

NEWSLETTER

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Raglan Upcoming Dates

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PE Café – Tuesday 26 - Friday 29 September
Harvest Assembly – Thursday 28th September
Nursery Coffee Morning – Friday 29th September 9-10
Key Stage 2 Cross Country at Whitehall Rec - Friday 29th September
FoR Spooky Disco - Friday 6th October

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Romanian	Salut	Bună dimineața	Bună ziua

Greetings in Romanian | Romanian Lesson (learnro.com)

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'weather'



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



Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another tremendous week in our school. There has been a real 'hubbub of learning' resonating around the building. It has been a joy to drop into the EYFS and KS1 phonics lessons and see the children begin to, and consolidate the different phases of phonics.

It has been excellent to yet again experience the individual learning this week in our provision. Our speech and language specialists work with our children across the week providing the professional support our children require – and just would not have access to outside of a specialised provision setting.

I have also been lucky enough to see science lessons in Year 3 and Year 4 where the children have been learning about 'light and light sources' and 'how temperature affects solids, liquids and gases respectively.

It has been terrific yet again to see the range and challenge of maths activities in Year 5 and 6. Yet again, it has to be said that the key to accessing maths confidently is children having a string knowledge of their times tables. Where children in Year 5 and Year 6 have mastered these in and out of school, they are flying with their maths. I know I say it every week, but the younger your child learns, masters and can rapidly recall their times tables the better! Please do work on these at home as much as you can.

This week in assembly I was discussing with the children the 'Power of Yet!' I showed the children a short animation called 'The Dot.' It was about a girl who said she can't draw or paint. In defiance the child made a dot on her page. The next morning the child arrived to school to see that her class teacher had framed her dot. This then led to the girl drawing more dots and all sorts of dots. The pieces were then displayed in an exhibition. In the end the child came to the realisation that she could draw and paint after-all. Her mind-set changed from "I can't" to "I can't yet!"

As I explained to the children - when we fail at something and have the mind-set of "I can't yet" then we are more likely to persevere until we succeed. Not only does persevering build resilience (one of our character virtues) but it helps our brains grow. I always remind the children that the more they try and fail, the more their brains are growing through not giving up. The more you try, the more our brains grow.

A growth mind-set is a critical part of the learning development process and the notion of preserving and building resilience are essential life skills.

So what I ask you all to do is this: when you hear your child say "I can't." You say, "You can't yet!" Then ask them to have another go at it! And another, and another...until they start seeing the success, however small this may look! Often the smallest break-through can be the most enormous of learning catalysts!

DJ Club

I am delighted to have had DJ Darryl and DJ Martin back in school to promote DJ Club. It has been terrific to have the Media Suite being active across last year and we are aiming to expand its use further. DJ Club is great fun and we were able to see first-hand at Raglan's Got Talent the amazing learning that goes on at DJ Club. The children that performed their music mixes at Raglan's Got Talent were awesome, and I have to say — would have earned my vote — had I been able to cast one! Music is not one-dimensional and we aim to provide many different genres of music for children to express themselves and create! The next Nina Kraviz or Calvin Harris could start their careers at Raglan! If you are interested in joining DJ Club please contact them via email here



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.

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.

Friends of Whitehall Apple Day



The Friends of Whitehall are holding their annual **Apple Day** on Sunday 8th October from 1-3pm in the children's play area. There will be apple pressing, live music and refreshments. The Friends of Whitehall need apple donations for apple pressing so if you have a tree in your garden or know someone who does and could donate some apples please contact eprescott@raglan.bromley.sch.uk. Many thanks.

Language Provision Assessment System



Our Language Provision Assessment System is now on the website. Please click <u>here</u> to view it under the *Impact* paragraph.

The Inaugural Ragian 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.

Introducing our new Year 6 Junior Travel Ambassadors for 2023/24



Well done to our new JTAs, who have made an immediate impact by composing a letter to Bromley Councillors in the very first week of their role. Based on their experiences last year (using the speed guns provided by the Bromley Travel Team) our new JTAs wanted to register their concerns about cars travelling above the speed limit in the area around the school. This letter was presented to local councillors at a meeting this week, to discuss what measures could be implemented to improve road safety around the Raglan perimeter. Ideas included the possible introduction of a 20mph limit around the school, traffic calming measures and greater enforcement of parking restrictions. They also had some great ideas about how to get Raglan students involved in this cause over the coming months.

PE Café (Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th September)

We are very excited that the PE cafe will be running next week from 8:30 - 8:55. The events are as follows:

- Tuesday Yoga session in the hall
- Wednesday Gymnastics session in the gym
- Thursday Circuit style workout in the hall
- Friday HIIT based workout in the hall

Congratulations!





Last week Laleh, Danielle, Sue and the team from our fabulous kitchen had an inspection from Bromley Council's Environmental Health Officer. They received a 5 star rating yet again! Laleh and her team are such a valuable part of our school community and we are very grateful for all of their hard work.



Bromley Y - help for children with sleep difficulties

Bromley Y are offering a webinar for parents/carers of primary aged children who have sleeping difficulties. This is a free session on Saturday 23rd September at 10am to help you to understand your child's sleep problems and find strategies to help. If you would like to register for this free webinar please click <u>here</u>

Harvest

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	Larder Goods	Packets of Savoury rise/savesaves
including	 Biscuits 	rice/couscous
 Baked Beans 	Cereal	 Pasta sauce / cook-in sauce
 Soup 	 Instant Coffee 	• Salt
• Tuna	 Tea bags 	Sugar
 Tinned Fruit 	 Couscous 	Cooking oil
 Tinned Meat 	 Flour 	• COOKING OII
 Tinned Fish 	 Instant noodles or 	Toiletries & Cleaning
Tinned Vegetables Tinned potatoes Tinned puddings	Jam / marmalade	DeodorantSoap
Tinned puddingsTinned RiceTinned custard	HoneyLong Life MilkNoodles	Shampoo or Shower Gel Tailet and
Tinned chopped tomatoes Tinned Pulses	Packet puddings Pasta Rice	Toilet rollToothpasteWashing up liquid

Nursery Coffee Morning

The Nursery coffee morning will be held in the Lower Hall on Friday 29th September, 9-10am. This is a great opportunity to meet other Nursery parents and carers. Mrs Brelsford and Mrs Schaper will be there to answer any questions. Refreshments will be provided.

FoR News

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.

And finally...

I am doing my best to try learn the names of our new reception children and secure the names of the children I have not quite mastered in the school. I am determined to do both as quickly as possible because it is important that your children feel that we are working together in partnership, and feel secure to take the learning risks they need to develop and thrive.

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