

Dates for your diary

Throughout June
Loose Change Competition
run by the PTA

Monday 28th June 2021
PTA Spellathon
New Date

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

Spellathon

Don't forget it's the spellathon on Monday.....get those extra spelling practises in over the weekend and as many sponsors as possible.

Move Up Day

The children all seemed to be having successful visits up to their new classes when I walked around school this afternoon. Teachers will continue to visit children in their current classes over the next couple of weeks.

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 see the posters on the school noticeboards.

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 our focus has been practising how to share well with others. We have been playing in small groups helping each other to build houses using the magnetic shapes and seeing if we can name the different shapes used.

We have challenged the children this week with a problem-solving activity using tweezers, pom-poms, coloured pots and empty bottles! They were encouraged to use these items as they wished too.

Our fine motor skills were used this week at the playdough table- the children were encouraged to see if they could snip the playdough into small sections using our safety scissors independently.

Outside we had a builders table with tools such as hammers and golf tees. We talked about how we use tools and what the tools are used for. The children enjoyed role-playing builders.

We continued our visits to 'big nursery' this week. It's lovely to see the children's confidence growing in the outdoor space. The children are excited to go and wave to the other children and staff as we pass.

Acorns Nursery

This week we have continued with our topic 'How does that building stay up?' and we have been talking about different sizes of homes. We have enjoyed the Squash and a Squeeze and Hansel and Gretel story and have talked about different kinds of homes that people and animals live in. We have made pig faces and models, and in outdoor learning we made rubbings from sticks, straw, leaves and wooden blocks. Next week we will be learning about the Sandcastle story by Mick Inkpen, and talking about castles.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In maths this week we have been learning to double numbers and see how this is making a number twice as big. We have used reflections of coins in mirrors, making spots on butterflies then folding and doubling them, domino patterns and dice to help us double numbers 1 to 6.

In English we been reading the story of 'The fish who could wish' and writing sentences about what we would wish for.

In outdoor learning we have begun to whittle using peelers. We whittled some sticks into magic wands. In computing we have using the beebot app to program. We read the book of 'Commotion in the Ocean' and added sound effects in music.

In our creative area we made foil fish and wishing jars.

It was lovely to see how excited the children were about move up day and we look forward to hearing their stories on Monday.

On Monday 28th we will be doing our spellathon, please have one more practice with the words this weekend.

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 News (Year 1)

This week has been an exciting week. The children spent Friday visiting their new teacher and class in Year 2. We talked about the move up day with the children before hand and discussed how we felt about it. In English we have been discussing what we have learnt about over the year, what we have enjoyed doing and our favourite piece of work. In Maths we have continued to look at comparing numbers and understanding place value. We also started to look at directional language and full turns, half turns and quarter turns.

In Geography we have been comparing the different human and physical features of Burghfield and London. We have created water colour paintings of London landmark in the style of JMW Turner. The children are enjoying using the IPADS to create algorithms on Scratch Junior. In the next couple of weeks, we are going to be building some London Landmarks out of junk modelling so if you have any cereal boxes, different sized boxes tubes then please could you bring them in.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

It was so strange not to see the Year 2 children in school today! We hope they had a wonderful time at Garland Junior's and are excited for the year ahead!

In English this week we have been completing our Ocean leaflets. The children have learnt a lot about the different layers of the Ocean, the creatures that can be discovered in these layers and the important ways we can look after our Oceans! I wonder if any children can remember how much of the earth's surface is covered in water?

In maths, the children have been recapping their knowledge of fractions, addition and subtraction and place value this week ready to complete our end of term assessments. We are incredibly impressed by how much they have remembered and can apply to solve all the challenging problems!

In outdoor learning this week the children have enjoyed making their own maps of the playground and marking treasure with an X for their peers to find. Some were very successful with their map reading whilst others left the treasure hidden away!

We have also begun to practice our end of Year 2 performance 'Pirates Vs Mermaids'. All children are either in the pirate crew or the mermaid/merman crew. We will be sending home a note this week to tell you the children's character and what items of costume they will need for the final week when we will record our performance!

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...

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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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