



Raglan Upcoming Dates

- Golden Eagles Family Assembly** – Friday 24th November 9.15am
- Book Fair** – Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th November
- Flu Immunisation** – Wednesday 29th November
- Christmas Fair** – Saturday 9th December
- Christmas Lunch and Last Day of Term** – Tuesday 19th December

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Greek	Yassou	Kalimera	Kalispera

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The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'old'

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



Character Virtue of the Week

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and successful week at Raglan draws to a close. Your children have again provided the staff with many learning highlights for the week. It has again been a pleasure to drop in to phonics teaching in Nursery, EYFS, Sharks and KS1. I have been able to watch and hear adults lower down the school listening to children 1:1, helping them to consolidate sounds, words and read with increasing fluency.

Learning to read is such a critical part of the learning process and helps children to access the full curriculum. The reading skills learnt lower down the school means that accessing the curriculum is made easier. I have seen children in Frogs and across Key Stage 2 this week putting their reading skills to good use, exploring and researching different facts and knowledge in a range of subjects. This knowledge has then been applied to: form predications in Science for example, create writing narratives in different subjects and put together an explanation of events.

I would urge parents to continue to encourage your children to read at every possible moment and help create a real love of reading.



School Dinners

I would like to apologise for the disruption to school dinners this week. We have had one of our ovens break down and we are awaiting the part to be delivered for it to be fixed as well as having had an issue with the haulage company that supplies the food that cancelled its delivery for reasons still unknown to us. As you know there have been some adaptations to the menu this week as a result. We have communicated our frustration to the catering company about the deliveries. Unfortunately both of these factors are beyond my control but I am trying to sort both as soon as possible. I thank you for your patience with this, and apologise for any further disruption if it should happen.

Severe Weather Protocol

As we move towards winter I thought it would be useful to remind you of the protocol when we have extreme weather predicted, such as snowfall. The school would only be closed if:

- We failed to have enough staff make it in to school which meant we did not have correct staff / pupil ratios.
- We had no access to hot water and heating (there was some sort of problem preventing hot water or heating).
- Catering staff were unable to make it in to school which would mean we were unable to provide school meals for pupils.

When extreme weather is predicted we will be informing parents about school remaining open or staying closed via Arbor/the website/Twitter and Instagram. We will aim to do this at latest by 7.30am.

Like last year when we did open on the two days that we had some snow cover, we will do everything we can to remain open – especially if it does snow – because playing out in the snow is great fun!

Anti-Bullying and Agents for Change

On Tuesday the Agents for Change leaders led a terrific assembly with a focus on anti-racism and anti-bullying. As a group the Agents for Change have been prolific in promoting our school character virtues and the protected characteristics. It is not easy for many adults to present in front of a large group of people and publically speak but, our Agents do this with great confidence. The focus on anti-racism was a collective decision made by our Agents. Their presentation included a very impactful short film about inequality which was very thought-provoking. I believe that the power of pupil voice is paramount to the development of a child. One of our key curriculum drivers is communication, or as I like to put it – find your voice! The Agents have found their voice and they are making the very best impact in our school. I am delighted that the Agents have recruited a growing number of other children that wish to be part of the Agents program. The Agents also repeated our TELL, TELL, TELL mantra as the best way to stop bullying in our school. Congratulations to them on a great assembly.



Christmas Album Recording

This week proved to be a first for our children and school. We recorded what will be our Raglan School Christmas Album. We are incredibly lucky to have had one of our Grandparents (Tony Clark) and his sound technician colleague (Luis Bonilla) complete the recording. Both Tony and Luis have had years of experience of recording artists from all over the world. In Tony's case at Abbey Road Studios – and we should all know how famous and historic this studio is! The children have been learning songs for some time now for this initiative. It has been a lot of hard work and commitment but we believe the end product of our very own Raglan Christmas Album will be worth it.

We hope to make our Christmas Album available to families via download, in time for the beginning of the Christmas festivities. We hope you all enjoy it and that it brings you a huge amount of festive cheer!

The recording experience has been a wonderful opportunity for the children and we look forward to our next expressive arts and music venture! I would like to say a massive thank you to our BYMT teachers for all their hard work in helping the children rehearse. Thank you to Mrs Walker, Mrs Farthers and Mrs Osborn. Also, an enormous thank you to the staff team for getting behind the project and adapting their timetables so that we could complete the recording. A special thanks to Mrs Ingrey and Miss Lowe for timetabling, re-timetabling and communicating all the logistics to the staff team. A tremendous thank you to Tony and Luis for all their work and for giving the children a real taste of what being part of a professional recording is like. As the children learnt, it is not a case of turn up and perform!

Finally, thank you to the children for getting behind the project. If the album sounds anywhere near as good as we expect, then this will be something out of this world!



Flu Immunisation

Just a reminder that the closing date to sign up for your son/daughter's flu immunisation is midnight on 23rd November.

Pantomime Tickets

For those people that have ordered pantomime tickets to the Churchill via the FoR – the tickets have been given to the class teachers today so you should receive them today or Monday.



Our Reception children have been amazing artists. They have been learning about Kandinsky in their art lesson and I'm sure you will agree, they have created some masterpieces of their own.

The Big Raglan Walk to School - Tuesday mornings at 8.35am

Thank you to all the parents, carers and childminders who joined Mrs Prescott on the Big Raglan Walk to School on Tuesday morning.

We had 23 children take part this week, but I think we can do better. If you walk along Chatterton Road to school, meet up with the Big Walk on your way. We depart from the Cowper Road exit of Whitehall Rec at 8.35, passing by Shampan on Chatterton Road at approximately 8.40 and walking down, past the Co-op, to cross with the lollipop lady on Southlands Road.

Look out for Mrs Prescott and Mrs Allen in their big blue Raglan coats! Wrap up warm and join them on Tuesday morning.





Join the 'Big Raglan Walk to School'

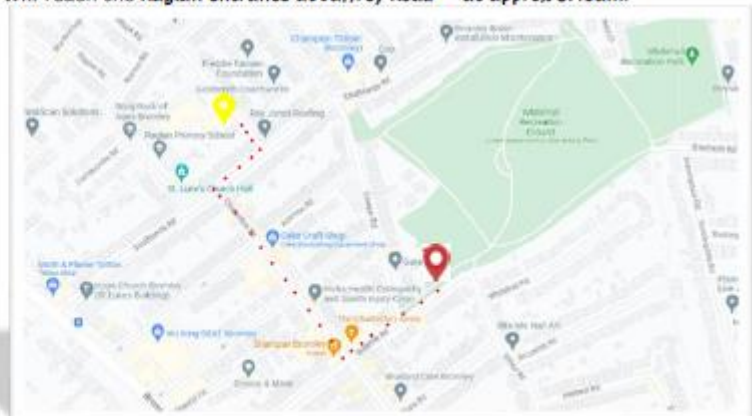


Support our Eco Council and Junior Travel Ambassadors to promote more environmentally friendly, sustainable and healthy ways to travel to school.

Join the **Big Raglan Walk to School** at any point along the route.

Starting point is here  by the **Cowper Road Whitehall Rec exit at 8.35am**. The route will walk down Walpole Road towards **Chatterton Road post office (at approx 8.40am)**, then along Chatterton Road to cross by the lollipop lady on Southlands Road.

We will reach the **Raglan entrance at Jaffrey Road**  at approx 8.45am.



Every Tuesday
at 8.35am



For those families who live further away from school and need to drive, why not park your car and meet up with the **Big Raglan Walk to School** for the final part of your journey!

Sharks and Frogs BIG DAY OUT!

On Thursday Frogs and Sharks visited the Speech and Language Provision at Green Street Green School. They invited us to celebrate Diwali with them. The children were all paired up with a buddy and spent the day with them, decorating diva lamps, creating stick puppets to retell the story of Rama and Sita and learning songs to do with the festival of light.

We are extremely proud of all the children in the provision, who behaved impeccably on the buses and showed everyone how friendly and chatty they are when they were with their buddies.



Odd Socks Day

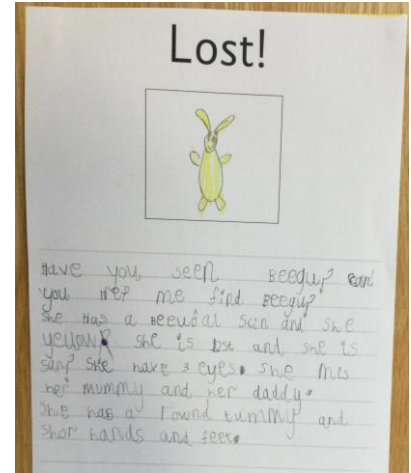
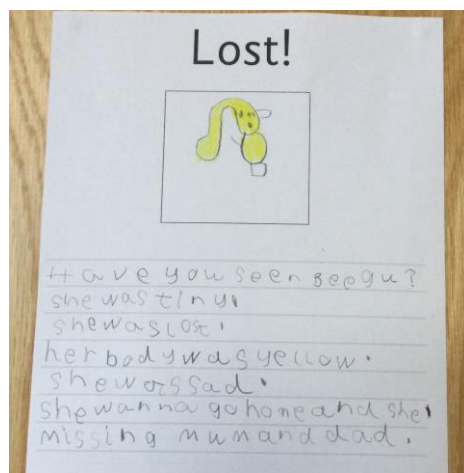
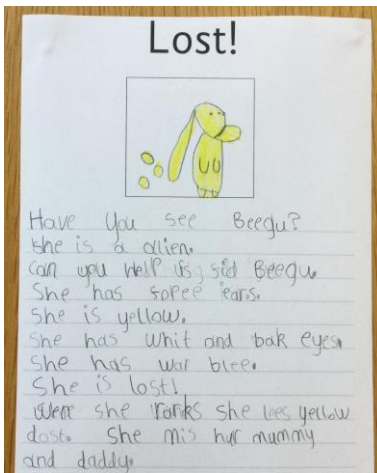
On Tuesday you will know that we helped to promote anti-bullying by wearing odd socks to school. It was a tremendous response to this national campaign. All classes took part to promote this great cause. The children featured here are from Tigers class and they made an especially excellent effort!



Aliens!!



Year 1 found a crashed alien spaceship in the playground! They spent their week writing descriptions of what they found as well as making lost posters to find the missing alien! Be on high alert for a small yellow creature with long, floppy ears.....



If you are buying a Christmas tree this year please consider going to Beck Evans Farm. If you take the flyer along (attached to this email) and write our school details on the back they will donate £5 to us for every Christmas tree bought by families of Raglan.

Children in Need Cake Sale

A massive congratulations to the School Council for their organisation of what has become our annual Children in Need Cake Sale. The School Council sold cakes throughout morning break and raised over £260. The proceeds of the sale will go towards the BBC Children in Need fundraiser which as you know is happening today across the country. We are delighted to be helping to promote and contribute to this excellent cause.



Family Assembly Leopards

Congratulations to Leopards Class who dazzled parents, carers and grandparents with their family assembly which focused on the old English poem: Beowulf! The children thoroughly entertained us with their individual and collective performances. The portraying of the character Beowulf was outstanding and was very Monty Python 'esk!'

Throughout their performance the children showcased their learning where they have been writing newspaper articles about Beowulf. Just when I didn't think the performance could get any better it did...with the children singing us out with Bonnie Tyler's epic tune, "I Need a Hero." It was a real triumph for Leopards Class this morning and again, another great showcase of expressive arts in our school. Well done to the children of Leopards Class, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Lewis.



Year 3 Trip

On Thursday morning, Year 3 (Pandas and Tigers) enjoyed a trip to the Gurdwara in Croydon. The children travelled by coach and enjoyed all of the sights out of the windows. We arrived at the Gurdwara and all the children were very respectful and took off their shoes and covered their hair. They enjoyed a talk about the ten Gurus, the Sikh holy text and some of the customs in the Sikh community. The children then enjoyed some fruit and water from the Langar. Year 3 then travelled back via coach to school in time for lunch. A fantastic morning was had by all!



Primary Maths Challenge

The annual Primary Maths Challenge took place in school this month. The Challenge, which is aimed at pupils in Year 5 and 6, is a fun and exciting way to encourage enthusiasm and boost confidence in maths. All the pupils who chose to take part enjoyed challenging themselves - as one Year 6 said "Some of the questions were hard but it was fun trying to work them out."

All participants will receive a certificate in a forthcoming assembly.

Look out for the first Maths Challenge for Year 3 and 4 pupils which will take place in June.

And Finally...

Thank you to you all for ensuring that you are getting your children here on time. I know this may sound a small thing, but it is enormous! I appreciate that there are odd occasions when traffic plays havoc, or that the odd morning can be a challenge, but as parents and carers you are excellent at getting your children here on time.

Being in school on time for the start of the school day has a seismic effect on children's behaviour for learning. The need for routine for all children is enormous, and getting in on time means typically a good start to the day.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mr De Freitas