

Dates for your diary

Friday 20th October

End of Term 1 – collect at
3:25pm as normal

Half Term

23rd October – 27th October

Monday 30th October

Start of Term 2

Monday 30th October

PTA Halloween Disco
(Tickets on parentmail)

Thursday 2nd November

YR Vision Screening

Friday 10th November

9.30am Remembrance Assembly
– Rowan Parents Invited

Tuesday 14th November

3.30pm – 6.00pm
Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 16th November

YR to Y2 Flu nasal vaccination

5.30pm – 8.00pm Parent
Consultation Evening

Friday 17th November

School Council to lead the
Children in Need assembly
(school children only)

Monday 11th December

Performance club show (4.00pm)

Tuesday 12th December

Christmas Performance (adults
only)

Monday 18th December

Joint Carol Service with Garland
Junior School (Children only)

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day and
Class Parties

Wednesday 20th December

End of Autumn Term 2 (school
closes as **1:45pm**)

School News

This week the children were introduced to their class worry monsters in a special assembly. Each class was also given their own worry box and were told how to use their worry stones to ensure that their worries can be shared with a grown up in their class.



The new play area in the KS1 playground and the path in Little Acorns are now complete and look amazing. We know that this will make a big difference to the way the children access their playground/outdoor areas especially with all of the wet weather we have been having.

Rowan Class finished off the week with their cake sale – we will let you know how much was raised next week. Thank you to all who were able to donate and to those that were able to buy a cake.

PTA Halloween disco

A quick reminder that the PTA are holding a Halloween disco on the first day back after half term! Please purchase your tickets on Parentmail (payments and then shop) and remember to bring your child's change of clothes in a named bag.

Catering news – Parent invitations

We are pleased to confirm that our 'Family Friday Breakfast' and 'Come dine with... your child' sessions will recommence after half term. Please see the attached posters for more information and details on how to book. We look forward to welcoming you in to school to share these times with your child/ren.

Remembrance Day



We will be collecting for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal after half term. The children will be given the chance to purchase a poppy or keepsake for a suggested donation throughout the school day. The collection tin will be in the school office in the morning and afternoon and it now has a QR code that can be scanned to make a donation if you do not have any change. Please feel free to pop in before or after school to make your donation and selection.

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 –

Laura Hooke

Katie Thrussell

Maria Kennedy

Natasha Robinson

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending.

We are always looking for volunteers. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

Little Acorns Class

This week in Little Acorns the children have been learning about 2D shapes. The children have enjoyed drawing the shapes, cutting them out using the playdough and matching the shapes up by gluing and sticking them at the craft table.

They have also really enjoyed the apple printing with the paints and we have been reading the story "Pip and Posy the Super Scooter" along with learning our nursery rhymes.

The children are now very good at singing and doing the actions to our song of the term 'Open, shut them' - ask them to sing it to you!

Outside in the garden the children have really enjoyed practising their cutting skills by using the scissors to cut and snip the leaves in the Autumn tray.

Hopefully you have all been able to access your child's Seesaw account using the QR codes that have been provided (please let us know if you have any problems accessing the account.) We hope you enjoy looking at the photos showing lots of the wonderful activities that your children have been taking part in.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you all back in the new term.

Acorns Class

This week the children have been looking at people who help us in the community. We had a police station role play area and they enjoyed dressing up as police and fire officers. The children had a lovely discussion about the different ways they can help and how to call someone if they need help.

During October we have been celebrating Black History Month by learning about different people who have been inspirational in the past. We have learnt all about Rosa Parks who was very brave and refused to give up her seat on the bus just because of the colour of her skin.

We had a lovely outdoor learning session and had our first fire circle! The children were very good and followed the rules of a fire circle. We also had roasted marshmallow in a chocolate biscuit! A smore!!! It was delicious!

Have a lovely half term.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics this week we learnt the sounds h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss. If you would like a game to practice blending the sounds there are some free games on:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2>

In English this week we read Elmer stories and designed our own elephants. We also wrote lists of colours and captions about our elephants.

In art we were inspired by Tanawat Suriyatongtam to create collage elephant pictures.

In maths we have been thinking about how 5 is made up of smaller numbers and problem solving within 5. We have put a game related to this on Seesaw.

We have been thinking about rules at school and at home and what our responsibilities are.

Have a wonderful half term.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In maths this week we have been adding two numbers under ten. We have learnt how to do this on a tens frame using cubes and have begun to work out addition using a number line. If you can practise adding over the holidays that would be great. Well done to the children who have been using Doodle maths to support our lessons.

We have finished our Toys topic in History by making videos where we pretended to be curators in a museum. The children talked through the different toys, using the terms 'past' and 'present.' They were great at this!

Our topic next half term is 'To Infinity and Beyond' where we will be learning about the Space Race and Neil Armstrong's achievements. Can you find out about Neil Armstrong over the holidays and then share your learning when we come back.

We hope you have a great half term.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

In true year 2 style, we have been very busy this week finishing off all of our topics.

In English we have been reading the story of St George and the Dragon. We learned the story off by heart and retold it using actions to help us remember the key events. The only problem was, the story was a bit... simple. We decided that such a brave knight, like St George, deserved an exciting, nail-biter of a story, so we re-wrote the story with exciting adjectives and noun phrases. The stories were amazing!

In maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. We have learned how to use resources and written methods to solve problems and explore the 2x tables. We used arrays to show that multiplication **is** commutative (ask your child if they can tell you what that word means!) and sharing hoops helped us discover that division, **is not** commutative.

We have been getting very messy in art over the last week (apologies, parents!) as we have been using clay to create our very own castles. We learned the techniques for joining clay - score, slip, stick and smooth and put these into practice making castles that we had previously designed. Our castles are very creative - some are very realistic, and some children have gone for a more abstract approach!

In yoga, we learned about a new part of the brain - the amygdala (although we have been calling it our 'lizard brain'). We learned that our lizard brain is great for helping to keep us safe in dangerous situations, but sometimes it can make us think we are in danger when we are not. We practised controlling our lizard brains with deep breathing and reminding ourselves that we are safe.

It has been a fantastic first half term for the children in year 2 and we are incredibly proud of all of them for how well they have settled and how hard they have worked. Next term, our topic is 'Winter Wonderland' - how exciting!



Bumblebees have been very busy this week with Halloween crafts! We have made some spooky pictures using sand and glue which are on display in the Bumblebees room. The children have also been busy making and trialling ramps for the vehicles – some have been more successful than others!

Bumblebees Stars



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



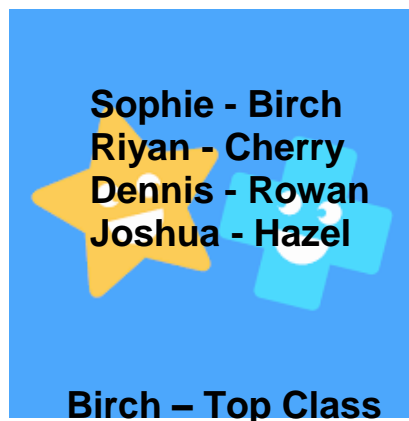
Friendship Star



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-blinds-infant-and-nursery-school>

Mrs Bland's PTA recently held their AGM meeting which reflects on the previous years' spending. Below shows the different fund raising events and where the money raised was spent. As always it shows how every donation is put towards the education of the children at Mrs Blands and how worthwhile it is to be a member of the PTA. Please contact our Facebook page or any of our members if this is something you are interested in.

