

Dates for your diary

Throughout June
Loose Change Competition
run by the PTA

Friday 25th June
Y2 move up day at Garland
New YR children visiting

Monday 28th June 2021
Summer Term 2 Starts
PTA Spellathon
New Date

Tuesday 8th June
3.00- 4.00pm Y2 Disco

Tuesday 15th June
3.00 – 4.00pm Reception Disco

Tuesday 22nd June
3.00 – 4.00pm Y1 Disco

Friday 25th June
Move up Day – where children
get to go to their new classes

Friday 2nd July 2021
Non-uniform Day for a bottle
for the tombola

W/C 5th July
School reports sent home
Parent Consultation Meetings

Friday 9th July 2021
4.30pm Mrs Bland's PTA
Summer Raffle Draw

Friday 16th July 2021
1.45pm School finishes for
summer
(Includes main school,
Nursery and Bumblebees)

Mrs Bland's Holiday Club
19th July – 23rd July
8.30am-3.30pm
YR-Y2 pupils
See flyers sent home for more
details and themed days

School News

Garland Junior School - Move Up day for Year 2

This is still going ahead, so Year 2 children moving up to Garland should be dropped off at Garland. Details were sent home in a letter a couple of weeks ago.

Summer Fayre

Guidance released this week from Public Health England and the DfE means the Summer Fayre, which the PTA have been so busy planning, cannot go ahead as planned. The PTA are now working really hard to adapt the tombola and raffle stalls, so these events can go ahead in a Covid safe way. More information to follow.

Loose Change Competition

Throughout June we are running the Mrs Bland's Loose Change Competition. The class that collects the most coins will win a film afternoon with popcorn!

Please collect and send in all those small coins....
Please see the posters on the school noticeboards.

Nursery

You may have seen our new banner. If you would like to look around the nursery, with a view to making an application, please do contact the school office.



Class Photographs

Last orders for class photographs – free post & packing ends Tuesday 22nd June 3.30pm

Sports Week

We will be running our sports day slightly differently this year to enable the event to go ahead. Year groups will be having sports mornings during the week of 5th July and will be practising for these events in their PE sessions each week with Danny. Each event will be recorded and uploaded to Seesaw, so you can watch the event with your children. More details to follow.

Consultation Week W/C 5th July

To replace our annual open afternoon, we will be holding afternoons and one evening of meetings with parents, via Teams.

The appointments can be made after the reports have gone home. Children will also be recording clips of their proudest moments, which will be uploaded to Seesaw. More details to follow.

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

Throughout June

Mrs Bland's Loose Change Competition, bring in your loose change & make a change.

Collection pots in each classroom.

The class that collects the most coins will win a film afternoon with popcorn!

Friday 9th July

4.30pm Mrs Bland's PTA Summer Raffle Draw

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

**Ben Ash, Laura Hooke,
Sian Killen, Charmaine
Kelly**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns the children visited the Acorns nursery- or 'big nursery' as we call it. This is the first step in helping to transition the children ready for September. Some children enjoyed playing in the 'The Three Little Pigs' small world tray, following on from our story last week. A few children were able to recall parts of the story- which was lovely to hear!

We have been practising our fine motor control by threading with beads and developing our pencil control using the white board markers.

Outside the children continued their love for watering in our nature garden and I'm pleased to say the flowers, strawberries and beans are growing!

To practise our number recognition this week in the water tray, the children enjoyed catching the ducks with their net to discover what number was written underneath!

We also challenged the children to see if they could build their own house using the big foam blocks, it was lovely to see some of the children working together and sharing their enjoyment with their peers.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

This week we have continued with our topic 'How does that building stay up?' and we have been talking about different types of homes. We have enjoyed reading the story of, 'The Three Little Pigs' and have talked about different kinds of homes that people and animals live in. We have made up some actions for the story as well, see if your child can show you! We have made collages of houses from straw, sticks and bricks, and in outdoor learning we made houses for toy farm animals from sticks, straw, leaves and wooden blocks. We have been writing numbers on laminated doors in maths. Can your child look at the number on their house door and upload a photo to Seesaw or bring in a photo of their door to talk about next week?

Next week we will be reading 'Hansel and Gretel', and talking about the different houses in the story.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In maths this week we have been looking at shapes again, talking about the properties of different shapes and seeing if we can match shapes to pictures of them in different orientations. We have also been exploring making shape patterns with tangrams and building with 3D wooden shapes. We have made some amazing construction.

In English we been reading the story of 'Tiddler' and thinking about all the rhyming words we can hear in the story. Challenge us to think of strings of rhyming words e.g snail, tail, whale, trail. We also made up our own amazing stories based on the fibs Tiddler told at school.

In science we have been working out which objects float or sink and what we could do to them to help them to float or sink.

In computing we have been logging on to Purple Mash using our individual logins and completing our fish paintings. We are getting really good at logging in by ourselves.

In music we got out the chime bars and explored high and low sounds. We were like an orchestra and could make a really lovely sound.

In our creative area we collaged large fish and created underwater scenes using pastels.

As it gets hotter please make sure your child comes to school with a hat, sun cream and a water bottle each day.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In year 1 this week we have continued to learn about The Great Fire of London. We have thought about what people would have seen, heard, smelt and felt at the time of the fire. In Maths we have been learning the place value of numbers to 100 and comparing numbers using the vocabulary more than less than and equal to. In computing we have had fun using a new App on the I pads called Scratch, where we have to programme instructions to direct the movements of the animated cat character. In outdoor PE we have been practicing our athletic skills ready for sports day. In indoor PE we have been learning to keep in time to the music, 'March, March, March' from the Jungle book and made a simple dance routine. In Science we have continued recording the weather each day on our weather chart. Will it stay at a temperature above 25°C for the rest of the month?

When it is going to be a hot day it would really help us if you could please apply sun cream on your child before they come to school. For those children who have sun cream in school we will make sure that it is reapplied at lunchtime if necessary.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

This week in writing, Year 2 have read really enjoyed reading and learning about marine animals, and have answered comprehension questions about them, in full sentences, using the information texts to help. The children have been particularly inspired to research their own marine animal to start writing a leaflet.

In maths, both classes have been learning how to use directional language, including clockwise, anti-clockwise, quarter/half/whole turns, by directing each other, drawing maps on grids, and writing directions. This has linked nicely with Geography and Outdoor learning, in which they have been learning about and using the compass points, including Northwest/Northeast/Southeast/Southwest, and using compasses. They have also re-capped previous learning about 2D and 3D shapes by creating posters about them, and sorting them in different ways.

In science, Year 2 have learnt about the lifecycle of humans, and in History, have learnt about the explorer Christopher Columbus.

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



Perfect Presentation



Covid News

We cases are reducing, new strains of the disease continue to remain highly infectious, so to continue to keep the school community safe could all parents, who are not exempt, please wear masks whilst dropping off and collecting your children at school.

If you or your child are showing Coronavirus symptoms and have a Covid test, the whole family bubble must isolate until the test result is received back. Please do not come into school if you or your children are showing any of the symptoms.

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, thetrainline 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>



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If you select Mrs Bland's as your selected charity, 0.5% of eligible spend will go straight back to the PTA.

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