



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Happy Red Nose Day! It was great to see so many children dress up in red. This year, we are asking you to donate directly to Comic Relief. Please donate if you can by <u>clicking here.</u>

It has been a busy week at Blean Primary School as it has been STEM week. STEM stands for Science Technology, Engineering and Maths and we have been particularly focussing on these throughout the school. As part of this, we have had people from our community to talk about their work related to STEM. A huge thank you to all those who took part.



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 <u>here</u>



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Parents' 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. More details will go out closer to the time.

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.

Parent Share Afternoons

Can we please remind you that if you would like to attend your child's Parent Share can you please complete the relevant form listed below:

Year 1 Tuesday 19th March, starting at 1:30pm Jordan Class Tuesday 19th March, starting at 2pm Underwood Class Wednesday 20th March, starting at 2pm You can find the forms on your Reach More Parents App. Thank you

Tea & Topics 21st March

Following the popularity of the Tea & Topics session on Phonics and Early Reading in Term 1, Miss Satterley and Mrs Watson will be holding an additional session on **Thursday 21st March at 2:00pm**. This session is the same as the one held in October so if you have already attended in the past, there is no need to attend again. 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 **Monday 18th March**. Links to join the meeting will then be sent by Wednesday 20th March.

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, Mrs 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.

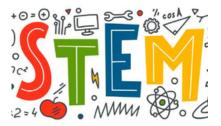
Water bottles

We've noticed a number of children are coming to school without a water bottle. Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle. School water bottles can be purchased at the School Office.



STEM Week

This week at Blean we have been celebrating STEM. Many classes took part in a Maths challenge. This was linked to passing a ball around a circle and timing it. Some classes decided to see how quickly they could pass each ball while others tried to pass the ball to everyone and complete the circle in one minute exactly. There have been lots of other exciting learning opportunities linked to science, maths or technology some of which included pendulum investigations, rocket mice and Rosie Revere's Engineering dream.



Thank you so much to all of the parents who have come to visit our different classes this week to share their STEM careers with our children. A huge thank you to Mrs Lions who led our Key Stage 2 assembly this week: the children were fascinated by the way that decisions were made about what supermarket shelves look like – they asked lots of different and interesting questions. We hope the children enjoyed the week and learned lots more about STEM.

School Disco

We would like to thank the PTFA, parent helpers and DJ Rowden for making our school discos such a great success. We raised an amazing £1410 which will go towards filling our beautiful new library with books.

Achievment

Jessica took part in Startpower - an international dance competition last weekend. She won two gold medals, a third place overall in her age category and four scholarships - two to Orlando and two to New York. Well done Jessica - we are all really proud of your achievements.





CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

Oliver - Ali for super focus and progress in phonics. Holland - Charles for working hard to improve his writing. Tajiri - Chloe for wonderful poetry. Knightley - Benson for collaborating in our 'Knightley Class Bee' and working well within a team. Wiltshire - Jaxon for excellent contributions in guided reading. **Disney** - Rebecca for always demonstrating the Blean Bees. Underwood - Otto for always following all our Blean Bees and being a great role model. **lordan** - Zack for his determination and hard work in Maths. Aderin-Pocock - Leo for always being enthusiastic in lessons. Watson - Jensen for trying to understand fractions in Maths. Bloom - Jessica for excellent creation of The White Rabbit as part of World Book Day. Radcliffe - Noah for always working hard and trying his best. Phelps - Ravi for improving focus on learning. **Spielberg** - George for greater confidence in Maths.

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

> Year 4 97.5%

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

> Maple 94.1%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For future events and term dates please **<u>click here</u>** to see the School Calendar on our Website.

Term 4	20.02.2024 - 28.03.2024	Forest School Dates
EYFS Whitstable Beach Trip	18.03.2024	Oliver : 19.03.2024
Y1 Parent Share	19.03.2024	Holland: 26.03.2024
Jordan Class Parent Share	19.03.2024	Knightley: 21.03.2024
Underwood Class Parent Share	20.03.2024	Tajiri: 28.03.2024
EYFS Tea & Topics	21.03.2024	Wiltshire: 22.03.2024
Braiswick School Photos	25.03.2024	Disney : 27.03.2024
EYFS & KS1 Tea & Topics	26.03.2024	
End of Term 4 - 14:30pm Finish	28.03.2024	Inset Days 2023/2024
First Day of Term 5	15.04.2024	24.05.2024
Parents' Evening	23.04.2024	Inset Days 2024/2025
Parents' Evening	25.04.2024	02.09.2024 21.07.2025
		25.10.2024 22.07.2025
		24.02.2025