




Raglan Upcoming Dates

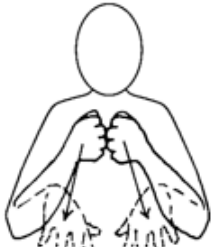
End of term – Tuesday 19th December (school finishes at normal time)
Start of term – Thursday 4th January
Maths Café – Wednesday 10th January
Tigers Family Assembly – Friday 12th January
Eco Council Swap Shop – Saturday 13th January
FoR Board Games Café – Saturday 20th January

Language of the Week

Week beginning 18th December

 Merry Christmas to all!	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	French Joyeux Noël	German Frohe Weinachten	Spanish Feliz Navidad	Italian Buon Natale	Polish Wesołych Świąt

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'finish'



Double click on the link below for a video



18th Dec finish.mov

Character Virtue of the Week

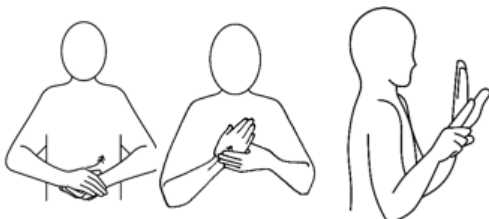


Week beginning 4th January

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Italian	Ciao	Buon giorno	Buon pomeriggio

https://youtu.be/ifzyFjsU2_Q

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'Happy New Year'



1st Jan Happy New Year.MOV

Character Virtue of the Week



Safeguarding over the Christmas and New Year Break

A reminder to all parents and carers that should you need to contact the school for any family emergency or safeguarding concern 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 Ingrey, Mr Hunter and Mrs Collins are all our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders. We all access the safeguarding email inbox over the break to check for any messages.

Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I wish to congratulate all of your children for the very best of an autumn term. They have done yourselves and us incredibly proud. I am particularly pleased and proud of our new nursery and reception children that have joined us because their progress since the beginning of the year has been wonderful. The growing independence, confidence and resilience has been a joy to watch.

All of the children across the school have experienced success across the term. They have all climbed a huge number of mountains. Where the children have not been successful the first, second or third times...they have tried again and experienced success! In fact I know several of the Year 5 and 6 children have really lived the Chinese proverb 'Fall down Seven Times, Get Up Eight' whilst working directly with me. Indeed, these children, (and so many more), in lessons across each day, week and month have 'stuck' at a task and not given up. As a result of persevering they have succeeded and continued to build resilience.

All of the children should be very proud of themselves, and all of them are a tremendous credit to you.

Secondly, I wish to sincerely thank all parents and carers for your continued support of the school, staff team and me. Strong schools can only be this way if the school / parent partnership continuously builds. Our community is special and unique because we have been working together. I am really grateful for all of the support you have been giving me in the lobbying of the local council to improve pedestrian safety around the school. I know that their work has just begun with some speed awareness posters going up and the removal of the broken speed awareness sign. I do hope that the other initiatives they suggested would be coming our way materialise quickly in the New Year.

I would also like to thank our FOR for a terrific term of fundraising. The Christmas Fayre at last count had raised a whopping £4400. This is excellent! The Christmas Fayre was a fantastic community day. Please do read the report from our FOR further down.

The FOR Christmas Fayre was well supported by the Key Stage 2 Stalls after the Carol Concert last week. These raised £440. This is a magnificent effort all round. The Carol Concert, KS2 Stalls and Summer Fayre were all terrific successes. The FOR will be now focusing their fundraising efforts on the KS2 playground upgrade. We are hoping that we will now commission the works for KS1 for the oncoming Easter break.

The Staff Team

I would like to thank the entire staff for an incredible autumn term. The staff have not rested on their laurels following a terrific inspection very late in the summer term. Instead I believe they have taken the school further forward. Their commitment, effort and level of care they provide your children is truly humbling. They deserve every credit and every thanks. I am very proud of them and the learning experiences, confidence and guidance they provide your children with. They have been heroic.



Learning is for Everyone at Raglan: House Captain's Termly Learning Report

Last year, at the end of each term, our School House Team Captains began writing an end of term learning report from across the school. This was an additional responsibility that they undertook – and well. Each House colour has specific year groups to go and interview (staff and children) for the learning highlights of the term. One of the House Colours pulls it altogether into a narrative. This term Green House had the responsibility of writing the report below. I think they have written a terrific piece that has provided a snapshot of the learning experience for the children in our school.

This term, Nursery have enjoyed learning various Makaton signs as well as Bollywood dancing for Diwali. The new children have settled in really well in their new environment. Many of the children have come up with very good ideas during discussions. Reception have had lots of fun studying Diwali and learning about bonfire night through play. In reading, reception have read the Stickman by Julia Donaldson and during this book, they have learned new words and formed sentences independently. At the end of October both Nursery and Reception had enormous pumpkins delivered to them from Mr and Mrs Mead! These proved to be very intriguing and the children were able to draw and write about these huge pumpkins.

In Sharks and Frogs, children journeyed to Green Street Green Primary School language provision to celebrate Diwali. This was a wonderful experience and the children shared their learning with the children at Green Street Green. All the adults that work in the provision are very proud of the children's improvement in communication, reading and writing. In addition to this, all the adults are proud of the children's incredible problem-solving ideas that they have come up with during this term, (especially in maths.) After studying and exploring colour this term, children completed some excellent artwork.

Key stage 1 have been busy! As part of their healthy eating learning, Year 1 have tried different fruits and vegetables. They have also been designing and making their own healthy salads, (the best part was cutting and making their own salad!) Year 1 have drawn and written about these and their food experiences. PE has had a dance focus for Year 1. The children have created dances based on the film 'Jungle book'. Also in Year 1 they have been learning about 'Beegu' in English. Beegu is an alien that crashed its spaceship into the KS1 playground. The children made posters hoping that someone caught site of Beegu! One of their favourite topics was forest school (learning about seasons). One of the best things was making advent calendars for their mothers and fathers. In this first term back Year 2 have had a very exciting start, having been learning about the Great Fire of London and reading the book 'VLAD', which was set at this time. They have also begun to learn addition and subtraction, (and column method) in maths. The Year 2's had a great day on their trip to St. Pauls cathedral. Furthermore, the year 2s have been learning about textures of materials in DT.

Year 3 have had fun and done incredibly well with their D.T. They have also been sewing also in DT and made some Christmas based items. Geography was a good success within class as children studied flags, capital cities and countries. As well as that, Year 3 have focused on gymnastics in PE and their routines were brilliant. In year 4, the classes have been learning about electricity circuits in science. They have been building basic circuits and discussing how these circuits are used in all sorts of items. In reading Year 4 have been focusing on the book Matilda by Rahld Dahl, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. They have also written some excellent pieces in English this term based on Matilda. During history, the children have been learning about Egypt, which they thought was very interesting but all would prefer to live in the modern world.

At the older end of the school, Year 5 have enjoyed participating in PE where they have been learning about and playing netball. During art lessons, the children have been painting pictures of the Mona Lisa, which they loved creating. Year 5 have also been sewing Viking purses in DT. Leopards very much enjoyed creating and then performing their class assembly. This was very entertaining to watch! Finally, in Year 6, we have been learning a lot in our maths lessons. Especially challenging has been learning about ratio, proportion and scale. We have also loved learning about and creating graffiti art in art lessons. In addition to this our teachers have enjoyed teaching the children adaptations in science. We all loved the worm hunt!

Compiled by all the House Captains and Written by the Green House Captains.

KIND READY SAFE CONFIDENT RESILIENT INDEPENDENT – Our Raglan School Character Virtues

Again this half term the children have epitomised our school Character Virtues. Each week as you know we have a themed week for a character virtue. Children are then rewarded in a celebration assembly for displaying the virtue that represents the week. Our character virtues are important because we believe that these qualities not just enable us to take on and succeed in all learning challenges; but help us through every stage of schooling in front of us and life!

In addition to the above I would like to congratulate all of the children that received Head Teacher Certificates this half term for consistently reflecting our character virtues, for showing a sustained outstanding attitude and behaviour towards learning. In addition to this I congratulate all of the children that received Head Teacher Certificates for being outstanding role models at lunchtimes. In addition to this, congratulations to all of the children that received certificates for attending school 96%+ of the time, and a special mention to those children that have been in every single day this whole term.

Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert

On Friday 8th December our Key Stage 2 children dazzled parents, carers and grandparents with their annual Christmas Carol Concert outside on the KS2 playground. We were lucky with the weather as the temperature was relatively mild and it did not rain! The children sang the live version of our Christmas album (plus additional traditional carols), which was released on Friday 8th December. You can download the album via the front page of the website still! It was an amazing experience for all those that took part and watched. The use of Makaton signing was also wonderful to see. A huge congratulations to the Key Stage 2 children. I also wish to thank Mrs Lewis and Mrs Walker for all their hard work and commitment throughout singing assemblies in preparation for this event – as well as their leadership at the concert itself. The children's singing was stunning!



Angel Express: EYFS and Key Stage 1

EYFS and KS1 delivered an incredible performance of Angel Express last week across Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This was to a 'packed house' on each occasion. The audience were enthralled throughout and we were all delighted when the 'angels' found their singing voices to bring joy to the world and celebrate the birth of Jesus! I was extremely proud of the Key Stage 2 children at their carol performance; and equally proud of the EYFS and KS1 children. What was fantastic to see was the confidence of all children performing. The quality of singing was also sensational. A huge congratulations to EYFS and KS1 children. I would like to thank all of the staff for their efforts in preparing for the production, as well as Mrs Prescott for arranging the stage and logistics. A big thank you to Miss Lowe (our Expressive Arts Leader) for leading and coordinating the production. This was another Raglan triumph!



Support our petition to implement a 20mph zone around Raglan School

As you are all aware, I am still trying to lobby the local council to implement 20mph speed restrictions at peak times around the school perimeter. I believe that this is essential for the safety of our whole school community, and we should not have to wait for an accident to take place before the council is forced into taking action. In the New Year, the Junior Travel Ambassadors will be launching a petition, to try and gain as many signatures as we can to strengthen our case with the Borough of Bromley.

I will be promoting the petition on the school gates with the Year 6 JTAs and Mrs Allen (our JTA lead) every morning, week commencing 8th January 2024. Please do look out for us and sign the petition - your support is essential in making our case for change! The JTAs will also be setting up an online petition for your friends and family to sign on the Bromley Council E-Petitions site. Look out for details on how to access this during the same week. I will also provide a weblink to the e-petition in the first newsletter of the Spring Term.



A message from FOR:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair on Saturday. It was a fantastic community event and a great success: we raised over **£4,000** for the school - an amazing achievement!

We couldn't have done it without the help and support from all of you. We'd like to give huge thanks to everyone who contributed, whether by way of donations, supplying baked goodies, setting up and manning stalls, or coming along on the day and taking part. We'd like to extend special thanks to Omer and Mehmet of **Moresso Coffee** who significantly upgraded our tea and coffee offering, and kindly donated all proceeds to FOR's fundraising efforts. We have a number of unclaimed raffle prizes and will be in touch with winners in due course.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you at more FOR events in the New Year starting with the Board Games Cafe on January 20th, followed by **Family Bingo Night on Friday 2nd February**. Put them in your new 2024 calendars asap!!

Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved, have ideas for new events or fundraising opportunities, or have any skills or experience to offer in connection with any events or the plans for the KS2 playground. We'd love to hear from you.

The FOR committee



Designed for children with SEN including DLD and SaLT, Down Syndrome, ASD and ADHD. ZAP's vision is to create a holiday club that is fully inclusive for all children regardless of their SEND.

Run by experienced SEN staff, Zap offers a range of sensory arts, crafts and play to children aged 4-11 years

We are able to take children who are still not toilet trained, non/pre-verbal whether you have an EHCP or not.

10-2pm - £40
10-3pm - £50

To find out more please visit our website - www.zapkidsclub.co.uk or email zapkidsclub@outlook.com



Lost Scooter

This scooter has gone missing from the bike/scooter storage at the Jaffray Road entrance adjacent to the KS2 Playground.

If you know anything about its whereabouts or have seen it can you let the office know asap. It belongs to one of our Year 5 pupils and we would like it returned or found.

Grapes

If you send in grapes with your child's packed lunch please ensure that you cut them in half so that they are not a choking hazard.





Eco Council

The Eco Council will be holding their annual Swap Shop on Saturday 13th January 2-4pm. You will be able to swap or buy things like waterproofs, wellies, dressing up costumes, games and puzzles. Ages 4-10 years only. There will also be cakes and refreshments available to buy. This event is open to our local community so please tell all of your friends. All money raised will be donated to Foad Farm.

House Team Points Championship for Autumn Term 2

A massive congratulations to Blue House for being victorious this half term. They have amassed 3791 points across this half term. The championship each half term remains hotly contested. This means that on Friday 5th January, children in Blue House will be able to come to school either fully dressed in blue, partially dressed in blue or come in school uniform wearing a blue accessory. Parents are not expected to go and buy anything blue. Children in Blue House will also have their additional break time on the afternoon of Friday 5th January.



School Uniform Information

I do appreciate that we are fast approaching the end of term, however I need to remind parents that we have the same expectations for school uniform. This includes PE uniform. We expect children to be in correct school uniform (unless we have a themed day like today). In addition to this; children should not be coming to school wearing rings or bringing rings in. The children will be asked to remove these and take them home. They should not return to school. In addition to this, nail-polish should not be worn into school. As a reminder we are expecting children to have their shirts tucked in when inside the building. All staff have been reminding children of this.

And Finally...

The holiday period presents parents and carers with several opportunities to encourage children to READ, READ and READ some more. I do hope that all children have a new book to read somewhere tucked away in their Christmas stocking!

If they do, then I would love children to come tell me what the book was and what happened in it! Even better if children write a small 'book blurb' and show me. In addition to this, spare moments for children can be filled with learning times tables! Children could easily blitz these and the division of them over the Christmas period.

On behalf of the entire school staff team and our governing body, I wish you all a safe, happy and lovely Christmas and New Year holiday period.

We look forward to seeing you all return for the spring term on Thursday 4th January.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas