

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 3rd July
Sports day – school

Friday 5th July
Birch Class to visit QMC
Basingstoke

Monday 8th July
Oliver Twist themed
learning week

Wednesday 10th July
Oliver Twist Theatre
Performance (in school)

Friday 12th July
Summer Fayre 3.30pm-
5.00pm

Wednesday 17th July
Open Afternoon

Friday 19th July
Year 2 leaver's event –
cinema trip

Tuesday 23rd July
Year 2 leaver's assembly

End of Summer Term 2 at
1.45pm

School News

We have had a fantastic week at Mrs Bland's!

The office staff have been treated to the sounds of the Year 2 Leavers performance, and can say wholeheartedly that the songs are coming along nicely! It's going to be amazing!

Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit to Bristol Aquarium and The Matthew ship. The weather was very kind and the children had a ball! Thank you so much to our parent volunteers, we are very grateful for your support.

Cherry Class had their visit to Queen Mary's College and learned lots of new things and had a chance to do some Science experiments in a specially designed laboratory! Very exciting! Birch Class are eagerly awaiting their turn on Friday 5th July. Thank you to QMC and AWE for the opportunity.

Finally the PTA held their Beech Class cake sale on Friday after school. Thank you to everyone that bought in/purchased some cakes.

Transition/Move up day

A reminder that next Monday and Tuesday will be our transition days. Year 2 will visit Garland all day on Monday (9am-3pm) and Tuesday afternoon whilst the rest of Mrs Bland's will spend time in their classes ready for another year with us.

Eco News

Thank you so much for your donations last week with the ice lolly sale. We raised £100 so thank you for your support. We have had a kind donation from a parent to pay for the cost of the ice lollies so this means that all money raised can go to buying the Zero waste bags to help us recycle our stationery. We are able to buy 2 large bags and 2 small bags with this amount.

Thank you to Mrs Pettifer and the Eco champions

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 we have been reading 'Pirates Love Underpants' and 'The Singing Mermaid'. We have been continuing to learn our new rhyme of the term 'A Sailor went to Sea' and have talked about pirates and mermaids.

In our group times we have been talking about why we need water, and what we need water for. We have also been learning about 2D shapes.

In our craft area we have been using junk modelling to make boats, treasure chests and telescopes.

Outside in the garden the children have been continuing to enjoy lots of different water play and have been practising our balancing skills.

Acorns Class

This week in Acorns we have been reading the story of 'How to Catch a Rainbow'. We explored our garden area to find the different colours of the rainbow... blue was very tricky to find! We worked together to make a collage of a rainbow and we remembered the order of the colours.

In maths we have been colour matching. We used tweezers to pick up the different coloured objects and place them in the right coloured bowls.

We were very proud of all the children that attended sports day. It was a very hot day but we think the children were all amazing! Thank you for coming to cheer us on.

On Wednesday we had lunch in the hall again. The children are becoming more familiar with the adult lunch carers and even carried their own trays!

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in phonics we have been revising the trigraphs; ear, air, ure and spelling phase 2, 3, 4 tricky words. We have been spotting the digraphs/trigraphs in the words first before we then blend the sounds together to read them.

In Literacy we have read 'The Rainbow Fish' and used this to write descriptive sentences about our watercolour fish and have talked about what makes a good friend linked to PSED.

In Maths we have continued to use positional language but linked it to Geography and mapping skills.

In Design Technology we have learnt how to make levers and used these to make moving sea creatures.

In Science we looked at different materials and predicted if they would float or sink. We then used what we had learnt to help us make boats.

We will send PE kits home on Friday. Please can you keep PE kits at home so they can be worn into school on Wednesday - UNLESS your child has football club on Tuesday.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

What a sunny week!

This week in Science we have been exploring more about seasons and the weather. The children really enjoyed going on a summer hunt around the school grounds, looking for signs of summer from insects, to flowers, to dry grass.

The sunshine has brought us lots of fun outside but due to the extreme heat on Wednesday we couldn't continue with our fire lighting skills or toast the marshmallows we planned. Instead, we spent some time outdoors having fun and then ate our marshmallows uncooked inside.

On Friday, Cherry class went to Queen Mary's College in Basingstoke. They did lots of exciting experiments which Birch class look forward to doing next week!

In Maths this week we have been looking at bigger numbers and how to find missing numbers and how to count bigger quantities. We have been using practical resources to help us like base 10. Next, we looked at the place value of numbers 50-100 and then we partitioned those numbers.

We are collecting for the rainbow tombola, Cherry class are collecting **green** items and Birch class are **blue** items. Please keep bringing them in, every little helps!

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

What a fabulous hot week we've had.

We had our amazing trip to Bristol on Wednesday and the children seemed to absolutely love it. We started the day early - well done for waking up early everyone! After getting our bags ready and preparing everything at school, we set off on our coach for our long road trip to Bristol. It was a warm journey but everyone was so well behaved and sensible - well done Year 2! When we arrived we put our things away and Hazel class went off to The Matthew whilst Rowan class had their guided tour around Bristol Aquarium. We then got together to have some lunch and of course sing happy birthday to Mr Brown! After lunch, it was time to swap around and Hazel class walked around the aquarium whilst Rowan class went off to set sail on The Matthew. It was an amazing day, albeit it very HOT, but at least it wasn't raining! Year 2 were super and we were really proud of them for showing the people of Bristol how incredible the children are at Mrs Bland's.

In English this week we have writing a postcard and a recount about our school trip. The postcard was so much fun because we got to write about all of our favourite things from the trip and obviously a postcard isn't complete without a beautiful picture on the front of it. We are always working on our handwriting and presentation and this is a particular focus with Year 3 approaching around the corner - and I'm sure it will come around very quickly.

In Maths, we have been learning about statistics and have started looking at tallies and tables to represent data. We have collected our own data by asking the children in our class about their favourite sports, animals or colour. We then worked out what the favourite animal/sport/colour was and found the difference between the least popular and most popular. When we looked at tables, we not only read the tables but we also filled in our own tables of data.



We have enjoyed playing outside in the warm weather and have played lots of basketball and tennis!

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Breakfast Star



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.

