

## Dates for your diary

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Love your school day  
9am to 3pm

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Parent consultations  
3.30pm – 6pm  
(See Parentmail)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**Non uniform day** – bring a  
bottle of alcohol (or as  
many as you can!)

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

**9.30am** Easter Assembly  
Y1

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April

End of Spring Term 2 –  
school closes at **1.45pm**

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

Inset day

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April –

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Easter Break

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Start of Summer Term 1

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Year 1 trip to Oxford  
University Museum of  
Natural History

## School News

What a wonderful week we have had in school and what strange weather! The children were ecstatic when it started to snow and wanted to go outside to play. Although, they soon wanted to come in and warm up. Please make sure children do bring warm coats to school every day.

## Disco

The children all enjoyed themselves at the Spring Term disco and it was great to see them all dancing and playing games and being able to get together with their peers in other year groups. Thank you to the PTA and all the staff that were able to assist in organising this event. Thank you also to the children who were enthusiastic, but remained very well behaved, we are very proud of you all.

## Parent Consultations

We welcomed parents back into the school this week too for parent consultations face to face. We are pleased to be able to return to our pre-covid format and hope you all found it beneficial.

## Bring a Bottle

Next week The PTA have planned a non-uniform day. In exchange, we would like to ask you to donate a bottle (or as many as you can!) of alcohol for the Bottle Tombola stall which Mrs Bland's will hold at this year's May Fayre at the Hatch. Donations will be collected on arrival at school on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

## Easter Assembly

Year 1 have been busy practising for their Easter Assembly next week. The assembly will be recorded and put up on Seesaw next Thursday morning.

## Love Your School

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 9am – 3pm

**LOVE  
YOUR  
SCHOOL**

In order to improve the use of the outdoor learning areas, we'd like some volunteers to assist in:

- Sanding and repaint the outdoor learning cabin
- Clear/tidy the pond
- General gardening

To offer assistance, whether an hour or more, please sign up via the office.

Refreshments provided!

## Please sign up!

It is not too late to contact us if you would like to sign up to help with some general maintenance of our cabin and pond area. The more the merrier! Thank you to all of those that have already volunteered. Refreshments will be provided ☺

## **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](mailto:mrsblandspta@gmail.com)

**or catch someone on the playground –**

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

## **Little Acorns Pre-Nursery**

The children were delighted to discover the Easter activities in the nursery this week. In the small world we had 'Easter Bunny land' where different sized bunnies could hunt for glitter Easter eggs. The children were encouraged to use the positional language skills whilst they played 'hunt the egg'. In our tuff tray we had a sensory egg activity where the children were able to search through different material to find eggs of different varieties. We used our language skills to describe the feel of the fabric. We used our maths skills to describe the different sizes of the eggs and the patterns on them to. In the mark making area the children were encouraged to make controlled marks by focusing whilst tracing over patterns on egg shaped paper, using coloured pens and pencils. Whilst practicing our sitting and listening skills the children have enjoyed listening to different Easter stories, a firm favourite this week has been 'Egg hunt'- where the Easter bunny has to travel through different obstacles to find his eggs!

### **Acorn (Nursery am and pm)**

This week Acorns children have been exploring the book 'Chickens Aren't The Only Ones', and learning about which other animals lay eggs, and we have been amazed at the shapes and sizes of different eggs! We have enjoyed watching our caterpillars go into their cocoons. Our cress has grown well, and on Wednesday we learnt how to make cress sandwiches, spreading the butter carefully on the bread with a knife - everyone ate their sandwiches all up, I think the children were all hungry after Outdoor Learning! In phonics we have practised blending and segmenting letter sounds with magnetic letters, and in maths we have explored making shape pictures. We have practised our scissor skills by drawing around and cutting out different shapes.

Next week we will be learning about the Easter story and enjoying different Easter crafts.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception this week we have read the story of 'The Tiny Seed'. We used colourful semantics to say and write sentences about the story. We thought about what happens in the different seasons and the conditions that plants need to grow.

In maths, we have continued making more complex patterns and exploring numbers to 10 with Numicon.

In science, we have sorted foods into those that are healthy and unhealthy. In outdoor learning we have continued practising our sawing skills and have begun to make fences for our wild area. If you have any long branches of hazel or willow that we could use to weave into our fences we would be very grateful.

Please can we remind you that children should have water and not juice in their water bottles and that they need a change of clothes in their bags, as they can get wet and muddy outside at times.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

We have had a busy week in Year 1. The children really enjoyed the disco on Tuesday. We have been rehearsing for our Easter Assembly which we will be recording and then uploading the link to seesaw next Thursday. The children should have come home with their words this week please can you help them practise.

In English the children have enjoyed writing their own fact file for an animal. The children enjoyed finding out some facts about different animals. We have been looking at fact families in maths e.g  $2+6=8$ ,  $6+2=8$ ,  $8-2=6$ ,  $8-6=2$ . The children have been practising counting in 2's and 5's this week. Ask the children to show you, their counting.

During outdoor learning and as part as our Science we were discussing camouflage. The children had to hunt for different items which were camouflaged in the outdoor area. In RE, we have been learning about the Easter Story and what happened to Jesus when he came to Jerusalem.

In PHSE, we have been celebrating our differences and learning about famous people who have overcome barriers to be successful.

## Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

What a great week we've had this week! It was lovely to see all the children enjoying themselves at the school disco on Tuesday – we saw some great moves on the dancefloor!

In English this week, we've been writing a flower fact file. The children have been working extra hard on their presentation skills, and some have even used non-fiction books and I-pads to find out extra information about their chosen flower. Ask your child if they can tell you a fantastic fact about the flower they chose to write about! We're really proud of all the hard work they've put in.

In maths, our week has been spilt between continuing with our measuring topic and completing our maths end-of-term assessments. Well done to all the children for putting into practice everything they've learned in maths this year and trying so hard with the assessments. In ICT, we've continued to practice making pictograms using the J2E program on the I-pads, whilst in geography we've learned about physical and human features and the children have used their knowledge of maps to draw an aerial map of where they live.

We have continued to work through the Blue Blyton bundle with Sir Linkalot.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

## Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have started making clay Easter decorations. The children enjoyed designing their eggs and thinking about how they will decorate them. We made the most of the lovely weather earlier this week and were spending as much time outside as possible. Some of the children have been practising tennis in the playground!



## Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



## Whole School Stars

### Star of the Week

Ruby - Acorns  
Mikey - Beech  
Zahra - Maple  
JoJo - Birch  
Amelie - Cherry  
Noah - Hazel  
Teal- Rowan

### Friendship Star

Kaleb - Acorns  
Charlie - Beech  
Dominik - Maple  
Martim - Birch  
Isaac - Cherry  
Bella Rose- Hazel  
Isla - Rowan

### Playtime Star

Xavier K- Acorns  
Teresamarie - Beech  
Freddie - Maple  
Elliott - Birch  
Alexander - Cherry  
Lara - Hazel  
Henrietta- Rowan

## **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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