

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

Another fantastic week at Mrs Bland's!

The school hall has been a hive of activity as Hazel Class have been working hard on their Red Nose Day Assembly and Year 1 have also been practising their Easter Assembly.

On Friday we invited Hazel Class parents in to watch the assembly and we are very proud of how well they did. All children in the school were asked to wear something red for a donation of £1. We raised a total of £120 and this amount was kindly increased by one of our wonderful parents bringing the total raised to a massive £370 - well done!

Eco Champions

As part of our action plan, we have completed several spot checks on litter in our school. We have found that lots of the litter has been blown into school from the surrounding areas (crisp and sweet packets). We have written to Willink to highlight this and they are going to work with their school council to improve their grounds too.

The eco champions would like to make some wooden signs to go on our surrounding fences to encourage people to NOT drop litter.

We need your help.....

Could you design a sign?

Please draw it on a A4 paper (This can be a recycled piece!) Write your name and class and hand it in to your teacher or Eco champion and we will look through all the designs at our next meeting (25.3.24) and choose the designs to make into signs.

We look forward to seeing the entries.

Headlice

We have had reports of headlice across Year 1 and 2 since last week. Please can we ask everyone to check and treat (if required) their child/ren's hair over the weekend so we can try to eliminate these pests. Thank you for your cooperation.

Reading Museum

The Museum team are preparing lots of fun family activities for the holidays. Please visit this link to the [Family Fun page](#) for more information.

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 'Rosies Walk' and we have been looking at the life cycles of the chick and the caterpillar.

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

The children have also enjoyed taking on the role of a Vet, learning how to look after and care for animals in our role play area.

In our craft area, we have been busy planting our cress seeds so that hopefully they will grow and be ready to take home at Easter for you all to enjoy on a sandwich.

Outside in the garden, the children have really enjoyed playing in the new teepee which is a lovely new addition to our outdoor area.

Acorns Class

This week the children have been busy learning about other animals that have eggs. We have learnt a very grown-up word- oviparous - this means an animal that has an egg. We have been sorting animals into groups that can/cannot have eggs and know that if it has fur or hair then it can't have eggs.

In maths we have been looking at length. The children have been putting snakes in order and using the language of longest/shortest.

In outdoor learning we have all planted our own cress seeds. We will water them daily and hope to see them grow. We have also worked together to build a teepee in our garden. The children helped fill up the pots with soil and we have tied canes together. We have then planted beans in the pots and hopefully they will grow up the canes to give us a lovely shady area in the summer!



Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics this week we have been looking at longer words and learning about syllables, as well as recapping all our phase 3 sounds.

In Literacy we have been learning about the farm. We have been matching the adult animals to their babies and writing sentences to describe them.

In maths we have been focusing on making number bonds to 10. We have tried to work out the missing number bond and used tens frames to calculate bonds.

In PSHE we talked about the importance of sleep as a way to keep ourselves healthy. In D&T we continued exploring how to make vehicles and made scarecrows. In science we measured how much our peas are growing, Beech class's peas are doing amazingly well. In history we looked at how tractors looked different in the past.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Another exciting week in Year One. The children have enjoyed practising for their upcoming Easter Assembly. If your child has a speaking part, please get them to practise their lines at home in a clear, loud voice.

This week in Science we have continued to look at Sir David Attenborough and have been researching animals and the impact climate change has on them. If you have time, watch some Planet Earth documentaries, which are available for free on BBC iPlayer.

Design Technology was very exciting as we have begun making our cars. Thank you for donating the boxes and bottles to make them. We are now on the hunt for lots of bottle tops to make wheels for our vehicles. Please could you bring as many as you can collect in before Wednesday 20th.

In Maths we have been exploring subtraction. Have a go at home practising some take-aways with toys or sweets to help you!

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

Year 2 have worked hard this week!

In Maths we have been doing a big recap on a lot of topics that we have covered so far within Year 2. This has involved answering some questions where we have had to really look at what mathematical symbol is being shown, in order to figure out what the number sentence is asking us to do.

In English this week we have had a huge focus on our reading comprehension. We have been looking at short pieces of texts and answering questions around the text to show our understanding. This has meant we have had to read the texts carefully and practice retrieving information from it. As a year group we have noticed that some comprehension questions have bold writing and these are normally key words! We have also been practising our fluent reading to ensure we sound more like smooth snakes and not robots - in order to help this we have come up with moving our finger along the lines underneath the words instead of pointing at the words individually.

In Science this week we checked up on our plant investigation and started drawing this week's results. We noticed that the plants that did not have water were starting to look a little sad and droopy and the plants that did not have sunlight had a few leaves that were starting to turn yellow. We then looked at the lifecycle of a plant and looked at the 6 different stages. The plant lifecycle links well with our English next week as we will be using the lifecycle of a plant to add into our plant fact files that we will be making.



Another busy week in Bumblebees. We're looking forward to some drier weather and spending some time outside!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



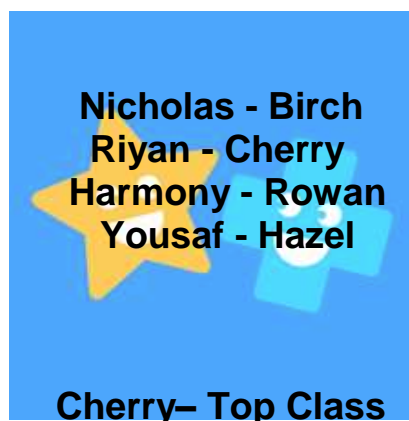
Friendship Star



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.

