



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

Take a look at our little visitor! Early one morning this week, Mr O'Shea, our Site Manager was doing his morning grounds check when he saw this albino squirrel up one of our trees. They are extremely rare and it stayed round long enough for Mr O'Shea to take this delightful picture. A couple of years ago we had two baby albino squirrels (which are actually called kits or kittens) but we have not seen them since then. I wonder if this is one of the kits we had back then? Next time you are walking in the school grounds don't forget to look up into the trees and you never know, you might just see our new little friend!



Donations Needed

We are in need of miniature toys and objects for Sand Play sessions as part of the wellbeing support for our pupils.

- People: domestic, military, fantasy, mythological
- Buildings and structures: houses, schools, churches, castles, bridges, fences
- Animals: prehistoric, zoo, farm, marine
- Vehicles: land, air, water, space, military
- Vegetation: trees, shrubs, plants, flowers
- Symbolic Objects: Wishing wells, treasure chests, trophies, jewels, goblets

We are also looking for toys and dressing up clothes for our new activity 'zones' during KS1 playtimes

- Megablocks
- K'nex
- Dressing up costumes suitable for ages 5-7 with theme of 'people who help us' (doctors, police officers, firefighters etc)

Any donations would be greatly appreciated! Please bring any donations to the School Office

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REMINDERS

Reception Intake September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 they will be due to start school next September. Please go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions for further information or email: primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 412121. **The online application process opens on 5th November 2024 and closes on 15th January 2025.**

We are pleased to announce we will be holding tours on the following dates:

Thursday 7th November 1.30pm **FULL**

Tuesday 12th November 1.30pm **FULL**

Thursday 14th November 1.30pm **FULL**

Wednesday 20th November 9.15am **FULL**

Friday 22nd November 1.30pm **FULL**

Tuesday 3rd December 9.15am

Thursday 9th January 9.15am

To book a place on one of our tours, please contact the school office on **01227 471254**, Option 5, or email office@blean.kent.sch.uk. If you have a sibling due to start school next September, please could you email the school office if you intend to apply for a place at Blean, even if you do not intend to join one of our tours.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening will be held on **Tuesday 22nd October** and **Thursday 24th October 2024**. Appointments for parent consultations are now live and available to book through the Reach More Parents app.

Daytime Appointments

Please can we ask parents/carers that if your child has an appointment during the day, which means they are going to be late for school, can you ensure that you log in to your [CH&Co account](#) and pre-book your child's main meal for that day. Thank you.

Y5 Parent Share

The Year 5 Parent Share will be on **Wednesday 16th October 2024**. There will be 2 time slots available where you can visit. They will be: 1.30pm - 2.00pm & 2.30pm - 3.00pm. Please complete [this form](#) to confirm your attendance along with the number of people who will be attending.

Y3 Trip to Dover Museum

As part of next term's learning about 'The Stone Age, Bronze and Iron Ages', we have planned a Year 3 trip for Amos and Kariko classes to Dover Museum on Tuesday 5th November.

Please may we remind you that the payment for the Year 3 trip to Dover is due on **Thursday 24th October**. The payment will be available on your Reach More Parents App. The payment will appear in 'offers', once you have clicked payments.



Reception - Braiswick Photo Orders Deadline

The deadline to order your child's individual and class photo is **Tuesday 15th October**. Please ensure that if you wish to order, that it is done so by the above date. May we also remind you that we ask for the class photo not to be shared on social media. Thank you.

Cross Country

Kent College are running Cross Country events once again this season at their Junior School. The upcoming event is:

Saturday 23rd November

All members of Blean School are invited to attend these events. You can sign up on the day and refreshments are served throughout the afternoon. All Runners need to sign in at the tables when you arrive and receive a number. You can then come to me for a running top. I really hope to see my dedicated runners and some new faces at these events this year. Thanks for all your support, Miss Irons.



Mental Health Awareness

Yesterday was World Mental Health Day which gives an opportunity for all of us to think about the importance of our own mental health, both as an adult and as a parent. At school, your child's wellbeing is very important to us and we encourage everyone to find a way to share and talk about how they are feeling. **[This resource](#)** offers lots of helpful advice for you as parents should you need support with your child's mental health. Remember, the adults at school are all here to support both you and your child should you need any help - **please just ask**.

Year 1 Beaney Museum Visit

Last Friday, Year One had a visit from the Beaney Museum. We had a look and got to explore lots of different Victorian toys, some of them we still play with now! We saw a Victorian doll called Lily and had a go at making our own clay marbles.



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Jemison - Remy** for always being ready to help.
- Yassin - Oliver** for trying so hard to write his letters.
- Peake - Jana** for building her confidence to sound.
- Singh - Ariya** for always being a kind and caring member of Singh class.
- Imafidon - Rukamba** for always being a respectful learner, putting 100% effort in to everything and always sharing thoughtful ideas.
- West - Albert** for making links in Maths.
- Kariko - Holden** for fantastic use of adverbs and time conjunctions when writing a diary entry.
- Amos - Lydia** for her amazing ambitious vocabulary in her writing about Stone Age Boy.
- Agrawal - Zayan** for excellent learning behaviour.
- Marhaver - Isaac** for some really thoughtful, emotive writing about Walter Tull and his experience.
- Johnson - Benjamin** for being curious – exploring forces in Science.
- Packham - Alexandra** for performing and recording an accurate scientific experiment.
- Mace - Ella** for great recording of her thoughts in R.E.
- Seagull - Gus** for his focus and effort towards all his learning.

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

Year 6 & 2
98.2%

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

Beech
98.5%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

For term dates please [click here](#).

Term 1	02.09.2024 - 25.10.2024		
Year 5 Parent Share	16.10.2024	Inset Days 2024/25	Forest School Dates
Kent Test Results Day	17.10.2024		
Year 1 Parent Share	18.10.2024	25.10.2024	Amos: 14th Oct
Parents' Evening	22.10.2024	21.07.2025	Kariko: 21st Oct
Parents' Evening	24.10.2024	22.07.2025	Marhaver: 15th Oct
Inset Day - School Closed	25.10.2024	24.02.2025	Agrawal: 22nd Oct
Half Term - School Closed	28.10.2024 - 03.11.2024		Packham: 17th Oct
Closing Date for Secondary School Applications	31.10.2024		Johnson: 24th Oct
First Day of Term 2	04.11.2024		Mace: 16th Oct
Year 6 Parent Share	04.11.2024		Seagull: 24th Oct
Year 3 Trip to Dover Museum	05.11.2024		