



Raglan Upcoming Dates

For Spooky Disco - Friday 6th October

Parents' Evening – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October

African Drumming Workshop – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October

Half term – Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Polish	Cześć	Dzień dobry	Dzień dobry

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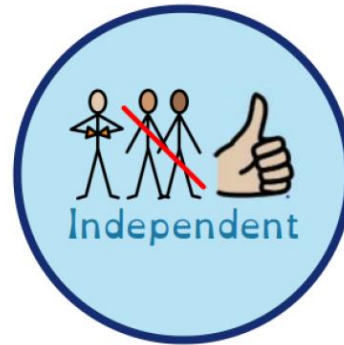


Double click on the link below for a video of 'wind'



2nd Oct wind.MOV

Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week in our school! The children have had the opportunity to take part in a PE Café this week which has been a huge success. Key Stage 2 children have had the chance to partake in our Inaugural Cross Country Championship, Mrs Goulds hosted an excellent assembly on Wednesday with the focus on languages, and Ms Reid-Smith coordinated and hosted Harvest Assembly yesterday. In amongst this we have had our Agents for Change and House Captains working on upcoming assemblies and Open Morning presentations. The children have also been engrossed in a range of lessons that continue to develop their phonics, reading, writing and maths. In addition to this the children have continued to learn across all the foundation subject areas. Once again it has been a joy to teach in Year 6 across the classes this week. I do look forward to my weekly before-school maths group and then my time in Golden Eagles. I am sure that all the children in Year 6 would vouch for me when I say that they now see why learning, mastering and being able to rapidly recall times tables is massive!

I have been completely blown away with the growing volume of children in Year 2, 3 and 4 coming to me and asking me to test them on their times tables which is awesome! Please do keep this great work up at home. In addition to this, please keep encouraging your children to READ, READ and READ some more – and at every opportunity!



Important Safeguarding Message

Can I please remind all parents and carers to be punctual in arriving to school at drop-off. The gates are closed at 8.55am.

Can I also ask that you ensure you watch your child make their way into the school building (unless you have a child in Upper Key Stage 2 that is walking in on their own). What has happened in recent weeks is that there have been a few occasions where children have been left to walk in to the building and the parent/carer has then left the playground without checking to see if their child has made it inside. Their child has then turned around and walked back – not knowing where the parent has gone. It has only been that the senior leader on the gate has spotted the child and returned them so they have made it inside safely.

Harvest Assembly

A massive thank you to all parents and carers for your very kind donations for Harvest. We will be forwarding your incredible donations through to our sponsored food bank centre. The goods you have sent in will directly help families that are finding the challenges of the cost of living crisis increasingly difficult. Yesterday Ms Reid-Smith led the annual Harvest Assembly and reminded children of the historic and current importance of this special occasion. The children also sang beautifully! Thanks to our BYMT teachers for helping with the singing for the Harvest Songs of Celebration.



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.

Parents of children who attend the Picasso Art Club

Art Exhibition – October 10th and 11th 3.30-7.00

We are excited to extend a special invitation to you to join us at our upcoming school art exhibition, where we will be showcasing the incredible artworks created by the talented members of our Art Club. This event is an opportunity for you to witness the creative journey that your child has embarked on as part of our Art Club. Our young artists have put their hearts and souls into their projects, and we are thrilled to share the results with you.

You'll have the chance to explore their creations, ask them about their artistic processes, and celebrate their accomplishments.

This will be an opportunity to meet with the Art Club leader and fellow parents and other members of the families are welcome. I sincerely hope you can join us to celebrate the creative achievements of our students.

Together, we can inspire and encourage the next generation of artists.
Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at the exhibition.

**Raglan Primary School
&
Next Picasso Club**



You are
invited to



ART EXHIBITION

OCT 10th & 11th |
3:30 – 7 PM



European Day of Languages

European Day of Languages Poster Competition

This week, we celebrated European Day of Languages in assembly. Miss Goulds launched a poster competition.

Can you make a creative and eye-catching poster that celebrates all the languages that are spoken by your class?



Your entry must be on an **A4 paper**. Ask your teacher if you don't have one at home.

Hand your entry to your class teacher by **Wednesday 11th October**.

The winning entry from each year group will be uploaded to the European Council's European Day of Languages website and in with a chance of winning a small prize! All entries will be added to a display to celebrate the languages we speak in school.

You can speak to Miss Goulds if you have any questions or email year1@raglan.bromley.sch.uk.

National Teaching Assistants' Day

Thank you to our Teaching Assistants for the work they do every day at school. Today we had a celebration to recognise their hard work – work that they do all day and every day to help make Raglan the amazing place that it is. Thank you TAs!



PE Café

I would like to thank Mr Boorman for arranging our Inaugural PE Café. He has been really well supported by Miss Donnelly who led the gymnastics session on Wednesday morning. I would like to thank Ms Meaden (one of our parents) who led the yoga session on Tuesday. Mr Boorman also led two very energetic circuit sessions on Thursday and Friday. Sport historically has always been strong for our school. I believe Mr Boorman has taken this to a new level with the variety of sports that are now on offer to our children, and the opportunities he has provided both in-school and for clubs. The sport program at school has been further enhanced by Mr Sykes leading the football development program for boys and girls in our school. It is terrific to see so many children involved in sport. Sport and activity are so important to a child's development, as is taking part in competitions. Maybe it is the Australian in me, but I have always firmly believed that exposure to, and participation in competitive sport, teaches so many life-long skills. It is important to be good winners, celebrating success – but showing respect for the game and the opposition. It is equally important to experience and deal with losing. It is important to reflect, work harder and improve for next time. This in itself builds resilience, confidence and independence – again promoting our Raglan character virtues.

The week culminated in our Inaugural Key Stage 2 Cross Country held at Whitehall Recreation. We will publish the results next Friday in the Newsletter.

A massive well done to all the children, parents and carers that took part this week. We hoped you enjoyed it.





Congratulations

Congratulations to one of our Raglan superstars. He won the best bowler award at the Bromley district cricket awards for under 10s. Not only did he achieve best bowler and wickets at bulldogs, his stats on play cricket for the Bromley cricket league u11 are really good. He has also been selected and put forward for the Kent cricket trials. Well done!

Dyslexia Awareness Week

Next week is Dyslexia Awareness Week and this year the theme is 'Uniquely You'.

The key messages are ones that fit neatly alongside our own school beliefs: that learning is for everyone. We may all think differently, learn differently and see the world differently, but this is something to be celebrated. Just like fingerprints, we are all unique, and next week we will be talking to the children about celebrating and embracing their own unique strengths and challenges.



Every person with dyslexia will experience it in a way that is completely unique to them. The aim of Dyslexia Awareness Week is to celebrate the diversity of the dyslexic community and their brilliantly resilient and creative minds!

If you are interested in finding out more, visit [Dyslexia Awareness Week Resources - British Dyslexia Association \(bdadyslexia.org.uk\)](https://bdadyslexia.org.uk)

On Tuesday, a group of 20 children from Year 4, 5 and 6 visited Beccehamians RFC for a festival of tag rugby in honour of the Rugby World Cup currently taking place in France.

Once warmed up, the children had the opportunity to practice and go through some drills and training with the volunteers before going straight into some training games.

While this was not for any medals, trophies or glory, the children made big progress in the time that they had, especially given that many of them had never touched a rugby ball before.

I want to thank the parents who were able to assist in getting to the event, the girls from Langley who generously donated their time to referee/coach and to Bromley games for helping to organise.

Mr Boorman – Year 4 teacher and PE lead





Congratulations to one of our amazing Year 4 children who ran the Westminster Mile at the weekend. She is already part of our Cross Country club run by Mr Boorman and is going to be running a 5k race in October!

And Finally...

I would like to remind parents that the booking system is open for Parents' Evening. Please ensure you book in your slot.

I would also like to thank you all for helping me get to know the names of the children who I have still not quite mastered.

This weekend marks the end of the Australian Rules football season. The grand final will unfortunately not feature my team the Hawthorn Hawks (we are still re-building!) Miss Gadd is happy because the team she supports 'The Brisbane Lions' do feature. I am delighted to say that there are no Collingwood Magpie fans in our school community, (the other team featuring). I, and every other Australian that is not a Collingwood fan, will be supporting the Lions on Saturday. For me, this is a special time of the year because it marks one of those distinctively 'Aussie' events. I shall be watching bright and early on Saturday morning (it's a 4.30am start). This is because there is nothing like seeing an event live! Whatever you are doing this weekend, I wish you all the very best.

Thanks for your continued support,
Mr De Freitas