

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6th February

YR-Y2 Valentine's Disco –
3.25-4.30

Friday 9th February

YR Chinese New Year Assembly
9.05am
(Reception Parents/carers
welcome)

Cherry Class Cake sale PTA –
KS1 playground 3.30pm

End of Spring Term 1 (3.25pm)

Monday 12th February - Friday
16th February
Half Term

Monday 19th February

Spring Term 2

Friday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day assembly
(led by Hazel Class)

Friday 23rd February

Y1 Phonics and Reading
Workshop for Parents/Carers
9.00-9.20am – school hall

School News

We have had an amazing time at Mrs Bland's this week! Our much anticipated visit to see The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre in London was a 'roaring' success!

The children enjoyed a delicious brunch and drink at 10:30 to fill their tummies ready for the journey ahead. (Thank you to our wonderful catering team!) After a quick pit stop for the toilet we boarded the coaches and set off on our adventure. The children enjoyed the coach ride and we spotted lots of wonderful landmarks along the way – Windsor Castle, Harrods and Trafalgar square to name but a few. We arrived in plenty of time to get the children toileted and seated, with a snack and drink in hand ready for the first act.

As soon as the music and singing started the children were mesmerised! "Giraffes!" said Teddy (Yr R)

We all had a drink and ate our tea during the interval, as well as the obligatory toilet stop and sat down ready for the final act. Timone and Pumba were a big hit and lots of children could be heard giggling at their jokes (as well as Rafiki's bottom). The children loved clapping loudly at all the characters at the end of the performance after sitting so well during the show and we all rehydrated and had another toilet stop before heading on our next adventure – the walk back to the coach!

When we came out of the theatre the children were surprised that it was dark and were delighted to see some funky pedal bikes waiting for passengers parked up nearby, all brightly coloured and playing music! We boarded the coach and headed home and took the opportunity (while sitting in lots of traffic) to marvel at the wonderful lights that now adorned the beautiful buildings in our city.

We feel privileged to have shared this special time with your children and hope it has created many special memories for them.

Requests and Reminders

We wanted to remind you all that our school gates closes at 8:55am. We have had an increasing number of children arriving after registration recently, please do try to be prompt – despite the chilly mornings!

We have also seen a rise in the number of late collections of children (mostly due to the ever increasing amount of emergency traffic lights popping up around Burghfield!), but if we could remind parents that our school (YR-Y2) finishes at 3:25pm and our nurseries both close at 3:30pm. We do understand that very occasionally you cannot help being a little late, but if you do find that to be the case, please call ahead and let us know. We can then reassure your child as they can get upset when they are the last one left in class.

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 –

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 we have continued with our topic 'How buildings stay up' and have been practising our balancing skills while trying to 'stay up' on the balance beam in the garden. We tried using our arms to help us balance.

We have re-read the story of 'The Three Billy Goat's Gruff'.

We have practised our nursery rhymes and have worked on our days of the week (sung in time to The Addams Family Theme tune). See if they can remember it for you!

We have also used singing to help us with our ABC's and 123's – keep practising!

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns we have been learning the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.

The children have enjoyed acting out the story in their small world tray.

Outside in our garden area the children worked together to build a long bridge to travel across and avoid the troll!

In maths we have been recognising our numbers to 5 and learning that the total number doesn't change if you move the objects around that you are counting.

In our science lesson we were testing different materials to build a bridge to see which was the strongest. We found that paper and plastic do not make a very good bridge.

In outdoor learning we did some weeding and digging in our raised gardening area ready for planting after half term. We also practised our fire safety rules ready for next week's fire circle.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In phonics this week, we have recapped all the sounds so far and all our phase 2 and phase 3 tricky words.

In literacy, we have learnt and adapted the story of the Gingerbread man. We also did some writing and drawing about our Lion King experience.

In maths, we have been learning about one more and one less within 10.

We have tasted Chinese foods in preparation for our work on Chinese New Year.

The children in Reception were fantastic on our Lion King trip, they behaved amazingly, coped really well with the long journey and walking to get the bus. We are very proud of them.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

In Year One this week we have continued our theme of fairy-tales but now we are reading 'The Three Little Pigs'. We have also been learning about adjectives, what they are and how we can use them in our writing. Can your child re-tell the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' at home and act out the different parts?

For Maths this week, we are continuing our theme of number by using our number line for estimating, comparing numbers as well as ordering numbers. We also have a focus at the start of each lesson of writing numbers and making sure we are forming them correctly, as well as recording them onto squared paper neatly.

This week we had our Lion King Theatre visit to London. It was so exciting and the children had an amazing time. The next day the children were still full of excitement about their trip and wrote some fantastic sentences about what we saw and what we enjoyed during the show.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

Wow what an incredible week we have had in Year 2!

I'm sure we are all exhausted after our amazing trip to London to watch The Lion King in Theatre! Year 2 really made their teachers feel proud with how well they behaved and how smartly they represented Mrs Blands School. We had such a great time and it has been lovely hearing the children's favourite characters and costumes from the show.

In English, we are starting to learn about Diary Entries and we have been looking at ones written by Roald Dahl. Next week we will be writing our own diary from George's perspective. We can write all about the process and making of Grandma's nasty medicine!

In Maths this week, we have finished our shape topic and have been looking at shape patterns. The children have all worked so hard on this topic and it has really shown throughout their work. Just because we've finished the topic doesn't mean you should stop talking about shapes - see if you can ask your child to spot any 3D shapes around the house!

Reading is so important for us at Mrs Blands and we love to hear the children read as much as we can. To allow the children to keep progressing and moving forward with their reading we would love for them to be able to be read even more! So, we are asking if there are any parents/guardians/grandparents of Year 2 children who are available for an hour a day, half a day a week or more to be able to come in and hear our fantastic Year 2 children read! If you are able to do this, please let their class teacher know as well as contacting the office. This would be amazing - thank you in advance!

Have a lovely weekend - from the Year 2 Team 😊



Bumblebees were very excited to talk and share about our school trip to see the Lion King, it was an amazing experience for all.

We have started thinking about and discussing Chinese New Year and will be making a dragon display for 2024 as well as working on some Chinese crafts.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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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>

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.

