out some more next week.

**Cherry Class parents** - as of next week, we are going to move the Cherry class outdoor learning day from a Thursday afternoon to a Wednesday afternoon. Please continue to bring your child's outdoor learning clothes in on a Monday.

## Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

Welcome back to our new term - Beat, Band, Boogie topic. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the Junk Orchestra that we had perform at school on Wednesday afternoon. I am sure the children all came home and spoke about it. They enjoyed playing different instruments all made from junk. The children got to make their own shaker instrument as well.

In English we have been learning and performing a poem called 'The Sound Collector'. When then thought of our own sounds that we hear at school to record our own sound collector poem. We have been counting on and back in 10's using a number square and dienes and ones. The children have then used these methods to help add and subtract in multiples of 10. During outdoor learning we made our own shakers and instruments and created music and sang songs. We listened for man-made sounds and natural sounds in the environment.



## Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

Welcome back and we hope you had a very restful half term.

Now the evenings are darker the children won't be going outside, we will be doing more crafts, painting and games with them inside.

Can we ask that you make sure an adult comes all the way to the door to collect your children rather than send an older child as we cannot see across the playground to check.

The children enjoyed playdoh this week, making spooky creations and animals. The children are very imaginative and enjoy role play with the superhero characters.

### Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



# Whole School Stars

## 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>



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