



Bear News



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Purple Mash

The school is currently using a piece of software called Purple Mash to deliver its computing requirements. The children have their own logins and teachers are using this from time to time to set homework. If your child has difficulty in accessing this software for any reason, please see the link below. If issues persist, please notify the class teacher. If your child does not have access to a computer, again please speak to your class teacher so that the school can make alternative arrangements for your child. This link should help with any technical issues you may be having.



<https://www.2simple.com/au/purple-mash-support>

Staffing

I'm sure parents will want to join me in saying a big thank you and farewell to Miss Turner in Argentina Class who is moving on to new challenges. The school would like to thank Miss Turner for all her hard work this year. I'd also like to take this opportunity in welcoming Miss Bindra who will be the new class teacher.

Children being collected for parental appointments

There has been a growing number of children taken out of school as a result of a parent having an appointment and removing children in the afternoon to attend. Whilst we appreciate that occasionally this can't be avoided, in the case of an emergency, we would like to encourage parents to make every effort to either move appointments later on in the day or make alternative arrangements for your child to be collected.

Highlighting some changes

A new way of feeding back to pupils on their written work has been developed recently. Green highlighter is good, meaning an objective has been achieved, and pink highlighter stands for think, meaning more work is required to achieve an objective. This is helping children understand what they are achieving and what their next steps are. Please look out for this in the children's writing books next week at parents' evening.



Cricket coaching

Children in Argentina and Kenya Class have been enjoying cricket coaching this term during PE lessons which has helped to hone their skills tremendously. Year 6 will be applying all they have learnt at the annual Quick Cricket contest at the end of the year, with hopefully some silverware on the return trip.

Year 5 Sayers Craft Trip

Congratulations to Maldives Class for their successful two day residential trip to Sayers Croft recently. The children experienced a broad range of teambuilding and Geography based learning activities. Although clearly challenged at times, all the children excelled and surprised staff with their determination, resilience and sense of comradery. Amongst the highlights must be Robbie leading the way on the high ropes, the children getting *covered* in mud on the blindfold trail and the class wellie walk along the stream. The sound of squelching could be heard for miles as the children walked back to the dormitories. A display will soon be up in the corridor to help capture the children's experiences.

Farmer Dell

Our Reception class have been busy learning about growing vegetables this term. They have planted beans, peeled carrots and learnt what equipment is needed to harvest. The children were very excited when Bean resident Paul Dell offered to bring his tractor along to school for the children to see.



Having named Paul, 'Farmer Dell', the children asked lots of interesting questions and Paul shared his wealth of knowledge with the children.

Football Summary

Competitive sport is an important value at Bean Primary and we are always looking for opportunities for children to develop interest in games and sport to help develop healthy lifestyles. The Boys football team have played valiantly this year, reaching the quarter finals of the Small Schools' FA Cup, narrowly being knocked out to Joydens Wood recently. Congratulations to all those who have represented the school this year! We are still waiting to hear what our final position was in the league.



The Girls' Team have progressed even further and will be playing in the semi-finals on the 1st May at Princes Park, hoping to go through to the finals on the day. An excellent start girls; we are all hoping you continue in your success!

World Book Day Thursday 7th March

Congratulations to all those children who dressed up last month and made World Book Day an exciting time for all. The children with stand-out costumes were Ethan, Daniel, Octavia, Tommy, Jade, Jakub and Sophie. They were awarded first prize and are celebrated on the school website. Staff were also suitably dressed and helped to make the day a special one.



Italy Class' trip to The Tower of London

The children had an exciting time at The Tower of London recently and enjoyed the White Tower and seeing the Crown Jewels, as well as hearing about the history of this wonderful landmark from one of the tower staff.



Headteacher's Blog

Please be aware that the headteacher's blog is updated regularly and can be found at the bottom of the school website. This should give you an insight into just some of the many things the children engage with and achieve through their week.

Mother's Day

A huge thank you to our Friends of Bean who organised gifts for our children to present to their mothers on Mother's Day. I'm sure there were a large number of very happy mothers as a result.

Is your diary really that full?

More than 1,000 children a month are being injured on local roads around British schools, insurance industry figures indicate. Insurers also say 37% of local school areas had at least one child road injury each year from 2006 to 2011. (BBC News August 2013). If that has not motivated you to park responsibly, then please be aware that Kent's ticketing vehicle does patrol regularly and has issued tickets to individuals who have parked illegally in front of Bean Primary.

Please avoid dropping children off on the zig zag lines and parking illegally on the yellow lines outside the school and in adjacent roads.



The Great British Spring Clean

This Wednesday, our Rights Respecting Ambassadors and several volunteers will be joining in with the Great British Spring Clean and helping to collect litter around the school to help keep our school and its grounds tidy. The Ambassadors presented their ideas in assembly, designed a presentation and poster and took volunteers' names in organising this event. Well done to all those involved.

