

Dates for your diary

Hot Weather Next Week

We have been watching the weather forecast and have been taking the following precautions:

- Air/con unit in each class
- Fan in each class
- Blinds are closed
- lights are off
- children have access to cold water throughout the day
- they do not play in the full sun
- they wear hats outside
- water trays out with cool water

Next week, we will keep children indoors between 11-3pm. If for any reason the temperature in school affects the children, we will contact parents/carers.

Monday 18th July

Year 2 Leavers Event
(Children to wear PE kit and school jumper/cardigan. Bring costume/towel and swim hat if they have one)

Wednesday 20th July

Year 2 Leavers Assembly
9:30am

Wednesday 20th July

1:45pm end of term (Whole School)

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
(Year 1 & 2) (Reception children: as invited)

Thursday 8th September

Start of Autumn Term
Nursery

School News

Following a scorching week, we would like to thank the children for being so well behaved in school. The heat can make everyone cranky, but they have taken it in their stride and have shown a very responsible attitude to sun safety – well done!

This week parents were given the opportunity to come into school and nursery this week to have a look through their child's work with them. The children were very proud to show their parents all they have achieved over the year.

The children have also enjoyed taking part in our Sports days. Nursery held theirs on Tuesday and the rest of the school on Wednesday. We would like to thank our PE coach Danny and our PE Lead Mrs Jones for organising a wonderful event that was enjoyed by all. Thank you to the PTA for providing drinks and for providing the ice lollies that the children received as a reward for their hard work and finally, thank you to the children, lot of practise goes into these events and the children were all brilliant on the day so it certainly paid off!

We are pleased to announce that the final scores are in and

In 5th place we have the **Green team** with 240 points

In 4th place are the **Purple team** with 246 points

In 3rd place are the **Red team** with 250 points

In 2nd place we have the **Yellow team** with 268 points

And in 1st place we have the **Blue team** with 269 points

As you can see, it was a very close competition! Well done to everyone that took part!

iRock

The children have been treated to an assembly from iRock today. We are sure they will tell you all about it. We have some budding rockers in our midst! Details will be sent out separately.

Next week

Next week is the final week of the Academic Year! We had a bumpy road ahead of us last September with COVID still being very much at the forefront of our lives, but with the support of everyone - parents, children and staff we pulled through and made the most of the year. There have been some brilliant educational visits and some superb work produced by the children. Please remember that the last day of term is **Wednesday 20th** (we appreciate that Garland and Willink are 19th) at **1.45pm**.

Next week, the year 2 children will be performing their leaver's production and we guarantee there will not be a dry eye in the house.

We wish our current Year 2 children all the best for year 3 and we will miss you! We look forward to welcoming the other children back to school in September and to having some new families join us too.

Have a happy, fun filled summer!

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 –

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

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

We are very proud of our children in Little Acorns this week for how well they have dealt with the hot sticky weather conditions. We stayed cool inside, practising our number skills of counting accurately and trying to identify numbers correctly.

This week we looked at bridges. The children could put their creative skills to the test and make bridges for different-sized dinosaurs to travel over. The children enjoyed listening to the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and delighted in re-telling the story using small world figures.

Outside we made the most of the weather and had lots of fun in the water. The children were excited to play in the car wash and wash the toy cars. They enjoyed scooping and pouring water, creating big circular motions with sponges as they cleaned, and playing with the small world pirate beach scene in the tuff tray.

Well done, Little Acorns.

Acorns (Nursery am and pm)

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Sports Day. The children were amazing and have worked so hard practising their races – we are so proud of them! The children also loved having parents come into nursery and were super proud to show off their Learning Journals.

The children have been an absolute pleasure to teach this year and all the staff have enjoyed the year immensely! We feel so privileged to be able to care for your children.

We wish you all the best for the coming school year and we hope you all have a fantastic summer.

There are no stars this week as we were unable to choose between the children as they have all been so amazing!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have been reading facts about sea creatures and have made our own book of facts, with pictures and sentences about our favourite creatures.

We have been problem solving in maths using games and different equipment like Cuisenaire rods and bean bags. We have also explored making more complex patterns with colours and shapes.

The children were amazing on Wednesday for Sports day, we are very proud of how they all did.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

We have had a busy last full week in Year 1. Well done to all the children for coping so well with the heat of Sport's Day and for their positive behaviour and attitude during the events. It was lovely to have so many spectators and thank you to those of you who also attended our Open Afternoons this week. We hope you enjoyed seeing all the hard work the children have produced this year.

In English this week, we have used the Chromebooks to draw and type information about London landmarks. We used '2Create a story' on Purple Mash and the children were reminded how to name and save their work. If you get chance, do see if your child can repeat this skill at home.

We also used the I-Pads this week to design our own backgrounds and animations on ScratchJr. The children enjoyed creating their own algorithms and seeing their characters come to life!

In maths, we have had some test questions to assess our learning and to identify our strengths and weaknesses for the classes next year. Here are some examples of the questions that the children found more challenging:

$$10 - ? = 10$$

$$? = 9 + 8$$

$$\text{A quarter of } ? = 2$$

$$15 + 4 = 10 + ?$$

See if your child can answer these and similar questions at home over the holidays.

As we near closer to the end of the term, we would like to say congratulations to all the children for their determination and effort throughout the year. Thank you also for all your parental support and encouragement. Well done, team Year 1!

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

What an exciting week year 2 have had! On Tuesday we were invited up to Garlands to take part in a sporting afternoon. Despite the heat, the children were absolutely brilliant! We took part in activities such as the egg and spoon race, penalty shoot outs and even an agility course. It was another fantastic transition opportunity for our children who seem really excited about their move up to the junior school.

On Wednesday it was Sports Day and once again, the children were amazing. Everyone showed fantastic sportsmanship and encouraged their friends and classmates. It was lovely to see so many parents there to support their children. In the afternoon, many of the parents returned for open afternoon. The children loved having the opportunity to show off their learning and talk about their year with their loved ones - thank you to all that came.

In amongst all the sports we have continued to practise our production of Pirates Vs Mermaids. It is really coming together now and so many of the children know their lines off by heart. Please keep practising so that we can be ready for our final performance next week.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

The children have been very creative this week and have been busy decorating special keepsake stones and some beautiful paintings. We have made the most of the long evenings and have enjoyed reading books in the garden area.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



You have all been super stars!

Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Hugo - Beech
Bradley - Maple
Olivia - Birch
Alexander - Cherry
Noah - Hazel
Jaxon - Rowan

Friendship Star



Youssef - Beech
Layton - Maple
Jo Jo - Birch
Indianna - Cherry
James - Hazel
Rose - Rowan

Playtime Star



Joshua - Beech
Hajra - Maple
Reuben - Birch
Bethany - Cherry
Lilly - Hazel
Bradley - Rowan

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The PTA

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