

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 12th July

Birch Class Open
Afternoon

Tuesday 12th July

Nursery Sports day 9.30am
– 10.30am

Wednesday 13th July

Nursery open afternoon
(appointments online)

Wednesday 13th July

Sports Day (whole school)
and Open Afternoon (all
except Birch Class)

Monday 18th July

Year 2 Leavers Event

Wednesday 20th July

Year 2 Leavers Assembly
9:30am

Wednesday 20th July

1:45pm end of term

Thursday 21st July

Summer Holidays

Thursday 1st September

Inset day (Staff only)

Friday 2nd September

Inset day (Staff Only)

Monday 5th September

Start of Autumn Term 2022

School News

This week at Mrs Bland's we welcomed our current Year 2 children back on Tuesday as they had another transition day at Garland Junior School. The children all came back to us very positive and excited to be taking the next step in their educational journeys.

This week has been one of practise. All the children have been practising for their sports mornings and have been very good at cheering one another on. Year 2 has also been busy practising for their End of Year Performance, and they are certainly getting more confident – and louder!

The children from Performance Club were delighted to perform their end of term show to their parents on Wednesday. The children have achieved a great deal over the last term and we are very proud of them.

Nursery

We are busy working on our Nursery intake for next year and we do currently have spaces available in our Little Acorns Nursery for 2-3 year olds and our Acorns Nursery for 3-4 year olds if you know of anyone that would like a place.

A reminder that there will be no afternoon Nursery on the last day of term (Wednesday 20th July) as we are finishing at 1.45pm. Those that come in the morning can come as normal and those that normally stay all day can stay for lunch and be collected at 1.45pm please.

Reminders

Please can we remind you all that dogs are not allowed on site (in the playground or the car park) at any time. Children should dismount from scooters/bikes before entering the school grounds please.

Looking ahead to Next Week

There will be lots going on next week in school. Please ensure that on the day of their sports morning (Tuesday 12th Nursery and Wednesday 13th school) children come into school wearing their PE shorts, T-shirt (in their house colour) and trainers which they can stay in for the day.

If you are bringing small children to sports morning, please may we ask that your child remains with you at all times.

We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our open afternoons. This will be an opportunity for you to look around your child's class, read through their books and have an informal chat with your child's teacher.

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 –

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Sian Killen, Charmaine
Kelly**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week in Little Acorns, we have been discovering all about a selection of different types of jobs adults do! The children have enjoyed listening to various stories about certain occupations, such as Teachers, Vets, Firefighters and Doctors. The children then had the opportunity to dress up as these figures which put their focusing and independent dressing skills to the test! It was wonderful to see the children use their expressive and creative sides and work with each other to develop some fantastic role-play games. We also gave lots of time to stop and talk about our feelings this week. Transition time can be tricky for some, so it's important to talk about how we feel. There was some fantastic descriptive language being used by the children.

We enjoyed listening to classical music during our free play and carpet time, practising our sitting and listening skills as the children prepare for big nursery.

Next week is set to be a hot one! Please can we ask children to attend nursery with a named water bottle, sun hat and sun cream and spare clothes as there will be lots of water play.

Acorns (Nursery am and pm)

This week in Acorns we have been learning about the machines that help us build! We have learnt the names of the machines; cement mixer, digger and loader. We have weighed items in maths using the words 'heavy' and 'light'. In the role-play area we pretended to be builders, wearing our hard hats and building towers.

Next week is Acorns Nursery Sports Day on Tuesday at 9.30am. The children have been practising very hard for this and are looking forward to it. The weather looks to be very hot so please send your child in with a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have been learning about stories from the Bible. We read 'Noah's Ark' and 'Jonah and the Whale.' We sequenced the stories and wrote sentences about the pictures.

In maths, we have been looking at problem solving using stories. We read 'Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs' and used that to solve number problems. We also worked out which animals could be in Mr. Gumpy's boat if there were, for example, 6 legs or 10 legs.

We have made our own sliding boats linked to some of our sea themed nursery rhymes. In outdoor learning we talked about seasonal change and looked at photographs we have taken outside through the year.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

This week in Year One maths, we have continued to explore fractions. We moved on from looking at halves to quarters. We identified if shapes had been split equally into quarters or halves and learnt that two quarters are the same as a half! We then progressed to finding a quarter of given numbers. We worked this out by dividing our whiteboards into four sections and sharing the required amount of counters equally into the sections. Birch Class explored whether all numbers between 4 and 20 could be split into quarters and they noticed a pattern that every fourth number in the sequence could be divided equally into quarters (4, 8, 12, 16, 20).

In English, we have been developing our writing stamina to retell the story of 'Toby and the Great Fire of London.' The children have worked so hard, and it has been lovely to see their use of adjectives and explanation marks!

We also conducted a science investigation this week, answering the question: Are all leaves the same? We enjoyed finding various types of leaves around the school grounds and learnt some new vocabulary to describe their appearance, e.g., lobes, veins and toothed edge.

Next week, we look forward to seeing you at Open Afternoon (Tues-Birch, Weds-Cherry) and Sport's day. Please do remember your hats, water bottles and sun cream!

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

This week has been all about rehearsal, rehearsal, rehearsal!! A huge well done to all of Year 2 for their dedication and enthusiasm in learning their lines and the songs. The play is looking fantastic, and we can't wait to perform it to you all! Thank you for all your support in providing costumes too, we really appreciate it.

We have just about had time to squeeze in a bit of learning too! We've been preparing to rewrite Rudyard Kipling's 'just so' story, 'How the Whale got his Throat'. See if your child can tell you how the Mariner 'of infinite resource and sagacity' managed to trick the whale! The children have done a great job acting out the story and preparing a story map.

In maths, we have just completed our 'measure' topic, and looked at the difference between capacity and volume. The children have done a great job learning about mass, weight, temperature, and volume this term. Well done to them all.

We have continued to revisit some of the level one Sir Linkalot bundles this term, to cement our knowledge of the Year 2 common exception words.

Wishing you all a relaxing, peaceful weekend.

The Year 2 Team.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have been busy making some lovely pictures and cards for each other.

The children have been very good at dinner time and have tried cutting their own food and remembering to put their knife and fork together at the end of their meal.

Well done Bumblebees!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime




Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Taha - Acorns
Alyzae - Beech
Dominik - Maple
Bluebell - Birch
Natalia - Cherry
Esme - Hazel
Edgar - Rowan

Friendship Star



Kaleb - Acorns
Eliana - Beech
Murtaza - Maple
Nehaan- Birch
Sonnie - Cherry
Leo - Hazel
Bonnie - Rowan

Playtime Star



Angel - Acorns
Zaner - Beech
Isabelle - Maple
Junior - Birch
Kaylan - Cherry
Nevaeh - Hazel
Esme - Rowan

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The PTA

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