



Raglan Upcoming Dates

Open Mornings for Reception 2024/2025 intake - 7th and 15th November
Panthers Family Assembly – Friday 10th November 9.15am
Children in Need Cake Sale and Donations and Leopards Family Assembly (9.15am) – Friday 17th November
Golden Eagles Family Assembly – Friday 24th November 9.15am

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Portuguese	Alô	Bom dia !	Boa tarde!

Hello in Portuguese - Rocket Languages

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'noisy'



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



6th Nov Noisy.MOV

Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

Your children are sensational! They have returned from the half term filled with a determination to learn and a will to succeed! As we move towards the winter, and the daylight diminishing, the motivation for us as a staff team to keep providing the learning experiences, care and support we do; comes from the enthusiasm and commitment your children show towards our school. It has been a brilliant first week back and your children deserve every credit for this.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Farmer

I would like to congratulate Mr Farmer and his wife on the birth of their daughter. According to Mr Farmer she decided to arrive early with very little warning! Mother and baby are doing well. We look forward to Mr Farmer returning next week after his paternity leave.

Road Safety

As the evenings draw in, it is even more important that we take care when accessing school at the beginning of the day and walking home at the end of the day. I have continued to lobby local council for: greater parking enforcement for cars parked illegally, 20 MPH speed restrictions at the beginning and end of school days, as well as a new (and repositioned) electronic speed alert display. The one outside school on Jaffray is not only broken, but not in the best place. This needs to be positioned on the bend leading into Jaffray Road, so that motorists slow down before taking the corner. I would ask that all parents please try and park away from the school if they can and walk in. That way we have less vehicles for parents, carers and children to avoid when accessing and leaving the school site. Thank you to the parents that are helping me with this cause to improve pedestrian safety and safeguarding for all children. I would ask that you continue to do this respectfully and without intrusion on other parents. We need to work together on this.



Read Read and Read Some More!

I would like to thank Mrs Ingrey for organising our Reading Café this week. Thank you also to all of the staff that pitched in to set up, host and clear up each day. This has been a tremendous success. Reading for pleasure is such an important part of the reading process. It is life-long! It has been terrific to see parents and children reading together across the course of the week. Being able to read means having access to the full curriculum because it underpins everything we do. I would implore all parents and carers to read as much as they can with their children – at every opportunity.



Inspired Assembly

On Wednesday we had an excellent assembly on Developmental Language Delay (DLD). This was led by Mrs Wright – who is one of our specialist Speech and Language Therapists.

Mrs Wright explained to the children what DLD is and how common this condition is. With the help of several children in our Provision (who were featured on the presentation) she showed the children the mountains that the people with DLD have to climb and the successes they have. Nothing is impossible!

The assembly really resonated with the children – especially because it featured many of the provision children speaking on the presentation.

This was a terrific experience for all. Thank you to Mrs Wright, Mrs Norris, and to the children in our provision that helped put this together. Thank you to all of our provision team for the wonderful experiences you provide our children with, as well as the expertise you share with our mainstream colleagues and children.



DLD Cake Sale

I would like to say a tremendous thank you to the parents from our Provision that organised the DLD Cake sale which is taking place after school today. This is an excellent initiative to help promote DLD awareness.

The money raised from the cake sale will go directly into purchasing further learning resources for the children in our provision.

A massive thank you to you again, and to the children from the provision for helping out. We look forward to this again next year!

A wonderful initiative!

Governor Visits Day

Yesterday, we hosted School Governors for their termly visit to our school. Our Governors play a vital role in the supporting the strategic development of our school, as well as challenging school leaders in a positive way to ensure we deliver the most robust learning provision, safeguarding processes, nurture and care for our pupils. The Governors came away incredibly impressed seeing all of the above; in addition to seeing the calm environment and witnessing the wonderful hubbub of teaching and learning that we get to experience each day. Well done to all of the Year 6 school leaders who discussed their roles with governors to. They are great ambassadors for Raglan!

Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTA) 'Elf and Safety' competition

The Bromley Borough School Travel Team are running a borough wide competition called 'Elf and Safety' to promote the 'Be Bright, Be Seen' message to children in the darker winter months. The competition is to design an outfit for the Christmas Elf, so that they can be visible when out in the snow or out at night. When designing your outfit, consider the weather and the light conditions in winter and what type of clothing you might wear.

Competition entry forms are attached to the newsletter. Please note there is one form for KS1 and another for KS2. If you are unable to print out the entry forms, your child can collect a paper copy from their class teacher.

The JTAs will be selecting the winning Raglan entries and awarding a prize for the best KS1 and KS2 designs. The winners will also be submitted to the borough wide competition for a chance to win a £25 Amazon gift voucher. All entries must be handed in to class teachers by **Friday 17th November**. Good luck!

Even More JTA news...Introducing 'The Big Raglan Walk to School'.

The ECO Council and Junior Travel Ambassadors have been working together to promote more sustainable travel ideas for the school and to highlight key messages about road safety to our school community. To support this, Mrs Prescott, our Site Manager, will be launching the '**Big Raglan Walk to school**' starting on **Tuesday 7th November 2023**, encouraging parents and students who walk along Chatterton Road to walk together as a group. We hope that as many of you as possible will join her **every Tuesday morning from 8.25am**.

The Big Raglan Walk to School will help us to promote more sustainable modes of transport, foster a greater sense of school community and promote the health benefits of walking to the wider community. The attached leaflet sets out the planned route and timetable and how you can get involved. Please note that children remain the responsibility of parents and carers during the walk to school. Spread the word and encourage as many people as possible to take part!

Severe Weather

The ever changing climate is providing us with greater, (and more intensive), rainfall more frequently. Can I please encourage parents and carers to pack children an additional pair of socks in your child's school bag when there is a lot of rain predicted or that it is actually tipping down! Please make sure your child(s) comes to school with a waterproof when it is raining, or the prediction is for rain.

And Finally...

I wish to thank you again for your kind and supportive comments on the Parents' Evening Feedback forms. I do share these with the staff team because I feel they need to see the support that you have for them and the school. The continuing upward trajectory of our school can only be sustained further strengthening the positive partnership that we have with you.

I would also ask that you all please look on our website at the information that Mr Farmer has put together about how to teach your children timestables at home.

I cannot stress the importance of having your children learn, know, remember, and rapidly recall these – and as young as possible.

Please do try and make it a mission to have a blitz on these at home this half term. I am overjoyed when children – and as young as those in Year 1 – coming and ask me to quiz them on the timestables they have learned at home. There are several children in Year 4, who mastered them last year that I am now quizzing on decimal timestables, squares, square roots, cubed numbers, and cube roots. Sensational!

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas







