



## Raglan Upcoming Dates

**FoR Circus** – Friday 8th September  
**Key Stage 2 Cross Country at Whitehall Rec** Friday 29th September (pm)  
**FOR Spooky Disco** Friday 6th October  
**Parents' Evening** - Tuesday 10th and 11th October

## Language of the Week (week beginning 11th September)

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<https://youtu.be/8UEDtNRDfE>

### The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'Start/begin'



Double click on the link below for a video of 'start/begin'



11th Sept startbegin.MOV

### Character Virtue of the week



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children have continued to make the best of starts to this academic year. The children in Nursery and Reception have settled in well learning new routines and enjoying learning through play. It is staggering how quickly the Nursery and Reception children learn their new daily routines. All credit to them, and to you as parents, for the way they have all come in full of enthusiasm. Our new Year 1 children have begun their outdoor learning lessons this week which is always a terrific way to start off the year – searching for mini-beasts. Year 2 have gotten really stuck into their maths learning which fills me with joy! I do hope that the children will challenge themselves to learn not only their 2s, 5s and 10s, this year but also master their 3s, 4s, and 11s as well.

Sharks and Frogs have quickly settled into their learning routines and I have enjoyed seeing the children getting fully immersed with their individual, small group and whole class learning activities. I have been particularly impressed with the excellent role-modelling from the older children in Frogs – the new Year 6 children in Frogs have begun the year wonderfully.



It has been brilliant to see Year 3 already producing some incredible art work so early on. The children in our school love art and Year 3 have certainly shown some excellent early talent for this. I also know that Year 3 have got stuck straight into learning their times tables so please follow this up at home. We really need all of Year 3 to have mastered as many of their times tables as possible by the end of this year. It is possible for Year 3 to learn them all by Christmas (as so many of last years' Year 3 did!) What a joy it has been to read the question responses that Year 4 have completed for their Whole Class reading. The Percy Jackson books are a terrific inspiration for the children. I also know that Year 4 have also made a tremendous start with their maths learning as well. The children have been consolidating learning in maths, but also taking on additional challenges – and some that would test Year 6 children!

I have to give year 5 and 6 every credit for the way they have both started the year in terms of their enthusiasm for school, and their role-modelling. They each as individuals, and as a collective group, have such an important role to play in sustaining and further improving the culture of our school – promoting our Raglan Character Virtues. In terms of their learning, it has been terrific to see some very polished writing narratives in both year groups. Year 5 have been writing diary entries which have been imaginative and really personable – as a diary should be. Year 6 have been writing from one of the character's points of view in the book they are currently studying – not an easy task! What has been equally impressive for both year groups has been the quality of the composition of writing. The challenge now is to ensure that they are rigorously using punctuation, spelling and grammatical constructs accurately, so that the incredible compositional elements are enjoyed fully by the reader. One of the best experiences I have weekly is reading the writing narrative over the shoulders of the children when I am walking around as they are creating it. Brilliant! Inspired!

#### **Friends of Whitehall Rec Protect our Wildlife Area**

Our community is blessed to have Whitehall Rec on our doorstep. As you know, it is an incredibly valuable resource for our school. It is extremely important that we continue to work in partnership with Friends of Whitehall Rec and be at the forefront of the community to protect and maintain it – especially its wildlife area. Unfortunately, there are times when members of the public (younger and older) misuse or mistreat this wonderful community area. We have little control over members of the public that may do this, but my hope is that all of our children role-model the respectful behaviour when accessing the park that will ensure that all that it has to offer, including its wildlife is enjoyed by everyone who visits.

This morning our Year 4 children were invited to Whitehall Rec by Ideverde and Friends of Whitehall for a meadow safari session. This enabled the children to gain further understanding of how precious the green space we have is, and why we need to respect and protect it – and the wildlife that it hosts.



## BYMT

### 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. As you know, I would love to start the ball rolling to develop Rock Band here in our school. This worked incredibly well at my previous school but relies heavily firstly on children learning to play guitar.

<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

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 18<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

### TRY A MUSICAL GROUP WEEK

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



**Try a Musical Instrument Day**

BYMT will be opening its doors on Saturday 16 September to welcome families with children in school years 1-8.

This is your chance to come along, try the instruments, talk to the teachers & make some noise!

### The Inaugural Raglan Primary School Key Stage 2 Cross Country Event – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Mr Boorman and I would like the parents of Key Stage 2 children to come and support as the children participate in our first School Cross Country event to be held at Whitehall Rec. This will take place on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 or 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 it in your diary.

### Congratulations Miss Proctor

I would like you to join me in congratulating Miss Proctor on the upcoming arrival of her first child. Miss Proctor will be in school until the later end of November before commencing maternity leave. We wish her all the very best. We look forward to Miss Proctor returning after her maternity leave. Miss Proctor will be covered by Miss Nelson who is a very experienced teacher and senior leader. I do hope that you all make Miss Nelson feel very welcome. I know that she is looking forward to teaching Puffins and being a part of our school community.



### **Football Fundraiser**

Over the summer holidays, Raglan Primary School hosted football coaching sessions, which were run by myself and Mr Diamond at Whitehall Rec. These sessions gave the children a chance to practise and develop their footballing skills as well as allowing them to experience match situations along the way. I am extremely proud of those who attended the sessions as they represented Raglan impeccably through their behaviour and willingness to improve, displaying great teamwork and diligence amongst many other fantastic attributes. This alone made me tremendously proud to be a part of the Raglan community. On top of this, we managed to raise over £1000 to go towards lunchtime and sporting equipment, something everyone at the school is greatly appreciative for. I would like to say a massive thank you to any parent that donated any money. I would also like to say a massive thank you to Mr Diamond. His selflessness and enthusiasm is infectious and the fundraiser would not have taken place without him.

Mr Sykes



## Parent Assembly: Key Stage Right! Mr Holland is Back!



On Wednesday at whole school assembly, the children were treated to a Mr Holland taster masterclass for performing arts. As you know, Mr Holland (who is also a parent here at Raglan) is branching out and will be offering the Key Stage Right Club after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Simon's passion for theatre and the performing arts has led him to set up a business enterprise with the aim of nurturing confidence and creative thinking in young people. His after-school workshops will be planned and resourced for each half term, with each course covering a different skill area. Simon gave a small, but memorable, taste of the sorts of activities that the children will enjoy accessing.

Simon is now taking bookings for the free taster sessions to be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> of September. Please do contact him directly through the details on the attached flyer. **You need to hurry up if you want to access them as the Monday Night Taster is nearly full already!**

We do hope that parents and carers take up this unique and tremendous opportunity. This was a great way to start the Parent Assemblies off this year.

### 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 and find me on the playground. You all have an important voice of inspiration to share with the children.

### Clubs

Please see the attached flyers for information about a few of the clubs that are run here at Raglan: Mr Holland's Key Stage Right, Miss Brotherton's Le Club de Francais Genial and Rock Steady.

## **EYFS Coffee Morning**

I would like to thank all of the parents and carers that attended the EYFS Coffee morning today after 'drop off.' This was a terrific gathering. It was a chance for our newest parents and carers to meet each other, as well as meet existing parents and carers in the school who have new reception children starting this year. Thank you to the existing parents and carers for engaging with new parents and helping them to learn more about our school. This Coffee morning was an excellent idea which I take no credit for. This was a suggestion that came from last autumn's Parents' and Carers' Forum. For me this shows the way we work in partnership as a community. You all have great ideas which the school can utilise. This is just one of those brilliant ideas that has already had a positive impact on our new parents. Thank you again for all attending.

## **And Finally...**

If you have not already established a routine for home learning then please do so. Teachers should be providing home learning imminently, if not already. I know my maths group have already received their home learning from me (due next Tuesday remember math's legends!)

In addition to the home learning that comes home from us, I always recommend to READ, READ and READ with your children every chance you get. For those children that are proficient readers, have discussions with them about the books they are reading. Ask them what is happening in the story, why things are happening in the story, how the story might unfold or end – and why they think this.... Conversations about books structured around these questions help to develop not just a love of reading but vital inference and deduction reading skills. These particular skills transfer into mathematics and help children breakdown worded problems. I know I say this often – reading provides access to the whole curriculum, so please do as much of it as you can at home.

It would be remiss of me to also not champion times tables. Please also use any and every opportunity to have your children learn, master and rapidly recall their times tables. The younger they learn, master and can rapidly recall these the better!

As you know I failed in my mission to learn every single child's name in the school. I am still determined to complete this, and with the 60 new reception children also. Please do help me, and test my knowledge when you see me outside on the gate. It is hugely important for me to know your children so that I can do all I can to ensure your children feel a real sense of belonging here, that I keep them safe and to facilitate and maximise their experience in our school!

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas