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# Ragian Upcoming Dates

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Senior Citizens Christmas Party – Thursday 7th December KS2 Christmas Carol Concert and Stalls - Friday 8th December Christmas Jumper/Own Clothes Day - Friday 8th December Christmas Fair - Saturday 9th December

EYFS and KS1 performance - Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th December

# Language of the Week

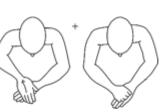
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Hebrew	Shalom	Boker tov	Shalom
	PISP	בוקר אוב	PISP

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# The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'Christmas Stocking'

# Character Virtue of the Week









Double click on the link below for a video



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another great week for learning at Raglan! On my learning walk this week I had the pleasure of seeing the children in Nursery continuing to learn through play, work further on their phonics and also make reindeer food in preparation for Christmas!

Reception children braved the cooler weather and continued with their outdoor learning provision. Outdoor learning enables the children to learn about mini-beasts for one, but to also develop team building skills and sparks curiosity about the environment around us. I also watched with admiration as children worked individually and in small groups with Miss Ezinwa and Miss Donnelly matching pictures to words and also forming sentences – with growing independence!

My trip to Year 1 was brilliant! The children are making the shift into more formalised working, getting ready for the transition to Year 2. We do this gradually over the year, and with more speed in the second half of the year. The children have been writing stories about the missing 'alien' Beegu. According to the Year 1 children there have been sightings around the school of Beegu! Year 2 have been working hard in Computing on coding. The children have been building coding commands and moving shapes and animals with these coding commands.

Year 3 children have been writing newspaper articles based on the text they have been reading. The detail has been good and the children have been using the five 'W's for newspaper articles: what, when, which, why, and where effectively. In addition to this, Year 3 have been learning about the Christmas story in RE. My journey into Year 4 was very interesting with children learning about insulators and conductors for electricity. I had a terrific follow up discussion with children as to why humans need to be careful of electricity — we are conductors. The children wanted to know why humans were conductors so we had a discussion about the make-up of humans in terms of matter and why this makes us conductors of electricity and why we need to be careful around it. In maths this week, Year 4 have been building number sentences and determining if either side of the equals sign does equate or if it is different. They have been using the inverse of the number sentences to help with this learning.

Yesterday I attended the Year 5 Trip to The Maritime Museum in Greenwich. The children had a really informative experience and learnt much about the history of the royal navy — which is extensive! The children were exceptionally well-behaved. They were the very best of ambassadors for our school. It was a terrific educational visit and a lot of fun. The Viking workshop was excellent! Thank you to the team of parents that helped Mrs Johnson and Mrs Duller. In addition to the trip I had the privilege of dropping into a music lesson for Year 5 this week and heard them sing. It left me with goose-bumps. The quality of their singing was incredible! The children were also signing in Makaton whilst singing White Christmas. Brilliant! In Year 6, in Geography, children have been studying different biomes around the world. Children wrote letters to family as if they were in a biome; reporting on its features and wildlife. In Maths children have continued to grapple with ratio and proportion and scaling. Yet again they have seen how important a mastery of times tables is because the foundations of working out these two concepts is times tables and the division of these.

My journey into Sharks and Frogs this week has seen me watching children building words and sentences for their narrative for English. The stimulus for their English learning has been the artist they are studying Joaquin Torres – Garcia. The children were engaged with their English learning which was differentiated in several ways so as to consolidate and challenge children. In Maths this week, Frogs and Sharks have been working on number groupings as well as addition and subtraction using the column method.

It is always a pleasure being part of the learning experience and I enjoy my learning walks across the week. Indeed learning is for everyone at Raglan!

#### Collection at Safari Club

I felt it important to reiterate collection protocols for Safari Club should you need someone else to collect your child last minute because you have work commitments or are running late.

- Call or email the office by 3pm at the latest. The office emails and phones are on automatic
  answer at 4pm. It is not always possible for the emails to be picked up at 3pm promptly due to
  the number of things that happen at the end of the school day that relate to all members of the
  admin team.
- If you have missed the 3pm deadline then please ensure you are in a position to take a phone call from the Safari Club team so that you can verbally confirm to them who is collecting your child(ren). The Safari Team will not hand your child over with just verbal confirmation. You will need to send a follow up email to the admin team confirming that you gave permission for the person to collect your child(ren).

You need to follow this procedure even if your child(ren) is being collected by another parent from the school, or a member of staff in the school. This is because we must follow the correct safeguarding process.

#### **Outdoor Learning**

There will be no more outdoor learning after this week due to Christmas activities taking place in EYFS and KS1.

#### Christmas Lunch Menu

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

# 19TH DECEMBER 2023:

#### MAIN

Traditional Roast Turkey with Festive Trimmings & Gravy
(G, SV)

or

Roast Vegetable Wellington with a Tomato Sauce (E, G)

SIDES

Rustic Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots & Brussel Sprouts

D.F.S.S.F.R.T

Chocolate Yule Cake with Vanilla Cream



#### Allergens:

CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds \* = May Contain

## Wellbeing at Raglan

At Raglan, our wellbeing is important so we will be sending out a Wellbeing Newsletter each term, full of information we hope will be useful. Please see the first one attached to this email. There is also some useful information below from Bromley Y.



#### The Royal Maritime Museum

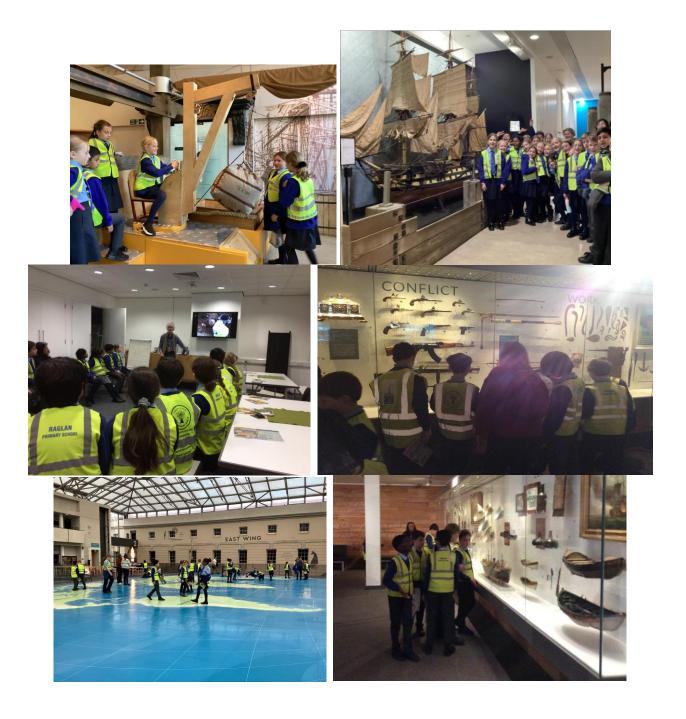
Yesterday Year 5 ventured to Greenwich for the day and visited the Royal Maritime Museum. This was a terrific experience and one which we all loved, (including me!).

The children toured the museum learning all sorts of new facts about the history of the Navy and maritime adventures and developments.

The Viking Workshop was a real highlight! What was even more remarkable was the children contributing their previous learning and impressing the workshop leader with their huge knowledge base!

Year 5 were the very best of ambassadors for our school and I congratulated them all yesterday for their outstanding conduct and representation of Raglan.

A massive thank you to all our parent helpers for assisting yesterday. A huge thanks to the Year 5 team of teachers and teaching assistants for enabling the trip and leading this tremendous visit.



#### ASD and ADHD Assembly

On Wednesday, our ASD Champion (Mrs Bailey) and ADHD champion (Miss Dray) did an assembly about ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) and ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). This celebrated the differences and strengths that people with these may have. It invited the children to consider how it might feel to be neurodiverse. Finally, it highlighted our inclusive culture: neurodiversity is not a choice, but accepting people for who they are is.



#### I Can Do It Award

Raglan's I Can Do It Award is back! The 'I can do it' award aims to support our children to become responsible, positive young people who are resilient citizens, responsible for themselves and aware of their responsibility to others. By completing a number of tasks in each school year, children will be able to practice a range of age-appropriate life skills and further develop their level of confidence in their ability to be independent.

It would be lovely if your child participated in this over the Christmas holidays or during term-time next year.

For those children who have completed the 'I can do it' tasks this term please bring your 'I can do it' book to Miss Jacobs by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December so that we can provide a certificate.

### **KS2 Christmas Carols and Stalls**

Please keep your eye out for any messages on Friday  $8^{th}$  December. If the weather is very bad we will not be able to go ahead with the KS2 Christmas Carols and Stalls as this is all taking place outside. If we cannot go ahead due to bad weather we will let you know as soon as we can. If we are unable to go ahead we have a reserve date of Friday  $15^{th}$  December.

#### **Christmas Clear Out**

As Christmas is swiftly approaching, you may be looking to make room at home for the arrival of new gifts. If you have any unwanted toys that your child / children no longer play with please could you think about donating them to the Nursery. We are always happy to accept items to make our Nursery brighter. We are especially looking for number books and to increase our construction area with a tool station and tools.

# **Christmas Art Day**

Frogs started Christmas in fine style on Thursday, by having their annual 'Christmas Art Day'. Over the course of the day, they made a party hat, a Christmas card, a snowman (from a sock!), some tree decorations and a stained glass window! They were busier than Father Christmas' elves! It was a day of creativity, collaboration and singing!











#### A message from the Y6 Junior Travel Ambassadors



As JTAs we want to spread the message about being safe on your journeys and travelling in the most sustainable way. This means walking more and using public transport, wherever this is possible.

The Bromley Borough Road Safety Team would like us to share this important Christmas message to all parents and carers. 'E-scooters can be dangerous and they are illegal to use in any public areas within Bromley. Please think carefully before buying them as Christmas presents!'

Also, when out in the dark, remember the motto 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. Wear bright or reflective clothing so that cyclists and motorists can see you and always choose a safe place to cross the road.

#### And Finally...

I would ask that in the lead up to Christmas that parents and careers keep an eye on the dates and start times for the events coming up. The information has been sent out to you. Can I also remind parents coming to the Nursery / EYFS / KS1 that for health and safety reasons, please do not bring in hot drinks. Drink these before coming in to the building. We will have to ask you to hand over any hot drinks – even if they are in a solid safety drinking device.

Please also keep up your energies in teaching your children all their times tables – and the divisions. If they can rapidly recall all of them as young as possible – maths will be made easy! In addition to this READ, READ and READ some more! Reading underpins everything we learn across the curriculum.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas