

## Dates for your diary

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Y2 Falconry Visit  
(in school)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
End of Term 1 – collect at  
3:25pm as normal

Half Term  
23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Start of Term 2

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
YR Vision Screening

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November  
9.30am Remembrance  
Assembly – Rowan Parents  
Invited

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
3.30pm – 6.00pm  
Parent Consultation  
Evening

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
YR to Y2 Flu nasal  
vaccination  
5.30pm – 8.00pm Parent  
Consultation Evening

## School News



Don't forget to pay those deposits to secure your tickets.

## **Christmas Cards**

It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas!  
Please look out for the Christmas card samples coming home in the book bags today. It's one of the wonderful fund raising initiatives that the PTA do to raise much needed funds for the school and for the benefit of our children. Please do support it!

## **Most Wanted**



Our wonderful catering team treated the children to a well-deserved fun lunch on Census Day!

I don't think the children could decide what they loved more, the hotdogs or the ice cream & rocky road, needless to say they all had empty plates!



Please be aware that we are undertaking work in our KS1 playground for the next two weeks. For the safety of the children, please can you ensure that they wait with you in the morning. Y1 & Y2 will enter and exit through the gate at the side of Bumblebees.

***Children attending Breakfast Club should enter school via the main reception in the morning but can be collected from Bumblebees at the end of the day.***

## **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 –**

**Laura Hooke or  
Charmaine Kelly**

## **Little Acorns Class**

This week in Little Acorns we have been reading the story, 'Autumn' by Ailie Busby and have been learning about all the changes that happen in Autumn.

We are also continuing to learn the song 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' and have been learning lots of number rhymes to help us with our counting to 10.

At the craft table the children have been looking in the mirrors and seeing where their eyes, nose and mouths are on their faces and have been having a go at drawing them independently, making sure we are adding two eyes, one nose and one mouth.

The children have benefited from daily yoga sessions which Mrs Sharratt has led and this will continue as a daily activity. The yoga sessions aim to exercise the children's bodies and minds which improves learning. The children are learning various yoga positions which they can then try themselves in child-led independent play. Outside in the garden the children have been enjoying using the pipes to roll the balls down and also trying to throw the balls into the bucket.

## **Acorns Class**

This week in Acorns the children have been reading the story, 'Titch'. We read the story together and tried to think of different words for big/little... massive, huge, small, tiny.

In maths, we put different objects in order of size, the children were very good at doing this independently.

In the role play area, the children were pretending to be construction workers and enjoyed building with the bricks and dressing up in hard hats and hi-vis jackets.

The children were very excited to see the school rabbits come back over the weekend. The rabbits live at the end of the patio and have a lovely big enclosure to play in. The children were very good at staying quiet around the rabbits and we fed them some carrots.

On Thursday we performed our Harvest songs to the school. The children performed beautifully.

## Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics this week, we revised all the sounds we have learnt so far – s a t p i n m d g o and the began to blend them together to read words. We have put a game on Seesaw

In English this week, we have been learning a poem about Harvest. We performed it for the rest of the school during our Harvest assembly.

In maths, we have been focusing on numbers to 5. We have been looking at how we can represent the numbers using objects, actions and drawings. We continued our work on patterns by designing our own repeating pattern fruit kebabs and then making them.

In geography, we have been thinking about where we live. We created pictures of our houses using drawing applications on the whiteboard and using lolly sticks on paper. Then we had a go at drawing the number on the door.

In outdoor learning, we thought about what we could do with sticks. We turned them into wands and swords and walking sticks, using our imaginations. We also drew faces on sticks to make stick people and made our own pet log dogs.

Library books: Beech class have a library slot on a Tuesday. They can keep the book at home until the following Tuesday. Maple class visit the library on a Friday, please keep the book at home until the following Friday.

## Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In maths this week, we have been comparing numbers. We have begun to use the greater than, less than and equals signs too. We have been ordering numbers and talking about numbers which are larger than and smaller than. We've noticed that not many Y1 children have been accessing Doodle Maths at home. We have spoken to the children to tell them how to do this. If you need some help with this please come and speak to us!

In English, we have been writing our own stories based on 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea.' We have been trying hard to use our word books to help us write high frequency words such as 'her' and 'who.'

In Science, we have been exploring our five senses and also been trying to do activities without one of our senses such as feeling objects with blindfolds on and trying to guess what they are.

In Outdoor Learning, we made book marks using natural materials and in Art we have painted sunflowers using the pointillism technique after learning about the artist Georges Seurat!

## Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

What a wonderful week we have had in Y2!

In maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction. We have learned how to add 2digit + 1digit numbers, 2digit + 2digit numbers and now we are beginning to explore subtraction. We have been practising using number lines and dienes to help us to add large numbers and some of us have even been able to do these in our heads! Ask your child to add  $24 + 32$  and explain their thinking.

In English, we have been writing a recount about our amazing trip to Oxford Castle. To start the week, we read some examples of recounts so that we could understand the key features - chronological order, past tense, first person and time conjunctions. We planned our recount using a text map and listed adjectives to describe how we felt on the day. Finally, we were ready to write. Our recounts were fantastic and so detailed!

Our afternoons have been varied as always. In yoga, our focus was on concentration. We learned how to train our 'puppy minds' to keep them focused. We learned some new yoga moves including the tree pose, star pose and plane pose. In science we are preparing to build bridges to see who can make the strongest bridge using paper. This week we looked at lots of images of bridges and identified the shapes and materials we could see (sadly, none of them were made of paper!) Next, we explored how we could manipulate paper to make it stronger by twisting, folder, scrunching and rolling. Next week we will put our findings to the test and build our bridges!

Just a reminder that your child's doodle maths account is up and running - we would love to see more of the children using this fantastic, free resource at home. Each week we will be giving a reward to the top doodler in each class and for the top class in the school.

Remember, with doodle maths, little and often is best 😊



**Friend**



**Dinner Star**



**Playtime**



# Whole School Stars

## Star of the Week



## Friendship Star



## Playtime Star



## Top Maths Doodlers



## **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, the trainline 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>