



# BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



## MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

This week has seen the official start of Spring, we have certainly noticed the signs around school. It was also Nowruz, the first day of the Iranian new year!

We have some exciting news to share, we have officially been given the go-ahead for our current extended school mobiles to be replaced with a permanent brick built 3-classroom building. The work will begin at the end of June. Obviously, this will take some time to complete and we will give you further information as to how we will continue to run our extended school provision in the near future.

As well as this, our music mobile will also be removed. Our aim will be to raise funds to purchase a new music facility in the same space.



## Last Day of Term - Early Finish

On the last day of term, **Thursday 28th March**, the children will finish at 2.30pm.

If your child(ren) will attend Extended School on this day, please be aware that it will run from 2.30pm until 5.00pm.

## Team Theme

Team Theme will once again be running their popular holiday camp during the Easter break. For more information and to book click [here](#)

**Happy, healthy Holiday Camps**

We've got them covered, so if you're 4-14 join us! From fun-filled, action-packed activities, to creative crafting, to outdoor adventuring - our camps have it all.

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Multi-sports · Arts & Crafts · Forest School · Ultimate Nerf · Zorbing · Theme Days · Fruit Snack

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## REMINDERS

### *Parent Consultation Evenings*

Parents' evening will be held on **Tuesday 23rd April** and **Thursday 25th April 2024**. Appointments for parent consultations will go live on **Tuesday 26th March** and will be booked through the Parents Booking app.

### *Clubs*

Please be aware that next week, week commencing Monday 25th March, there will be **no** Drama Club, Golf Club or Drawing & Colouring Club.

Please be aware that the week commencing Monday 22nd April all Internal clubs will not run due to Parent Consultations. However Girls Football and Team Theme will still continue that week. Thank you

### *Braiswick School Photos*

Braiswick will be visiting the School on **Monday 25th March**, to take Individual, Family Groups and Class photographs. You are welcome to bring along siblings who **do not** attend Blean School to have a family group photograph. Should you wish to do this, please come to the school office between 8.30am and 9.00am. Please do not come at this time if all your children are already attending Blean School as they will have their sibling photo together later.

Please ensure your child has a school sweatshirt/cardigan with them. No stripy/brightly coloured socks please.

### *Parking*

We have had reports from local residents that driveways are being blocked and parked on during drop off and collection times. Please may we remind you to park in marked bays outside the school or in The Oaks car park and to turn off your engines whilst you wait. Thank you.

### *Tea & Topics 26th March*

We would like to invite you to a Tea and Topics to share with you how we support early writing in EYFS and writing in KS1. This will take place on **Tuesday 26th March from 2.15 to 3.15pm**. This event will be held in person and virtually via Teams. To book onto this session, please complete the form on your Reach More Parents App by **Friday 22nd March**. Links to join the meeting will then be sent by **Monday 25th March**. Thank you, Mrs Watson, Miss Bransfield and Mrs Prior

### *Year 6 - Activities Week*

This is a reminder that full payment for the Year 6 Activities Week is due by the **30th April 2024**. This can be paid in installments. You can pay via the Reach More Parents App, under payments and offers. Thank you.





## *PTFA Quiz Night*

Come and join the PTFA for an evening of fun and quizzing to help raise money for a brand new music room for the children. The evening will be hosted by a celebrity local Quizmaster! Each table can hold 8 people, so do get a group together yourself or buy individual tickets and we will create the table for you. Keep an eye out for the booking form and how to pay next week. We look forward to seeing you there! Please email [ptfa@blean.kent.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@blean.kent.sch.uk) if you have any questions.



## *Term 5 Clubs*

We still have spaces in the following clubs for term 5:

- Cricket – Years – Y-6 – Monday after school from 3.25pm – 4.30pm
- KS2 Choir – Years 3-6 – Monday after school from 3.25pm – 4.15pm
- Rounders – Years 5 & 6 – Tuesday after school from 3.25pm – 4.15pm

If you would like to sign your child up for this club, please email [enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@blean.kent.sch.uk)

## *New Dinner Menu - CH & CO*

Please click [here](#) to see the new school dinner menu for terms 5 and 6. They will run on a 3 week rota. When we come back on Monday 15th April, this will be Week 1. If you have any problems with ordering meals, please email [schoolmealordering@chandcogroup.com](mailto:schoolmealordering@chandcogroup.com).

## *Year 4 & 5 Girls Football*

On Tuesday 19th March, our Year 4/5 Girls Football team travelled to Kent College for a friendly match. The girls played together well and worked incredibly hard. It was a very even game with one goal conceded, the final score, 1-0 to Kent College - a great effort all round.







## Wellbeing

The [Wellbeing tab](#) on our school website provides information about how we support your child's wellbeing and mental health.

Can we also draw your attention to the [Hub of Hope](#) which will take you to a comprehensive directory of local agencies which can support a whole array of different aspects of your child's wellbeing.

One aspect of children's mental health which can cause concern is anxiety. Some useful information about this topic can be found by clicking [here](#).

As always, if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please do speak to us here at school.

## EYFS Beach Trip

Year R had a fantastic morning on the trip to Whitstable beach on Monday. The sun shone and the sea stayed calm, meaning the perfect setting for our beach clean and ecology 'walk and talk'. The children enjoyed using the litter pickers to collect rubbish and we were amazed at all the litter they found. What a fantastic job they did. They collected nearly 2 full bags of plastic, wire, rope and other objects. The children were proud of what they collected and were able to relate what they were doing to all the learning we have done around the dangers of plastic in the sea. We also met a seashore expert called Tom, who helped the children to find various living creatures on the seashore. He gave them a short talk to share his knowledge of their finds and was surprised by the children's outstanding knowledge of sea animals and how they can look after the sea. The children also enjoyed the coach trip and finally the picnic lunch back at school.



## Year 3 Parent Share

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week Year 3 enjoyed a Parent share with Mr Dutch as part of our outdoor learning. We used sticks, bungee cords and twine to create Shadufs to transport water from one place to another. We were able to share our Geography learning about the Nile, as well as our understanding of how to create strong structures which we have been learning about in DT.

We had a fantastic time and we want to say a very big thank you to Mr Dutch who allowed us to use Forest School and all of his lovely resources.





# CUP WINNERS

## This week's Cup Winners are...

- Oliver** - Gracie for a really super effort learning her sounds in phonics.
- Holland** - Roisin for wonderful reading and writing.
- Tajiri** - Lochlan for a fantastic newspaper report.
- Knightley** - Jack for his fantastic newspaper report on Alexander Graham Bell and his invention of the telephone.
- Wiltshire** - Tommy for his hard work writing and creating.
- Disney** - Aden for making links with numbers.
- Underwood** - Amy for her amazing suspense story using the 'show, don't tell' approach.
- Jordan** - Henry for creativity and resilience when building Shadufs in DT.
- Aderin-Pocock** - Teo for writing a great diary entry with lots of fantastic adjectives and fronted adverbials.
- Watson** - Robyn for her hard work and fantastic ideas in English.
- Bloom** - Niamh for excellent work in STEM week.
- Radcliffe** - Benjamin for being such a responsible learner.
- Phelps** - Adrian for great participation in STEM week and to the whole class for a great Red Nose Day fair.
- Spielberg** - Lidia for the great pride she always puts in to the presentation of all her learning.

We are pleased to inform you that this week's attendance winners are...

**Year 3**  
**96.9%**

We are pleased to inform you that this week's attendance House winners are...

**Chestnut**  
**96.5%**

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For future events and term dates please [click here](#) to see the School Calendar on our Website.

<b>Term 4</b>	<b>20.02.2024 - 28.03.2024</b>	<b>Forest School Dates</b>
Braiswick School Photos	25.03.2024	<b>Holland:</b> 26.03.2024
EYFS & KS1 Tea & Topics	26.03.2024	<b>Tajiri:</b> 28.03.2024
<b>End of Term 4 - 14:30pm Finish</b>	<b>28.03.2024</b>	<b>Disney:</b> 27.03.2024
<b>First Day of Term 5</b>	<b>15.04.2024</b>	
Parents' Evening	23.04.2024	
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PTFA Non-Bottle Collection	07.06.2024	<b>Inset Days 2023/2024</b>
PTFA Bottle Collection	17.06.2024	24.05.2024
Summer Fair	22.06.2024	<b>Inset Days 2024/2025</b>
		02.09.2024 21.07.2025
		25.10.2024 22.07.2025
		24.02.2025