



Raglan Upcoming Dates

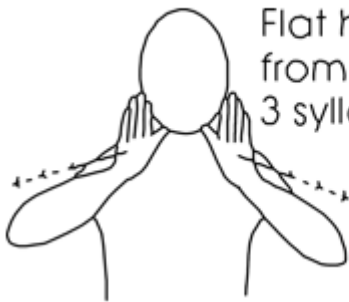
- Parents' Evening** – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October
- African Drumming Workshop** – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October
- Half term** – Monday 16th October – Friday 27th October
- Poetry Breakfast** – Tuesday 31st October - Friday 3rd November

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Turkish	Merhaba	Günaydın	İyi günler

<https://youtu.be/AtsDJCGu0nc>

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'wonderful'



Flat hands move from face, match 3 syllables

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



9th Oct wonderful.MOV

Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking the swathes of you who attended our inaugural cross country event held last Friday afternoon at Whitehall Rec. This was one of the very best examples of how the school is continuing to promote sport, physical education and healthy life-styles. In addition to this the added competitive element between the school houses made for a great event. The overall winner of the championship was Blue House. I would say that sport and the participation of your children were big winners on the day. I am not sure how you all felt as parents, but as a staff team we were totally in awe of how your children took on the course and the event; engaging in the races enthusiastically. What was also utterly inspiring was the support the children showed each other – whether in the same house or not. I would like to send a big thank you to all of our parent helpers who manned the course, packed up the course, and recorded the children's places. The event would simply not have been possible without your support. I also want to say a massive thanks to Mr Boorman for organising the event. This, in the same week as he organised and led the inaugural sports breakfast café. Our school historically has always had a good provision for sport, but Mr Boorman has taken this to another level. Next year we are looking to extend our school cross country event to EYFS and KS1. This will be a more age-appropriate course, and take place on the same day (but before lunch) as the Key Stage 2 event. Please do read through Mr Boorman's synopsis of this very successful event last Friday.



I would urge all parents and carers to read through, and act upon, the information that Mr Farmer (our Maths Leader) has published in this newsletter and on the website regarding our expectations for times tables in our school. We are aspiring to have all children reaching exceptional levels of times table knowledge as young as possible. Mr Farmer has carefully constructed a guide to teaching times tables with the expectations that we have for each year group. Please do use this information as part of your home learning in order for your children to master and rapidly recall their times tables as early on as they can in their school life. The current Year 6 children that work with me every Tuesday morning before school will all vouch for me when I say that Year 6 maths is made much easier when they proficiently know their times tables. This doesn't magically happen, and we cannot enable children to learn these proficiently at school alone. There's already a lot to fit into a weekly and daily timetable. We need your help at home to achieve this, and Mr Farmer's guide here should help immensely.

Times Table Progression at Raglan

At Raglan, we strive to provide our pupils with a strong foundation in numerical fluency, problem-solving skills and mental arithmetic. We believe that a solid grasp of times tables lays the groundwork for success in various mathematical concepts and real-life situations. Our intention is to create confident and competent mathematicians, who are able to apply their understanding of times tables effectively. Importantly, being fluent in times table facts means that working memory is freed up and leaves space to explore new mathematical ideas and solve more complex problems.

Progression

The skills of times tables are built cumulatively over the course of the academic year in the following structures:

Building up skills:

Step 1 – 'Root facts'

Step 2 – 'Root facts' mixed up - no longer relying on patterns

Step 3 – Introduce tougher time restraints to encourage rapid recall (where appropriate)

Step 4 – 'Root facts' and inverses

Step 5 – 'Root facts' and any linked facts such as multiples of 10 or 100 (Mega Facts)

Step 6 – Missing number problems.

The embedding of these steps are key. Children will progress at different speeds and will not be rushed onto the next step if they are not yet fluent.

Overview:

EYFS	Children to be exposed to counting in 2s, 5s and 10s when ready
Year 1	Multiples of x2, x10, root facts, commutative and inverse
Year 2	Multiples of x5, x3, x4 root facts, commutative and inverse
Year 3	Multiples of x6, x7, x8, x9 root facts, commutative and inverse
Year 4	Multiples of x11, x12 root facts, commutative and inverse Doubles and halves of 20-50
Year 5	Multiplying single digit numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. Dividing up to 4 digit numbers by 10, 100, 1000. Related multiples of 10/100/1000. Squared numbers and square roots. Doubles and halves of 50 -100. Multiplying decimals.
Year 6	Cubed numbers and cube roots Revision of all skills and maths fluency

A more detailed breakdown of the content can be found on the website.

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.

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Art Exhibition

Dear Parents

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.

Date: 10th and 11th October

Time: 3:30-7:00pm

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. Fellow parents and other members of the family 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



Cross Country

On Friday 29th September, Raglan hosted its inaugural cross-country event at Whitehall Rec. The event consisted of 1 lap around the park.

With the sun beaming down on us, I believe the event was an absolutely roaring success. It has been one of the highlights of my time as the PE lead so far to see the sheer parental support here at Raglan. Seeing parents and children alike cheering each other around the course and down the finishing line struck home what a wonderful community we have here at our school. I believe it was a special way in which to end the PE cafe week.

I would like to thank all of the staff and parents who generously volunteered their time to help pull this event off and I cannot wait for the event again next year.

Mr Boorman

Year 4 teacher and PE lead



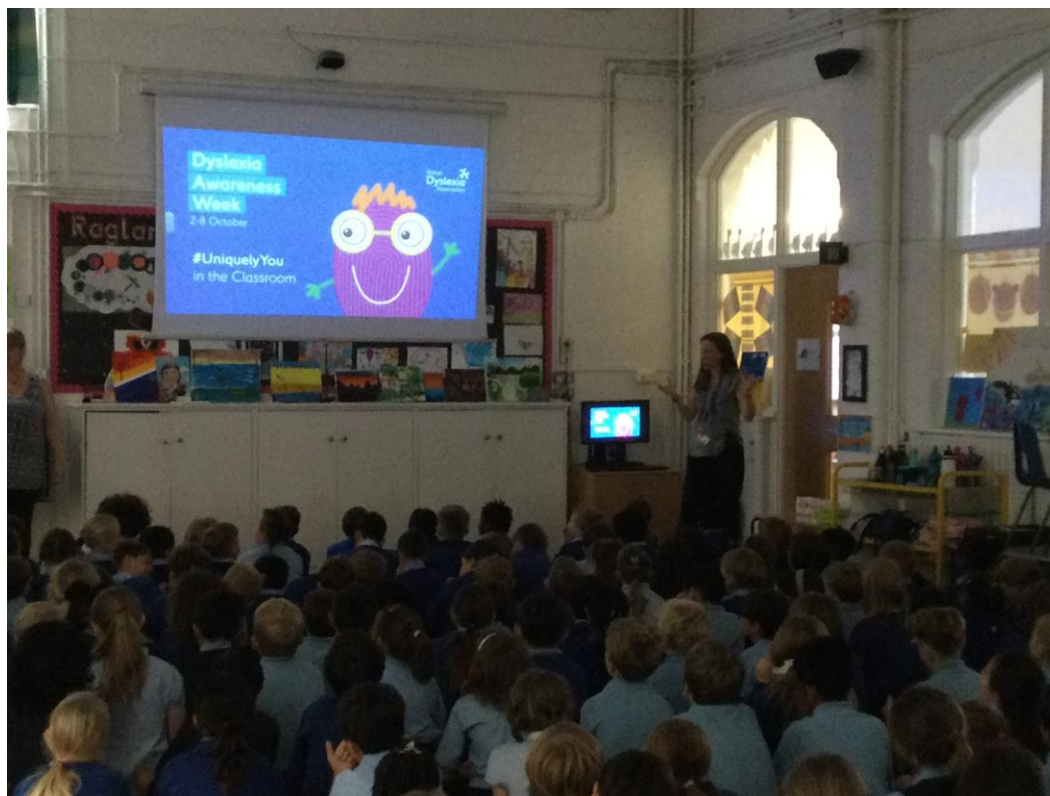
RAW Tennis

If you are interested in booking an October Camp for RAW Tennis please see the attached flyer



Dyslexia Awareness Week

This week the children have learnt more about dyslexia and celebrated Dyslexia Awareness Week. Miss Reid-Smith and Mrs Allen delivered an exciting assembly to Key Stage 2 which included a short animation called [See Dyslexia Differently](#) and a fingerprint activity that the children have completed in class this week.



Black History Month

This week marks the beginning of Black History Month nationally. This year the children will again continue to focus on different areas of where prominent black people have had impact around the world and UK. Next week, and after half term, I hope to highlight some of the learning and celebration children have been involved with during Black History month. Next week we welcome the internationally renowned percussionist Abass Doodoo into our school. Abass hails from Ghana and we look forward to him leading the children through drumming workshops.

For Black History month, the nursery children have been learning a song 'Che Che Kooley' which is an African song, very similar to Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes. They have practised singing and adding in musical instruments. Next week we will read Handa's Surprise.

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.

Girls' Football

The Girls' football team played against Highfield Town on Friday. It was their first match together and the team played really well. It was a good exercise in bonding and working out how to play as a team. The match was brilliant to watch, with the second half seeing Raglan generate a lot of chances which has encouraged the girls for their next match. Thank you to the parents for your support. We look forward to the next match!



Cricket Skills Festival



On Thursday, a group of 18 children across key stage 2 visited the Kent County Cricket Ground for a cricket skills festival. The morning consisted of some excellent drills focussing on some of the core elements within cricket such as fielding, bowling, batting and catching.

The morning went superbly with every child giving their all at each station. It is yet another example of the wonderfully diverse sporting culture we have here at Raglan and how children at our school are prepared to try new things and put themselves out there.

What's more, we have already signed up for a key stage 1 cricket skills event later on in the year, so the younger children have that to look forward to.

A massive thank you to all the parents who made this possible by transporting them there and back; I could not have done it without your support.

Mr Boorman - Year 4 teacher and PE lead

And Finally...

Please do remember that we have Parents' Evening next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please do not turn up without an appointment as teachers will have to stick to their schedule of appointments. If you are unable to make your appointment please do email to inform us.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend.

Thanks for your continued support,
Mr De Freitas