

## Dates for your diary

### w/c 10<sup>th</sup> July

School Reports sent  
home

### 12<sup>th</sup> July

Open Afternoon (parents  
to have appointments to  
come and view their  
child's work)

### 14<sup>th</sup> July

3.30pm-5.00pm PTA  
Summer Fayre

### 18<sup>th</sup> July

Y2 Leavers Event

### 19<sup>th</sup> July

Y2 Leavers Assembly –  
9:30am (approx. 1 hour)

### 19<sup>th</sup> July

End of Summer Term  
**1.45pm (No Bumble  
Bees)**

## School News

We have squeezed lots into this week!

We hope you all enjoyed watching the sports mornings that we held for each year group this week. We were so pleased with the children's efforts and behaviour, and we are very grateful that the weather held out for us!

We have had more parents in to enjoy lunch with their children and have received some lovely feedback from parents regarding the food. We love being able to involve you in your children's day.

Our first Family Friday Breakfast and Fun session went with a bang. A great start to the day and we look forward to inviting you in again next week. The invitations for the following Friday will go out one week beforehand (Friday) at 8pm to ensure that as many parents as possible are able to access the tickets as they are limited.

The PTA and Year 2 held their cake sale on Friday this week which was very popular – yum! We will let you know the amount raised next week. Thank you to all that were able to donate or visit the school.

### Next Week

Looking ahead to next week, your child's report will be coming home and you are then invited to come in and discuss your child's progress during open afternoon on July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure you have booked an appointment.

The PTA are also holding their Summer Fayre next Friday from 3.30pm-5.00pm. Please continue to bring in your items for the Rainbow Tombola and be sure to come and try your luck on the raffle – there are some amazing prizes including but not limited to:

3 x Hampers – donated by Mrs Bland's School Staff  
A round of Golf for 4 at Wokefield Park  
A 6 session outdoor fitness course with Podium Fitness  
A £50 voucher for Spratley's of Mortimer  
A day pass for 2 adults, 2 children to Bucklebury Farm  
A 1 hour sports massage from Massage and Bodyworks Jamie  
A cheeseboard and £10 voucher from Dads DIY in Mortimer  
A family photography session with Holding Hands Photography  
A 2 course meal voucher for 2 at The Fox and Hounds Theale  
A £30 voucher for Burghfield Spices  
A day pass for Beale Park 2 adults and 2 children  
A £20 voucher for Kool Blue Crafts  
A £50 one for all gift card donated by Roc Search

We look forward to seeing you there!

## **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 Class**

This week in Little Acorns, we have been continuing to read books with a rainbow theme. The book of the week was 'Maisie's Rainbow Dream' which the children found calming and inspiring.

We have sung the rainbow song (of the term) with all the actions and enthusiasm, as well as learning a new song 'Doctor Foster'. The children have been mixing colours and producing some lovely paintings as well as writing/drawing on rainbow paper.

There have been lots of shells around the Nursery this week. We have been using them in Maths, to put them in order of size, and to decorate our beautiful sandcastles, as well as to draw around on the whiteboard. We have also been drawing around other shapes, including squares, triangles, rectangles and circles.

The children have been very creative with the rainbow stickle bricks and rainbow scarves, as well as role-playing in Pet's Corner and enjoying small world play with the Farmland. They have developed their fine motor control skills by threading different coloured wires into colanders and making rainbow playdough shape masterpieces.

Outside, the children have enjoyed role-playing 'Day at the Beach', exploring the sea creatures in the water tray, making flags for their sandcastles, investigating the sensory tray with sand and shells and other items with various colours and textures to inspire imaginations.

## **Acorns Class**

This week in Acorns we have been learning the story of 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?' The children joined in with the story, guessing which animal would come next. The children painted the different animals from the story in the art area. They looked at pictures of the animals and tried their best to remember all the different features of the animals.

In Maths, the children have been making pictures of animals with shapes.

In Science last week, we put white roses in glasses and filled them with different coloured water. The children then predicted what may happen. "The flowers will die!" "The flowers will turn yellow." "The flowers will stop growing." We have put the flowers in the window and the children have enjoyed looking at them every day to see if there are any changes.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Literacy, we have read 'Tiddler', we have identified rhyming words and tried to match and make our own rhyming word strings. In phonics, we have continued to revise Phase 3 digraphs (e.g oi, ow, er) and tricky words, reading and writing these in sentences.

In Maths, we have looked at patterns in numbers and objects, making our own repeating patterns and talking about them. In other areas, we are continuing our ocean and seas theme and have made 3D fishes and decorated pasta shells.

In DT and outdoor learning, we are making flags for our sandcastles, sewing our initial and using a knife to whittle a twig for the pole.

The children all did so well in sports morning, showing resilience, determination and team spirit. Well done we are very proud of you all!

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in English, we have focussed our attention on a non-fiction piece of writing about The London Eye. Our grammar focus has been to recognise and use different tenses. For instance, we used the past tense to say when The London Eye was built and the present tense for naming it as a 'cantilevered observation wheel'. See if your child can recall the meaning of cantilevered!

In Art this week, the children have drawn London city scape illustrations in the style of the artist Julia Gash.

Sticking with our London theme, in Geography, the children compared features of London to those in Burghfield. Their writing included considering the advantages and disadvantages of living in a city or a village.

In conclusion of our learning about the Jewish events of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the children sampled some apples dipped in honey and pomegranate. These delicacies are both symbols of wishing for a 'sweet' and successful new year.

In Maths, the children have continued to build their understanding of money and time. Don't forget to check out the assignments being posted to 'Doodle Maths' to consolidate their skills at home. Well done to all our Doodle certificate winners so far!

Year 2 have had yet another busy and fantastic week.

We have begun rehearsals for our end of year performance of 'You are Special'. The children have loved coming together to sing and act and the show is really coming together. Please can we ask that you spend some time practising lines with your child over the weekend to make sure they know them off by heart for rehearsals on Monday. We have also sent home costume requests this week - if you need any support getting costumes together or have any questions, please do let us know; we would be happy to help. We have also started learning our leavers song - bring tissues, there won't be a dry eye in the house!

As well as this, the children had their sports morning this week. All of the children tried their hardest at each of the events, cheered each other on and showed amazing sportsmanship. We were particularly impressed with how well they organised themselves during the relay race. Well done Year 2, you smashed it!

In English this week, the children have been reading 'How the whale got his throat' by Rudyard Kipling. We have been learning to retell the story using actions and the children have created their own story maps to support their retelling. Next week, they will use these story maps to help them rewrite the story in their own words.

In PSHE and Science, we have been learning about our bodies. In PSHE, we learned the scientific names for many of our body parts and thought about what makes boys and girls bodies different. In Science, we learned about a very special part of the body - our heart! We learned that the heart is responsible for pumping blood around the body and that certain activities, such as exercise, can affect the rate at which our heart beats. We investigated to find out which activity made our hearts beat the fastest - ask your child to tell you all about it!



### Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees



This week the children have been playing with the football and air hockey equipment. The Year 2 children have been very good at helping our younger members to play these and supporting them with scores. It is so lovely to see the caring nature of our children. The children have enjoyed drawing pictures at the art table and have produced some fantastic pictures.

### Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Orla - Yr 2

Dinner Star



Eliana - Yr 1

Playtime



Amelie - Yr 2

# Whole School Stars

## Star of the Week



## Friendship Star



## Playtime Star



## Top Maths Doodlers



## Top Doodle Class! - 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>