

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 18th June

Year 1 visit to London Eye and River Boat Cruise

Friday 21st June

Eco champion Ice Lolly sale

Wednesday 26th June

Year 2 visit to Bristol 'The Matthew' and Aquarium

Friday 28th June

Cherry Class to visit QMC Basingstoke

PTA Beech Class Cake Sale after school KS1 playground

Wednesday 3rd July

Sports day – school

Friday 5th July

Birch Class to visit QMC Basingstoke

Monday 8th July

Oliver Twist themed learning week

Wednesday 10th July

Oliver Twist Theatre Performance (in school)

Friday 12th July

Summer Fayre 3.30pm-5.00pm

Wednesday 17th July

Open Afternoon

Friday 19th July

Year 2 leaver's event – cinema trip

Tuesday 23rd July

Year 2 leaver's assembly

End of Summer Term 2 at
1.45pm

School News

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed a bit of sunshine finally!

Year 1 had a very exciting visit to London on Tuesday and their visit has really helped to secure the facts that they have learned in their topic this term. Thank you as always to our wonderful parent helpers!

Whilst Year 1 were out this week, the Reception classes made a visit to the Year 1 classrooms to familiarise themselves ready for September. They have also been having regular visits to the KS1 playground and adventure playground area which they have relished!

Our PTA have been busy taking Graduation Photographs for the Acorns children this year. They all looked very cute in the cap and gown! Thank you to the PTA and Nursery staff for arranging and facilitating this lovely activity.

Year 2 enjoyed another visit from the current Year 5 Garland children who come each week to act as reading buddies for our Year 2 children.

Looking ahead to next week we have another wonderful educational visit planned, this time for Year 2 who will be heading to Bristol to visit the Aquarium and The Matthew ship as part of their topic. Please know that ALL year 2 students should arrive at **7:45am** on **Wednesday 26th June** as they will be setting off at 8am.

The first of our Year 1 classes (Cherry) will visit QMC Basingstoke on **Friday 28th June** too. Busy, busy, busy!

Head lice

We have had reports of head lice in Year 1. Please can we ask the whole school to check and treat as required this weekend! Thank you!

PTA Cake Sale

Beech Class will host next Friday's cake sale which will take place in the KS1 playground on 28th June. Reception children should be collected from the KS1 playground next Friday.



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 in Little Acorns we have been talking about the Euro's football competition and looking at the different flags and the different countries.

We have studied non-fiction books about the sea and different sea creatures and have continued to learn our new rhyme of the term 'A sailor went to sea' as well as lots of other action rhymes.

In our group times we have been talking about the different sea creatures that we find under the sea and for maths we have been sorting them into different sizes.

In our craft area we finished decorating our fish for our Little Acorns display board and have experimented with bubble painting.

Outside in the garden the children have been continuing to enjoy lots of different water play and using the guttering pipes to pour, tip and roll the water, cars and balls down.

Please could we ask that all children have a couple of changes of socks in their bags as we will have a lot of water play out in the garden over the coming weeks and inevitably some wet socks!

Thank you, Little Acorns Team.

Acorns Class

It was lovely to see the sun this week and the children have enjoyed spending time in the garden. Please remember to send in named sun cream if your child is in all day and we will reapply at lunch time. Morning and afternoon children, please apply before coming in for their session.

We have been exploring colour this week by mixing our primary and secondary colours with white and black to create different shades. We learnt lots of new colour names.

In maths we have been looking at pattern and making our own repeating patterns with 2 or 3 colours. The children have enjoyed making patterns with different objects, from cars, to coloured penguins!

On Tuesday we spent some time in our new Reception area and even had lunch in the hall like the Reception children do. The children were so well behaved that the adults walking through the hall thought they were Reception! We talked about the changes that were coming up and took photos of the new areas to make a book to keep in class. Those of us going to a new school talked about their new class and what that may look like.

We have been practising ready for SPORTS DAY next Wednesday. Please remember to send your child in with a sun hat and water bottle. The children can wear their own clothes but please make sure they are in appropriate clothing and footwear to run in.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Phonics we revised digraphs from phase 3 and practised writing and spelling tricky words.

We linked our literacy to RE this week, using the stories of Noah's Ark and Jonah and the Whale to draw story maps and write sentences.

In Maths we have been looking at words to talk about position, such as 'next to', 'in front of' and 'behind'.

In Art we were inspired by 'Carnival of the Animals' to draw and paint fish. In Science we predicted which objects would float or sink and talked about why.

Please can you check that jumpers and hats are all named. As the weather warms up, children are removing these and if they are not named, we cannot guarantee they will get back to the right owner.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Wow, what an exciting week we have had in Year 1. On Tuesday we got to visit London. The children really enjoyed their day and they were so excited to see the buildings and sights we had spoken about in school. All of the children enjoyed the Thames River Cruise and they were lucky enough to see some of the bridges open. The London Eye was a new experience for lots of the children and we were all very brave.

In English we have been finishing our writing about Toby and the Great Fire of London. We also wrote a recount about our trip to London and used sequence adverbs to explain the order of our day.

In outdoor learning, we explored the outdoor area, making mud pies, finding bugs, gardening and learning how to safely light a fire. Next week, we will be having a fire to toast some marshmallows.

In Geography we are continuing our theme of looking at London and exploring what features our capital city has. We have also been looking at other capital cities in the United Kingdom and what human and physical features are there. At home, try exploring google maps and looking at different features together.

Please remember your water bottles and sun hats everyday now its warmer, along with your reading books. Don't forget Outdoor Learning and Library is Wednesday and we need your full P.E kit in school every day, thank you!

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

Another amazing week in Year 2! The children always manage to wow us! And what a lovely week it has been with the sun finally shining for us all - don't forget those sun hats!

In English this week we have been looking at letters as a form of writing. We started off by reading different letters and picking out the key features that they all had. We spotted lots of important features such as: an address, the date, "Dear", introduction, questions, conclusion/closing sentence and "From". These were things we all noted down to ensure that when it came to writing our own letter, we knew what to include. After that we decided what our letter was going to be about and who we were going to send it to - we made the decision that sending one to Garland with some questions about Year 3 would be a good idea. So, we discussed the questions we wanted to ask about Year 3 and then we started writing our letters up neatly towards the end of the week. They are now ready to send off and we hope to get a reply soon!

In Maths this week we finished off our topic on fractions and we have been reviewing our times tables. In Year 2 we aim to know our 2, 5 and 10s (sometimes even 3s to prepare us for Year 3). I wonder if anyone could practise their times tables at home and come into school to impress Miss Kendall, Mrs Painter and Mrs Cannings with what they have learnt? There are some great songs on YouTube that make it super fun to learn. We have also looked at reviewing some of the maths quizzes that we completed and we picked out a few of the silly mistakes we made so that we can develop and improve our learning. We came up with some top tips for doing a quiz next time, such as circling the symbol and showing our working out so that we can check our answers.

In the afternoons this week we have of course been continuing our play practice and our songs - the songs are going great and already bringing a tear to our eyes when they sing them so beautifully. In RE this week, we have been looking inside mosques for our Islam topic and we've had some discussions around similarities and differences of all the different places of worship. Some children in Year 2 that are of the Muslim faith have been wonderful at sharing their own experiences and sharing some great facts about their religion – it's lovely to see them so passionate about it. In PSHE we are starting to look at changes. We started this by looking at things such as weather and we spoke about how much control we have over those types of changes. This then linked us to looking at different life cycles and how everything changes over time, we picked out the similarities and differences of all the different life cycles.



Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

We've been enjoying the lovely weather this week and have been playing lots of outdoor games. We have also been colouring and reading outside too. We have had lots of conversations with Year 2 about Garland Junior School and what to expect. Our Year 1 children also shared information about their busy London visit. We all enjoyed ice cream with sprinkles on Wednesday which was a big hit!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Ellie

Breakfast Star



Molly T

Dinner Star



Amber

Playtime



Emily

Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime star



Reading star



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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.

