

Dates for your diary

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day assembly
(led by Hazel Class)
Replace one item of school
uniform with something red
£1

Tuesday 19th March

YR visit to Rushall Farm

Friday 22nd March

Birch Class Parent Lunch

Monday 25th March

Parent Consultations
3.30pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 26th March

Parent Consultations
5.30pm-8.00pm

Tuesday 26th March

Y1 Educational visit to
Marwell Zoo

Wednesday 27th March

Y1 Easter Assembly

Wednesday 27th March

End of Spring Term 2
1.45pm

School News

We have had a fun packed week at Mrs Bland's! The PTA and our sports coach Danny, organised a 'fun run' for the children in exchange for a Mothers Day Gift for The Mothers Day Shhhop. The children all had a fantastic time, with lots of children saying it was the best day ever! Well done everyone!

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day and were amazed at all the brilliant outfits and accessories on display. It was a very busy morning, we had a costume parade and celebrated everyone's costumes. The children were then invited to choose a story to listen to read by one of the school team.



Some parents were able to join us to do some reading with/to the children and we would like to say a big thank you to those who were able to do so.

The fun did not stop there – the children were delighted to see the dinner hatch decorated and the catering team in their outfits too. The themed food was a winner too!

Nursery and Reception then finished the day with a visit to the local library.

Look out for more pictures in next week's Newbury Weekly News on Thursday!

On Friday the PTA were back to hold the PTA gift shop. The children were all super excited to choose a gift for their loved one from the shop and worked hard on their wrapping skills! We hope you all have a wonderful surprise on Sunday.

Reminders

Please can we remind parents that no bikes/scooters/trikes/ride ons should be ridden on the school grounds. Please ask your child to dismount before entering the school gates. Let's keep everyone safe 😊

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

or catch someone on the playground –

Laura Hooke

Katie Thrussell

Maria Kennedy

Natasha Robinson

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending.

We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

Little Acorns Class

This week we have been reading the story 'My Mum' and thinking about the nice things we can do for our Mummy's on Mother's Day.

We have continued practising our new rhyme of the term 'Mary had a little lamb' and have also been practising number rhymes.

We have also been working on our counting skills and have talked about how we care for animals.

In our craft area we have been making our Mother's Day cards and a special keepsake for our Mummy's.

Outside in the garden, the children have really enjoyed playing with the tea set, making cups of tea in the water tray and practising our cutting skills at the table.

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns we have been looking at the story of 'Rosie's Walk'. We used lots of positional language to describe where Rosie was and how she got there – across, under and around. We practised this in person in the garden, by instructing a friend on how to move around the garden.

In science this week, we have looked at our eggs which had been put into different liquids: tea, coffee, coke, water and milk. We found that the coke, coffee and tea eggs had turned very dark. This showed us that we shouldn't drink too much of these drinks and we must brush our teeth twice a day!

We had a fantastic day celebrating World Book day. We had lots of amazing costumes and the children were very well behaved for our trip to the library!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics this week we have had a spot check week where we recap all the sounds and tricky words so far, and spend extra time on the sounds we are finding tricky. We have added a sorting activity to Seesaw with some of the most difficult sounds, if you wish to practise this at home.

In literacy we have been learning the story of 'The Enormous Turnip' and writing sentences related to the farm. In maths we have continued thinking about ways to make bonds to 9 and 10.

In other subjects, we really enjoyed our fun run on Wednesday; we have been busy using our collage skills on a secret project and we have been keeping an eye on our growing plants. We have also begun to make our farm vehicles in D&T, please can you donate any toilet roll or paper towel tubes and any bottle lids so we can carry on making tractors next week. Thank you for all your donations so far.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In Maths this week, we have been working on subtraction and our number bonds 10, as well as number bonds within 10 e.g. $3+4=7$ and $5+2=7$. At home, think of a number and try and think of all the possible additions to that number.

In English, we have looked at Poetry this week. We have learnt part of the poem 'I Speak, I Spy, I Talk' by Arnold L. Shapiro. We also celebrated World Book Day, it was so much fun to see everyone dressed up and have a day to share books and hear stories from a different adult around the school.

We have been practising our Easter Play this week for our assembly on the last week of term. If you have lines, please practise these at home as much as possible.

Next week in D.T, we will be making vehicles. Please can you bring in any small clean boxes or clean bottles from your recycling to help us build our cars, thank you!

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

What a week we've had in Year 2!

In Maths this week we have continued our work on multiplication and we have been working on using maths phrases such as 'groups of' and 'lots of'. We have been making our own groups and writing the correct multiplication sentence to match it - and vice versa. In order to support our writing of the multiplication sentence, we have been doing repeated addition sentences too. For example, $2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 8$ is the same as writing $4 \times 2 = 8$. We are now moving forward in multiplication and have started looking at arrays - these are great visuals to support our learning.

In English we have started a new writing unit where we have been learning about non-chronological reports. More specifically we are focussing on fact files! This is the written piece of work that we will be creating at the end of the half term. We've learnt so much about fact files already and we have been identifying the features of them in example texts and in non-fiction books in our school library. I wonder if your child can spot the features of a fact file in a non-fiction book at the local library or at home?

WORLD BOOK DAY - WOW! What a brilliant day we all had! It was a fun filled day full of lots of reading. We participated in so many exciting activities that I'm sure you have all heard about. The costumes in Year 2 were amazing and we loved seeing the children enthuse so much about reading. We even launched our new school reading system. Ask your child what they need to do in order to become a reading star!



Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees



We've made some amazing lego creations this week and shown great team work! Pizza day on Tuesday was a big hit.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Top Maths Doodlers



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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>

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending. Below shows the different fund raising events and where the money raised was spent. As always it shows how every donation is put towards the education of the children at Mrs Blands and how worthwhile it is to be a member of the PTA. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

