

Dates for your diary

Friday 26th April

PTA Non uniform day for
bottle tombola

Cherry Class Parent Lunch

Friday 3rd May

Rowan Class Parent Lunch

Tuesday 7th May

Year 2 visit to Thatcham
Discovery Centre

Friday 10th May

Hazel Class Parent Lunch

Sunday 12th May

Year 2 to perform a country
dance at the Burghfield
May Fayre 12th May

Tuesday 14th May

Year R bus and train
journey

Friday 17th May

Maple Class Parent Lunch

Friday 24th May

PTA Crazy hair day! – in
exchange for a Father's
day gift for the Father's Day
Shhhop

Beech Class Parent Lunch

End of Summer Term 1 –
3:25pm (school) 3:30pm
(nursery)

School News

This week Mrs Dell and Mrs Sutherland have heard the sounds of country dancing from the school hall! Year 2 have been practising really hard! Our slot in the arena is 12:30pm on Sunday 12th May. Please can we ask all year 2 parents to respond to the form on parentmail to confirm if their child will be taking part in the final dance.



Thank you to everyone that was able to bring a bottle in for the PTA bottle tomobola. This is always a fabulous fundraiser for the school. Please come down to the Hatch on 12th May to watch the children in their dance and to try your luck on the bottle tombola or teddy tombola.

This week it was the parent's of Cherry Class who were invited in for lunch with their child/ren. The children love to share this part of their day with you – we hope you enjoyed it! Next week we look forward to welcoming Rowan class parents in for lunch.

Our gardens around school are finally starting to look pretty in spite of the cold! We have some gorgeous tulips in our class beds and the quiet garden is looking lovely thanks to Mrs Harris and her green fingers!



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 –

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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 in Little Acorns we have been reading the story 'Peppa Pigs Sports day' and have been continuing to practise our new rhyme of the term 'Open, shut them'.

We have been talking about different sports activities and looking at the different equipment and how we use them correctly. We also discussed how it effects our bodies; it makes us hot and our hearts go faster.

In our craft area we have been making our own medals that say which activity we enjoy and/or are good at.

The children have really enjoyed their yoga time with Mrs Sharratt. Outside in the garden, the children have loved playing with the different sports equipment, practising their skills; kicking, throwing, catching and balancing.

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns the children have been learning all about 3D shapes. We introduced the shape names at the beginning of the week and then went on a 3D shape hunt around our environment to find these shapes.

In literacy we continued to look at the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' We used story props to retell the story and sing our song. We are also very lucky to have real caterpillars in nursery that we are looking after. They are growing very quickly! They sit in the window of the nursery if you would like to look at them with your child.

In PE we have been learning to balance bean bags on our heads and move around the playground. We learnt that we must keep our heads still and use our eyes to look around.

We are starting to prepare for our move to Reception next year and are now joining the main school for assemblies 4 times a week. We always sit quietly, and the adults are very proud of us.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics we were focusing on reading and writing sentences this week and using our growing bank of tricky words.

In Literacy we have changed the story of the 'Bear Hunt' to a 'Fox Hunt' in Maple class and a 'Cheetah Hunt' in Beech class and we performed our new versions to each other. We have also written sentences linked to our science about British wild animals.

In Maths we are continuing to learn about teen numbers and are counting to 30. We have been making number stories using the language "first, then and now..."

In RE this term, we are using different stories to learn about moral messages. This week we read the story, 'The Crocodile and the Priest'. We used this to talk about how we are all important, no-one is better than another person because they have a particular talent.

In DT we began to learn how to sew running stitches.

In outside PE with Danny, we have been playing football rounders. During our indoor PE sessions, we are creating dances based on the 'Bear Hunt' story.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in English, we have been continuing our work on recounts. The children have been doing some fantastic writing, using their text map to support them. We have been working on extending our sentences using 'and' as well as adding extra detail.

In Maths we have focussed on doubling and subtracting. We have been finding the difference, subtracting one using our number bonds and counting back. The children have been using their tens frames and numbers lines to support them. At home, can you subtract using toys or coins and then write down what takeaway you have done with the symbols?

In Science we have been exploring dinosaur and animal diets using the correct vocabulary, herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. We also sorted animals into a Venn Diagram based on their diet.

In Design Technology we have been exploring food and where it comes from. We have been discovering how different fruit and vegetables grow, then in our section of the school vegetable garden we have planted some vegetables. We will keep checking up on their progress during our outdoor learning each week.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

What a lovely week in Year 2 - even if the weather hasn't been as warm as we would have liked!

English has been so exciting as we have been hearing about all the different minibeast stories that the children have come up with to innovate Walter the Worm. We've had a selection of butterflies, slugs, bees, spiders, snails and even different named worms! The children have really showed us their creative sides when coming up with their characters. The Year 2 team look forward to reading the finished product and can't wait to see what minibeast adventures they come up with next week when we start to invent our own stories.

In Maths this week we have been recapping the four operations to use alongside our measure unit. We have done some work on addition and subtraction and we have then been applying this into our learning of measure by looking at word problems and activities that involve comparing lengths and heights.

In Art and Design this week we have been looking at our new artist Kjell Bloch Sandved - he is famous for his book 'The Butterfly Alphabet'. We absolutely loved looking at this and speaking about what we liked and what inspired us for when we do our own piece. We then spent some time sketching and painting our favourite letter from his alphabet using water colours - some of us even spelt our names using the butterflies photographs he took!

In Dance this week we have been polishing up our dances for the Mayfair and they are starting to look really great!



We've been busy painting this week and some children have enjoyed a short yoga session with Mrs Sharratt in the hall.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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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.

