



Raglan Upcoming Dates

Half term – Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October
Poetry Breakfast – Tuesday 31st October - Friday 3rd November
Open Mornings for Reception 2024/2025 intake - 7th and 15th November

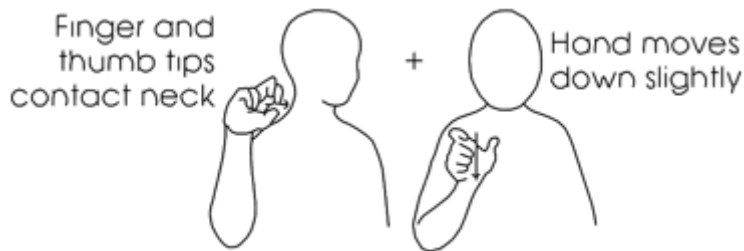
Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Hindi	Namaste	Suprabhātam!	śubha dina!

Greetings in Hindi - Rocket Languages

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'vampire'

Character Virtue of the Week



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



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that half term break is upon us already. It felt as though the last 7 weeks have rattled along at an incredibly fast pace!

Your children have been sensational! They have embodied our Raglan Character Virtues of: KIND, READY, SAFE, RESILIENT, CONFIDENT, and INDEPENDENT.

Over the last two weeks children have been celebrating Black History month across the curriculum. Last Friday I led assembly with a focus on Dr Martin Luther King and celebrated his life, his achievements and the legacy he has left on the entire world with regards to freedoms, peace and civil liberties – all of which we enjoy in England. I paid particular attention to his quote, 'I have a dream that my for children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but the content of their character.' We honed in on the phrase: 'content of character' and discussed what this meant, and how our own Raglan Character Virtues help to build 'content of character.' My hope is that the children left assembly feeling inspired by the story of Dr King, and the legacies he left us all with.

Children in Year 6 have been painting murals of influential black people and learning about their legacies



In science in Year 5, children will be researching famous black physicists, (past and present), for home learning which is a follow on from learning they have completed about Maggie Aderin-Pocock.

In Year 4 children have been learning about the black author Sulwe by Lupita Nyong'o. This is a story of self-discovery and really made the children think about self-identity.

In Year 3 children have been learning about Mae Jemison who was the first Black female astronaut and her journey.

In Year 2 children have been looking at Florence Price and the styles and influences of other artists such as Little Richard, Bobby McFerrin and Bob Marley.

In Year 1 children have been exploring black inventors, designing spaceships inspired by Mae Jemison, and making African jewellery.

All of Key Stage 1 have been singing traditional African songs such as Oleo and Obwa Si Mi (and played a traditional African 'passing to the best' game to the latter).

Frogs have been creating pieces of art inspired by Kente cloth. It is a Ghanaian textile, made of handwoven cloth, strips of silk and cotton. They have also listened to their very own BHM playlist while working, listening to tunes from the likes of ACM Gospel Choir, Bob Marley, Jimmy Cliff, The Skatalites and Estelle.

The children in Reception have been reading the story Handa's surprise and visited the continent Africa and have been learning about Handa's home country Kenya. We focused on dance as part of our PE lessons for this half-term and learned how to work with others to move to a beat and follow a movement pattern with a partner in time with the music. We learned about the 'Kye Kye Kule', an African call-back song where we had to move our bodies to the different words. As part of Black History Month we dressed up in African clothing, necklaces and head bands to perform.



Early Years celebrating Black History Month



This week in Sharks, we have been learning about the culture in Brazil and in particular, the annual carnival held in Rio de Janeiro. The children have really enjoyed listening to Brazilian music and looking at the amazing styles of masks that the people of Brazil wear as part of the celebration. The children took inspiration from these to make their own carnival masks and then went on a carnival parade around the school and even into Mr De Freitas' office!



Abass Dodoo comes to Raglan!

This week we had the incredibly talented and international percussionist Abass Dodoo in our school leading Ghanaian inspired Drumming. All children completed a workshop with Abass which was amazing and hugely enjoyed by all. Abass also led an assembly for Key Stage 2. This included him sharing his musical influences, childhood, and his journey through life. Abass has had huge success. He left the children with a key message that he lives his life by and attributes his success to: 'Never Give Up!' This is something that all adults in our school promote with children, so his message should have resonated to all. Apart from demonstrating his amazing percussion talent, Abass accompanied Mrs Osborn (one of our BYMT teachers) as she led Key Stage 2 through Jingle Bell Rock. This was the song of choice because this is one of the Christmas songs we will be recording for our Raglan Christmas Album. In addition to this, Abass managed to have every adult in assembly up dancing to his percussion – which we all enjoyed I have to say! Mrs Ramsdale definitely stole show! She was amazing!



Children will continue their learning of Black History after half term. Learning about cultural diversity is not restricted in our school to the month of October. Throughout the year children are exposed to learning, assemblies, speakers, resources, experiences and texts that cross a variety of different cultural and faith backgrounds. We are incredibly lucky to have a rich diversity of nations in our school community.

Boys' Football

During this half-term, Raglan boys from across years five and six have proudly represented the football team. The boys have three competitive, group fixtures to play against Harris Orpington, Crofton Juniors and Darrick Wood. Having beaten Orpington in an impressive, dominating 6-0 away win, the boys had given themselves a real chance to push on and win the group. Yesterday, the pressure was on as Raglan faced Crofton, a school much bigger than ours in terms of size. However, I know I speak for every adult who attended when I say that we are beyond proud of the diligence, teamwork, and perseverance the boys showed to secure a much-needed point on what was arguably the toughest pitch Raglan have played on during my time as coach. This now gives us a huge opportunity going into our final group game against Darrick Wood. Win, and we top the group table. Once again, thank you to the parents who helped with travel and supported the children - the success the team is experiencing would not be possible without you. We go into the next half-term unbeaten this year with a tough final game to look forward to. Mr Sykes



Diwali 2023



Many of our families will be celebrating Diwali these coming weeks. This week we had Nabhi return to us to share with the children the wonders of his culture and faith. The children look forward to seeing Nabhi each year and his assemblies are engaging, fun and meaningful. He leaves the children celebrating life and all it has to offer. We were also incredibly fortunate to have Mr and Mrs Singh (two of our parents) who also helped lead Nabhi's assembly. This was an amazing cultural event for the children, and we are extremely grateful to Mr and Mrs Singh for sharing their Diwali experiences, and what this means to them, their family and culture. I wish to thank Mr and Mrs Singh for coming in and sharing Diwali with the children.

We have many more parents either returning to lead assembly or presenting for the first time. If you are interested in sharing your journey, story and culture with the children, please do let me know. You are the greatest of inspirations for our children because you are tangible and real to them! Do not under-estimate the impact you have on the children in our school.

Panathlon Event

On Thursday, 8 of our students from Frogs and sharks attended a Panathlon event; this event consisted of adapted games and sports that the children competed in, including Boccia, Skittles and Bean Bag toss. The children performed with great enthusiasm and effort across all of the 8 events, showing great resilience and support to each other as well.

Well done to all those who took part; you did Raglan proud, Mr Boorman Year 4 teacher and PE lead



I Can Do It Award

This week, all children from year 1 to year 6 have had an assembly to reintroduce our 'I Can Do It Award' challenges. The children are now eager to begin the first of their six challenges and we will be collecting the books in before Christmas to see how they have been getting on. All new challenges for their new school year can be found on the school website at <https://raglanprimary.school/i-can-do-it-award/>.

All children apart from year 1 will already have their I Can Do It books at home so please have a good



look for these.

The children can evidence their challenges by writing, drawing or even sticking in photographs. If there are any questions, please speak to Miss Proctor or Miss Jacobs.

Head Teacher Certificates House Points Championship Autumn Term 1

Congratulations to all those children that received Head Teacher Certificates for outstanding attitude to learning, and also those that received them for being excellent role models at Lunchtime. I am delighted that it was a difficult challenge for adults to nominate children because so many children could have received these awards. Well done to you all, and a massive well done to all children for an excellent half term of learning and promoting our Raglan Character Virtues.

For maybe the first time in a while, we have had a victorious Yellow House! They win the House Point Championship for Autumn 1. The scores were:

1. Yellow - 4266
2. Red - 3965
3. Blue - 3958
4. Green – 3832

This means that on Friday November 3rd November children in Yellow House are allowed to come to school dressed entirely in yellow, partially in yellow or wear a yellow accessory to celebrate their victory. They will also receive their extra afternoon break.

Calling all budding story writers!!

The BBC 500 Words Competition is back! It is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5-11 year olds. The closing date for submissions is 10th November. If your child would like to enter the competition, all the information can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

Good Luck!

Timings

Just a reminder that KS1 children should be in their classrooms at 8.50 and KS2 children should be in their classrooms at 8.55 in the mornings ready for the register. Even if the gate is still open in the playground later than that, you are still considered to be late if your child is in the classroom after those times.

Audiobook CDs

Mrs Ingrey is creating an Audiobook Library for the children to use throughout the school. If you have any audiobook CDs that you would be happy to lend or donate to help create the Audiobook Library, please send them into school for Mrs Ingrey. If you are lending your CDs, then please label the CDs clearly so we can ensure that they are returned to you.

COLLECT YOUR TRAIL FORMS FROM:

Guest service lounge at The Glades
Bromley Library
Churchill Theatre
Reception at Pavilion Leisure Centre

TRICK OR TREAT TRAIL
13 - 29 OCT

Halloween Pumpkin Trail
14th - 29th October

Join in our trail to find the animals hidden in pumpkin pictures around the farm
Collect your prize from the Tea Room

£3 per entry

Open daily (except Tuesday) from 1.30pm - 4.30pm
Foal Farm Animal Rescue
Jail Lane, Biggin Hill, TN16 3AX
www.foalfarm.org.uk

Your Bromley are organising a free Halloween Trail starting today and running until 20th October. Find the skulls hidden in businesses around Bromley town centre!

Road Traffic Update

On Thursday morning we had a visit from Cllr Bennet (Portfolio Holder), Ward Cllr's Gupta and Jeffreys, the head of division for council traffic, roads and highways, our travel team leader from Bromley and law enforcement. This was in response to the continued campaign that parents and school are waging to improve the safety for pedestrians in our localised area. We are lobbying for a new speed electronic warning sign to be placed on the S-Bend from Havelock Road to Jaffray Road. We want oncoming traffic to see the speed they are travelling at and then hopefully slow right down. We are lobbying for 20mph speed signs at drop off and collection times of the day, as well as increased parking enforcement. We are making clear to the council that although statistically we look a very safe area for pedestrians; what the data does not show are the daily near misses where a child, adult or both have been perilously close to being hit by a vehicle speeding or driving recklessly. Please do keep sending your pictures of cars parking illegally through to the council. The more you do this on the Bromley parking website the more chance we have of parking enforcement getting out to fine drivers doing this.

Safeguarding Over the Holiday Period

A reminder to all parents and carers that should you need to contact the school for any family emergency or safeguarding concern over the half term please email:

safeguardingteam@raglan.bromley.sch.uk

The emails are accessed by the school Strategic Safeguarding Team comprising of Mrs Mead, Mr Hunter, Mrs Collins and I. Parents are reminded that I am the Designated Safeguarding Leader, and that Mrs Mead, Mr Hunter and Mrs Collins are all our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

JTAs

On Tuesday, the Junior Travel Ambassadors attended an induction event at Bromley Central Library, where they learnt more about their new role from the Bromley Borough Travel Team, met JTAs from other schools and even had a photo opportunity with the Mayor of Bromley.

The JTAs have come back to school full of ideas about how they can promote travel safety and will be launching a brand-new competition called 'Elf and Safety', to highlight safer travel in the darker winter months. More details will follow after half term!

We are also pleased to announce that 'The Big Raglan Walk to School' will be starting next half term. Many of you might remember Mr Rob's 'Walk on Wednesdays', where he encouraged a group walk to school from Whitehall Rec and along Chatterton Road. Mrs Prescott, our fabulous Site Manager and resident ECO council warrior, will be starting up this wonderful Raglan tradition again. Look out for a flyer in the first newsletter of the new term to tell you more about the timings and the route. We hope that as many of you as possible can join Mrs Prescott on the 'Big Raglan Walk to School' next term.



Key Stage RIGHT after-school drama workshop

Course Two: COMEDY – see the attached flyer for how to book



So, you wanna be funny, huh? From silly walks to falling over and bumping into things, comedy starts with our physical form: how we walk, pause, move our limbs and change our faces. In fact, a lot of the funniest acting needs no words! That's why we're going to start with physical comedy and mime before we get to the scripted stuff. Anyone joining this course will learn how to tell a story in silence, then use music and sound to 'map out' a comical situation. They'll find out how to make a story funnier, engage an audience, how to 'switch voices' in a narrative, and how to improvise using different themes, scenarios, props and characters. Finally, they'll use scripts to deliver jokes and direct funny sketches, using the power of pause, repetition, timing... and knock-em-dead delivery!

New recruits! If you're thinking of joining a class, call or email Key Stage RIGHT to book a FREE TASTER session.

And Finally...

I want to reiterate my thanks to the staff team for providing an excellent service to the children and parents of our school. They have not drawn breathe since our very positive Ofsted inspection in July. They have been even more committed to providing the very best levels of education, care, support and enjoyment for your children. I wish to thank you all for your continued support of our school and your children. The partnership we have is very special, and without it, our school would not be anywhere near as successful as it is. I finally wish to thank and congratulate the children for a wonderful half term. Our Parents' Evenings were such a great way to capture and celebrate your wonderful achievements this half term. You all deserve a sensational half term break. I wish you al, the most relaxing and restful of half term holidays.

Please do remember to keep practising times tables with your children and have them READ, READ and READ some more!

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas