



Raglan Upcoming Dates

Harvest Assembly – Thursday 28th September
Key Stage 2 Cross Country at Whitehall Rec Friday 29th September
FoR Spooky Disco Friday 6th October
Parents' Evening - Tuesday 10th and 11th October
Half term – Monday 16th October to Friday 27th October

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Arabic	مَرْحَبًا Marhaban	صَبَاحُ الْخَيْرِ Sabaho elkhayr	مَسَاءُ الْخَيْرِ Massaao elkhayr

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pVbp6ui5OA>

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'Autumn'



Double click on the link below for a video of 'Autumn'



18th Sep Autumn.MOV

Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joy it has been this week to walk around the school dropping into lessons! Our provision's learning theme is rainforests and in Sharks it was lovely to have the children share with me what they had already learnt about rainforests. The children in Sharks have also accessed their outside learning area across the week which has been used to explore shape and number. It has also been terrific dropping into Frogs this week at different points because I have managed to see some maths (my favourite subject!). Children have been learning to partition numbers in the 100s, 1000s and 10000s using the 'part whole' model which requires the children to secure and further strengthen their understanding of place value. It was great to see the range of learning because at each table children were accessing math's challenges at different levels. What has been very impressive is the continued leadership and role-modelling that Frogs children are demonstrating to all children.



Again I have marvelled at how quickly children in nursery and reception learn through play. The process is rapid. Last week in nursery and reception I was watching children lining up objects and beginning to count. This week, I was watching children counting accurately up to and in many cases beyond 10. Some children were then grouping objects together in equal quantities. I resisted the temptation to start them on their times tables journey because I knew that this would be premature at their age, (and also Miss Ezinwa and Miss Donnelly would be far from impressed with me for doing so!). The construction area in reception is always the place that gives me the most joy! The imagination of the children in this area is mind-blowing at times in what they produce.

That said about times tables and reception, I was hugely impressed when walking into Year 1 this week and having some children show me home learning they have done with their times tables already! As I have communicated before, by the end of Year 1 we expect children to have mastered their 2s, 5s and 10s. So to have children show me what they have done at home was certainly worthy of the house points and stickers they got from me. Keep this up please! What has been brilliant in Year 1 has been the way the children have engaged with learning about electricity. I have had several conversations about different appliances at home that need electricity and how electricity makes things work. In addition to this children in Year 1 have been putting together 'Jungle Book' inspired dance routines. This looked great fun! With the quality of performance on show, there could be a Year 1 winner for Raglan's Got Talent later in the year!

Incredibly, each time I visited Year 2, children were either immersed in maths or science lessons. In maths children were using number lines to order numbers and place in missing numbers correctly in a sequence, in ascending order. I tried to catch out a few children with some larger numbers to order, but they were up for that challenge and used their place value knowledge to figure out the answers. In science the children have been learning about life cycles. This has been really interesting as the children move from learning about human life cycles to exploring the life cycles of animals and insects. I have to give every credit to the Year 2 children. It is a large adjustment moving from the continuous provision learning in Year 1 to more formalised learning in Year 2. The autumn term can sometimes feel like a 'slog' but the hard work does pay off and makes that transition to Year 3 that much easier. The other thing that will also facilitate the transition is for children to be practising and mastering at home their 3 and 4 times tables, revise their 2s, 5s, and 10s, as well as read, read and read more!

It was a terrific experience to see children in Year 3 and Year 4 engaged in whole class reading this week and developing their VIPER reading skills. When children immerse themselves in a book the richness of learning is substantial. This then transposes into their narrative where they begin to take on the style of the author they are reading. Both year groups have been writing creatively and setting the scene for stories, being influenced by the genre of story they are reading. Year 4 have also had a focus for writing using the senses which has been terrific. Many of them have also been using similes. Year 3 have also been looking at prefixes and what these do to change the root word meaning. Both year groups have also begun their year by revising, securing and further strengthening place value. They have been using their knowledge of place value to also solve word problems.

I have had great joy in also seeing creative writing in Year 5 and 6. In the case of Golden Eagles I was very privileged to be able to be part of that process on Wednesday morning. Year 5 are using 'The Lost Thing' as a stimulus to recreate narrative by adding more detail and description. The planning process for this was completed today and I can hardly wait to read the finished narratives. Year 6 are using their whole class text 'Clockwork' as their writing stimulus. The creation of their story openers have been wonderful and rich in language to provide a vivid setting. I was able to be involved in the lesson where children were building suspense through the unravelling of the story's problem. This was tremendous! I left both Year 5 and 6 utterly inspired.



BYMT Music Lessons Reminder

I would like to encourage parents to use the link below to discover how you could access music lessons for your child.

<https://ukbromley.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Please do see me if you have any questions, but please do access the link above if you are interested.

Saturday 16 September, 10.00am – 1.00pm

TRY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DAY at BYMT

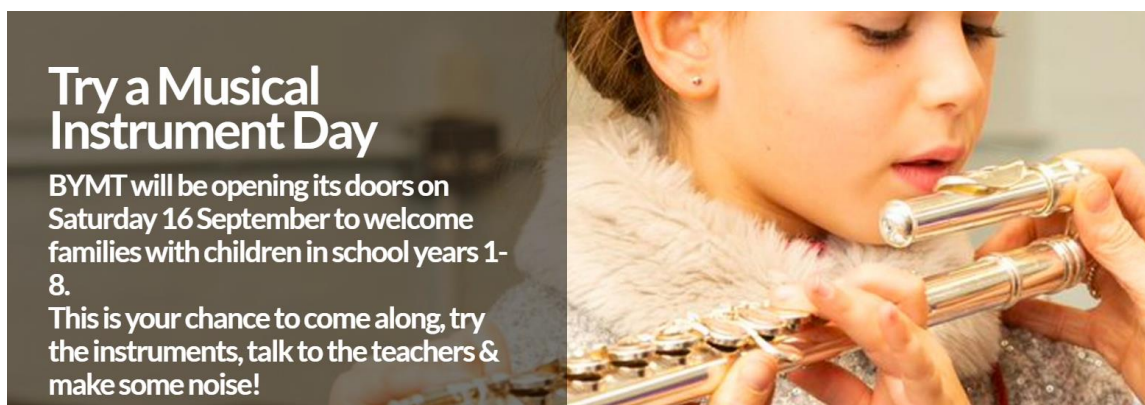
We will be welcoming families with children in school years 1-8 to come to BYMT to try the instruments, talk to the teachers and make some noise! For more information and to register to attend, please

visit <http://tinyurl.com/5abprw7d>

Monday 18th – Saturday 23rd September

TRY A MUSICAL GROUP WEEK at BYMT

If you already play an instrument or enjoy singing, come and try out a BYMT group, ensemble or choir. To find out which group is right for you, take our quiz <https://tinyurl.com/2zpw52x6> or call BYMT



Parent Assemblies

Last year our Parent and Carer Assemblies were truly astonishing. They were incredibly inspiring and the positive impact on the staff and the children was enormous.

I very much hope that the parents and carers that presented last year will return to present again, and share with the children the mountains they have climbed since they last joined us and the successes they have had. It will be equally inspiring for the children to see that time does not stand still, and that change is not to be feared but embraced.

In addition to hopefully welcoming back parents and carers that shared their stories last year, I would like to encourage any parents and carers to come in and present to the children your stories if you have not already done so.

You are all role models to the children – and more important than those they see on TV and in social media. You are all real! You are here, in our community! I cannot quantify how amazing last years' parents and carers assemblies were, and the positive impact they had.

If you do want to share your life journey with the children please email in or come find me on the playground.

You all have an important voice of inspiration to share with the children.

The Inaugural Raglan Primary School Key Stage 2 Cross Country Event – Friday 29th September

Mr Boorman and I would like to invite parents of Key Stage 2 children to come and support them as they participate in our first School Cross Country event to be held at Whitehall Rec. This will take place on Friday 29th September beginning at 1.45pm. The event will involve Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Children will compete for their houses and in year groups. The year group races will mirror those that many of our children compete in at the Key Stage 2 Bromley Cross Country Championships that take place in November and March at Crystal Palace. There will be four races across the afternoon. A Year 3/4 girls' event, Year 3/4 boys' event, Year 5/6 girls' event and a Year 5/6 boys' event. Children can walk, jog and run. All children will be involved. The distance is approximately 1.4 km. Further details will follow from Mr Boorman, but for now please have the date in your diary.



We are currently looking for staff for our Breakfast Club (7.30-9.00) and After School Club (3.15-6.00). If you are interested in making an application please email admin@raglan.bromley.sch.uk

Flu Reminder

Please see the information attached regarding your child's annual flu vaccination. Please use the link in the letter to give your consent. If you do not complete this by the deadline you will need to contact the NHS directly to obtain a flu vaccination.

Raglan Summer Reading Challenge

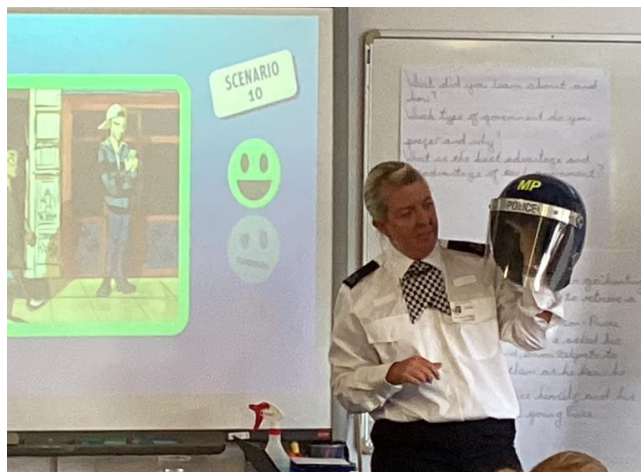


Congratulations to all of the children that completed the Raglan Summer Reading Challenge. This morning I drew out the winners of the book vouchers in whole school assembly. Every child that completed our Raglan Summer Reading Challenge was in the prize draw. We do hope that even more children will take up this challenge over next summer, and we have even more children in the prize draw for September 2024. A huge thank you to Mrs Ingrey for organising the event.

Reading is such an important life skill, and is essential to access the whole curriculum. Please do continue to have your children READ, READ and READ more.

Keeping Safe Year 6: Thank you to PC King

I would like to thank PC King again for returning to lead one of the most important learning sessions our Year 6 children will have. PC King led a session to Panthers Class on 'Keeping Safe and Criminal Responsibility'. The session was hugely successful for last years' Year 6 cohort and forms part of the transition to secondary school learning we have the children access. PC King covered the age of criminal responsibility, the arresting and judicial process for young people, online safety, hate crimes and how to keep safe. Once again the entire session resonated with all children. We are enormously grateful for the time PC King (who is also a parent in our school) has given us again and the massive impact her discussion has on our children. A huge thanks. She will be returning next week to deliver the session to Golden Eagles.



Anti-Bullying Assembly

This week I reminded children of our catchphrase to combat Bullying – that being **TELL TELL TELL**.

Our OFSTED Lead Inspector was really impressed that this phrase resonated across the school, especially when asking our youngest children at random. I would ask that you ask your children this and remind them if they need prompting.

We also discussed the notion of: 'When is a joke not a joke?' When someone gets upset. Then, if that continues, this is bullying. I revisited how easy it is for children and young people to inadvertently become involved in online bullying by agreeing to someone else's opinion or being asked to respond 'yes' or 'no' to a question they hadn't seen or heard.

We discussed how bullies very rarely act alone, and that in fact they are the weaker person. I again urged the children to ensure they act bravely and always **TELL TELL TELL** if anyone is unkind or hurtful towards them.

I again highlight our school Agents for Change in Year 6. These children are our leaders in helping us to ensure we continue a strong position against bullying and unkindness of any sort in the school. They have been excellent ambassadors for the protected characteristics. They will again lead assemblies about the protected characteristics across the year and are looking to recruit more Agents for Change.

House Captains

I would like to congratulate our school House Captains who were elected by their Year 6 peers last week. Their roles this year will again include leading Open Mornings, writing termly learning reports to parents and presenting themed assemblies. In addition to this, they will be tasked with role-modelling Raglan's legendary lining up and wonderful walking inside our building at the end of break and lunches; and praising the children for doing so. They have very important leadership responsibilities in our school because they are the lead role-models for our values and character virtues.



Harvest

Please see a letter attached regarding the Harvest Festival food bank. Our Harvest Festival takes place on Thursday 28th September and we are supporting Transform Bromley Borough Food Partnership.

To ensure we can give good quality food bags, we would appreciate it if you could give items from the list provided - as these are the stocks which are running low or down to zero. Please ensure:

- **All food items are IN DATE.**
- Where possible, try and find items with a **long shelf life.**
- **Smaller sized**, rather than bulk/family packs, are also preferable.

We are so grateful for your donations and support. Thank You!

Any tinned food including

- Baked Beans
- Soup
- Tuna
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned puddings
- Tinned Rice
- Tinned custard
- Tinned chopped tomatoes
- Tinned Pulses

Larder Goods

- Biscuits
- Cereal
- Instant Coffee
- Tea bags
- Couscous
- Flour
- Instant noodles or instant pasta
- Jam / marmalade
- Honey
- Long Life Milk
- Noodles
- Packet puddings
- Pasta
- Rice

- Packets of Savoury rice/couscous
- Pasta sauce / cook-in sauce
- Salt
- Sugar
- Cooking oil

Toiletries & Cleaning

- Deodorant
- Soap
- Shampoo or Shower Gel
- Toilet roll
- Toothpaste
- Washing up liquid

FoR News

Congratulations to our incredible FoR for organising the Circus event last Friday. This was excellently attended and was a wonderful evening. The effort and work that goes on behind the scenes to arrange these great events is huge and I wish to sincerely thank the FoR for their continued commitment to our school. The money raised will contribute to the KS1 playground upgrade which we hope to have in place for the spring/summer term.

Our FoR are seeking a new treasurer. There is no requirement to attend every committee meeting, and the role largely involves banking cash takings, procuring floats for events and book keeping for the expenses and funds raised. Please do get in touch if you are interested.

Eco-Council

If you have a badge from last year for the eco-council please can you return it so that they can be given to the new eco reps.

And finally...

I would like to thank you all for attending the 'Meet and Greet' sessions this week. I do hope they were informative. I would also like to thank parents and carers for helping me learn the names of our newest children in EYFS and for those challenging me to remember those from last year.

As always, please do keep up the 'times tables' practise at home daily until your children master them and can rapidly recall these. In addition to this READ, READ and READ more.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas