



BLEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM MR ROWDEN

A huge well done to all our Year 6 pupils who took part in this year's SATs. They really did their very best and members of staff who were involved stated how proud they were of them.

You might be aware that it is Mental Health Awareness Week this week. We have been wearing an item of green clothing today to mark the event. In school we are always identifying and supporting your children when it is needed. Each class has a worry box for pupils to write a worry. This will be looked at and responded to immediately. We have a Drawing and Talking practitioner and an Emotional Literacy practitioner on site to support pupils who might need a little more help. To find out more information on improving mental health, please click [here](#).



Finally, we have been notified of a new app called Wizz which is a chat room that children are able to access. This app has very little safety systems in place and therefore can be potentially dangerous for young children to use. Please read the [information](#) on this app to ensure you are keeping your child/ren safe.

Team Theme - Sports Holiday Camp

Team Theme will be running a Sports Holiday Camp in the May Half Term. Please follow the [link](#) for more information and to sign up.



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REMINDERS

Last Day of Term & First Day Back

This is a reminder that the last day of term is **Thursday 23rd May**. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on **Monday 3rd June**. Thank you.

Year 1 - International Bee Day

On Monday 20th May, the children in Year 1 are invited to come to school dressed as bees for International Bee Day. This is all to do with their learning about Gardens this term. If the children wish to dress up, they can come into school in a bee costume or yellow and black clothing.

Year 4 - Go Ape Trip

This is a reminder that payment for the Year 4 Go Ape trip is due by **Monday 3rd June**. You can pay via the Reach More Parents App under payments and offers. Thank you.

Year 5 - Secondary School Open Days

Secondary schools are beginning to hold open days and taster events for Year 5 children. We will share any information with year 5 parents/carers via the Reach More Parents app – please keep an eye on your newsfeed!

Open Athletics Events at Kent College Junior School

The Open Athletics Events will be on the following dates:

Fri 7th June - 4:45pm first race (usually very busy – arrive especially early or walk/cycle)

Sat 15th June - 10am first race

There will be the following events where children can do as many or little as they wish:

- 60m, 100yds, 200m and 600m running races
- Long Jump Turbo Javelin

There are also mixed field and running events for EYFS pupils and their younger siblings.

Please arrive early as parking can be difficult (please park safely and legally), sign in for a number then see Miss Irons for a Blean running top. Looking forward to seeing you there. Miss Irons

Vacancy - Road Crossing Patrol

We currently have a vacancy for a Road Crossing Patrol. If you would like more information about this position, or to apply, please click [here](#) to visit the Recruitment Hub website. Please be aware this position is with Kent County Council and all enquiries should be directed to them. Thank you.



Summer Fair

We are hosting our annual Summer Fair on **Saturday 22nd June**. This year, we have live music, a BBQ, fun games to play, a raffle, sweets, drinks and, (for the adults ONLY I'm afraid) a bar! Please put the date in your diary and join us for lots and fun and to help raise money for the school.

Non-Bottle Donations

We will be collecting all non-bottle donations for our Summer Fair on **Friday 7th June**. Examples include: new/unused children's toys and books, adult gifts for men and women, chocolates or confectionery. No other food items and please ensure donations do not contain nuts.

Bottle Donations

We will be collecting bottle donations on **Friday 14th June**. Please donate any bottled items such as alcohol or bubble bath.

We need your help!

The school has very kindly been donated a shed and we are looking for someone with a large van to help us transport the shed from Whitstable. If you think you might be able to help or have any questions, please contact the school office. We would be grateful for your help. Thank you.

Pupil Premium

Have you considered whether your family may qualify for Pupil Premium Funding? This funding is used for extra staff to support your child, extra opportunities for them to access a wider curriculum and resources to support and enhance their learning. This would make a drastic difference to our budget. If this extra funding went unclaimed, it could result in a missed opportunity for your child to receive the very best experiences at school that we can offer.

Your child might be eligible if they have been registered for free school meals any time in the last 6 years or if you have access to: Income Support, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400). Please click [here](#) to see further information on the criteria.

You are able to register yourself or check to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals and therefore Pupil Premium, by following this [link](#). It takes roughly 2 minutes to apply and you just need your National Insurance number. If your application is successful, the school will be notified and your child should start receiving their free school meal within 24 hours.

If you have any further questions, or you would like the school to confidentially apply on your behalf, please do not hesitate to contact the [School Office](#).



Year 4 Forest School



We went to Forest School this week with Mr Dutch to build Anglo-Saxon roundhouses. We spoke about the structure of roundhouses and how they were used in Anglo-Saxon times. We then spent some time gathering materials and then building the houses using a range of skills such as weaving.

Year 6 Walk for Water



Well done to our amazing Year 6 children for raising an incredible £1044 for Walk for Water. What a fantastic achievement for a very good cause!

Car Engines

If you are using university car park please ensure you turn off your car engines whilst waiting to collect your children in order for us to do our bit for the environment.

Golf Competition



Golf Club had an exciting day representing the school at Canterbury Academy. They have been working with England Golf Community golf instructor, Tom Paterson, every week. They worked so well as a team at the competition, securing first place. We are all so proud of them. Thank you to Miss Cameron and Tom Paterson for taking us.

Book Fair

The scholastic travelling book fair will be back in June from **Wednesday 12th - Tuesday 18th June**. This time ALL books are on a 3 for 2 offer with the cheapest book being completely FREE in any one transaction! Books will be on sale after school in the school hall from 3.25-4pm. As a school, we get a percentage of the sales to spend on books for the children and recently we have purchased £800 worth of books for the new library from the commission of previous sales - so a huge thank you for supporting our book fairs! We look forward to seeing you there!



CUP WINNERS

This week's Cup Winners are...

- Oliver** - Zara for excellent contributions to our learning about mini beasts.
- Holland** - Janan for working so hard in her phonics group to blend new words.
- Tajiri** - Amelie for her curiosity.
- Knightley** - Gabby for a fantastic piece of writing in English.
- Wiltshire** - Oliver for being a wonderfully curious scientist who generously shares knowledge with his class and teachers.
- Disney** - Maxim for improvement in his reading.
- Underwood** - Leela for an amazing new chapter of our class book with excellent vocabulary choices.
- Jordan** - Alexia for always showing a positive attitude to learning.
- Aderin-Pocock** - Sebastian for always giving thought-provoking answers in class discussions and to Sammy for showing kindness and compassion to everyone.
- Watson** - Sophia for a thoughtful, beautifully written character description.
- Bloom** - Sophia for amazing resilience and sportsmanship.
- Radcliffe** - Rupert for an excellent diary entry in role.
- Phelps** - Bobby for focus and attention in Maths.
- Spielberg** - Holly for always trying her best with her learning and taking pride in her presentation.

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

Year 2

98.8%

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

Maple

97.4%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Term 5	15.04.2024 - 23.05.2024	Inset Days 2023/2024
Year 6 Activities Week	20.05.2024 - 23.05.2024	24.05.2024
Year 1 - Bee Dress Up Day	20.06.2024	
EYFS Parent Share	23.06.2024	Inset Days 2024/2025
End of Term 5	23.05.2024	02.09.2024
Inset Day - School Closed	24.05.2024	25.10.2024
Term 6 Begins	03.06.2024	24.02.2025
PTFA Non-Bottle Collection	07.06.2024	21.07.2025
Non School Uniform Day	07.06.2024	22.07.2025
Book Fair	12.06.2024 - 18.06.2024	
PTFA Bottle Collection	14.06.2024	
Non School Uniform Day	14.06.2024	
Summer Fair	22.06.2024	
Sports Day	26.06.2024	