



### Raglan Upcoming Dates

- Eco Council Swap Shop – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2pm
- Wolves Family Assembly – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January
- FoR Board Games Café – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January
- SATs Meeting – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 6pm
- Elephants Family Assembly – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

### Language of the Week

Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January

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

<https://youtu.be/R9S1dzNk4ml>

#### The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'to share'



Hands alternately move towards and away from body

Double click on the link below for a video



#### Character Virtue of the Week



Dear parents and carers,

The break for Christmas seems like a distant memory as we plough straight into the first part of the spring term. I have seen an array of learning across the school this week, from reading and phonics in the Nursery, EYFS and Sharks, to manipulating numbers in Year 1 and Year 2 in maths. It has been excellent to see the teamwork and communication between children in Frogs in PE. The artwork in Year 3 and Year 4 is always a treat – vibrant and colourful. In Year 5 and 6 it is always a treat to see the quality of children’s narrative developing – and this week seeing this in a formative style.

As we move across the school year I would again like to urge all parents and carers to ensure that you are helping your children to master and rapidly recall their times tables. I cannot stress how important this is. We have a packed timetable here and although we are helping children learn, master and rapidly recall these – they need practice at home regularly. In addition to this, please do read as much as you can with your children. The younger your children learn to read proficiently and master their times tables the better. They will have complete access to the whole curriculum. Both reading and mastering times tables underpins just about everything we do in school and life!



## Severe Weather

The very cold weather looks to be staying with us for another week or so. I would ask that you all continue to send children to school with a suitable coat. There is no snow predicted but still do always keep an eye on the school website if this forecast changes. Our Site Team will continue to salt the entry and exit points of the school to avoid any slippage when we have ice.

## Petition for Road Safety

I would like to thank you all for supporting our petition to the local council to deliver us, sooner rather than later, the electronic speed check machine on the corner of Havelock and Jaffray Road, 20 MPH speed restrictions at peak times during the school day and regular parking enforcement at peak school times. Our plan is to collate the petition and then present this to the Local Ward Councillors in an effort to gain the above immediately. I know we are not on the planned schedule for these, albeit replacement speed awareness posters I believe were put up around the school. I am failing to see some motorists paying attention to these because we are seeing cars 'whizzing' by the school on a daily basis, travelling it seems above 30mph, (although 30MPH is still dangerously fast in a built up area next to a school). We will keep you updated on this petition which currently stands at 427 signatures. Thank you for all your support.



## Lunar New Year

This week in assembly I was joined by Ms Simpson (parent and Teaching Assistant in our school) to share the wonder of the upcoming Lunar New Year that is celebrated by a large number of our families, but also by billions around the world. We shared with the children the Chinese Zodiac and the children were able to work out which creatures and animals represent the year of their birth. What did humour the children was when I was asked what animal or creature represented my birth year. That meant giving away my age...not great! I would like to thank Ms Simpson for all of the decorations that she put up around the hall, as well as the information she put together so that we could share this wonderful upcoming occasion with the children.



## Maths Cafe

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation and positive energy which made the Maths Cafe a success. It was fantastic to see families coming together to explore the world of mathematics in an interactive way. We appreciate your active involvement in the activities and hope that the experience was both enjoyable and educational for everyone. Thank you for being a part of this special occasion and contributing to the success of our Maths Cafe Open Morning.



## FoR Events

Don't forget about two upcoming fun FOR events. The Board Games Café is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January with sessions from 10am to 12 noon and 1pm to 3pm. Tickets can be booked at: [Friends of Raglan \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Friends of Raglan (pta-events.co.uk))

Then on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, we have another Family Bingo Night. More details will be circulated shortly!

Children of all ages are welcome at both of these events. There will be plenty of age appropriate games at the Board Games Café for children in the younger years so please do come along if you are free.

Raising funds for **FOR**

Saturday 20th January  
2024

# FAMILY BOARD GAME CAFE

A TIME AND SPACE FOR FAMILIES TO PLAY TOGETHER

- 60+ board and card games
- All Year groups welcome
- Refreshments available to purchase

**10AM - 12PM / 1PM - 3PM  
MIDDLE HALL  
£3 PER CHILD, PER  
SESSION (INC FREE  
SQUASH)  
ACCOMPANYING ADULTS  
ARE FREE**

Please pre-book and pay via payment link:  
[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraelan](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraelan)  
Tickets limited, first come, first served basis. Tickets also available on the door (cash only).

All children must be accompanied by an adult for the session.

## Year 5 - Astronaut Training

Last week, year 5 completed their astronaut training to see if they were physically and mentally fit in order to be accepted into the Astronaut Training Academy. As part of the training, they tested their reflexes, team work, communication and endurance skills. For their STEM challenge, they needed to design and make a wearable shoe out of newspaper. All the children did incredibly well and will find out later if they were successful in gaining a place at the Academy.



## Charity Appeal Quiz

Please see below some information regarding the Mayor of Bromley's Charity Appeal Quiz. Tickets are priced at £10.00 per person (food not provided, so please bring your own snacks!) The deadline for ticket sales is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### The Mayor's Charity Appeal 2023- 2024



The MumMum Foundation is a registered charity founded by a family who have witnessed first-hand the struggle Cancer creates.

The primary objective is to help put smiles on the faces of those who need them most.

For more information please visit [www.themummumfoundation.org](http://www.themummumfoundation.org) or contact [garyvfuller@gmail.com](mailto:garyvfuller@gmail.com) Tel: 07539 938202



Orpington Sea Cadets - For cadets aged 10-17

Working to give the young people of Orpington access to incredible opportunities and skills that will help them grow into the person they want to be in a safe, friendly and fun environment.

For more information please visit [www.sea-cadets.org/orpington](http://www.sea-cadets.org/orpington) or call 07884 446450



PTSD999 was founded in 2015 by former Army veteran and police officer Gary Hayes

The organisation is run by a small team of volunteers who provide PTSD awareness presentations across the UK to our emergency services to identify and support those suffering with PTSD.

For more information please visit [www.ptsd-999.com](http://www.ptsd-999.com) or email [support@ptsd999.org.uk](mailto:support@ptsd999.org.uk)

### SAVE THE DATES

Mayor of Bromley's Wine Tasting Event  
Saturday 16th March 2024  
Bromley Old Palace, Civic Centre

Mayor of Bromley's Celebrating a Memorable Year Dinner  
Thursday 11th April 2024  
East India Club, London

**QUIZ TIME!!!**

The Mayor of Bromley's  
**CHARITY QUIZ  
EVENING**

In aid of The MumMum  
Foundation, Orpington Sea  
Cadets and PTSD999

**£10 Per Person**  
Teams are a maximum of six  
people

**Friday**  
23rd February 2024

at Crofton Halls, York Rise, Orpington BR6 8PR  
Doors open at 6.45pm for 7.30pm start



Pop along to the Hit or Miss on Chatterton Road any Monday between 10-12 this month for 'Art School with Mark'. All materials provided, just bring your imagination.

## SATs Meeting for Year 6 pupils

Just a reminder that there is a meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm for the Year 6 team to give you more information regarding the SATs process and answer any questions that you may have. If you have not done so already, please can you confirm your attendance on the School Gateway.

## Tigers Family Assembly

From the introductory song in French to the closing song that was a fitting ending (both unaccompanied by music), Tigers dazzled parents, grandparents and carers this morning at their family assembly. The children shared learning from English, French, Science, Music and Drama. I was particularly pleased with the children's persuasive writing pieces. They have certainly found their voice; and to write a persuasive piece to government is excellent. Congratulations and well done to the Tigers Team and Tigers Class.



## Free School Meals

The Mayor has extended funding for Universal Free School Meals for an additional academic year and so this scheme now runs to July 2025. Please see the letter attached from the Mayor.

## BYMT

BYMT will be holding their **TRY OUT WEEK** from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

This is an opportunity for any students that already play an instrument or enjoy singing, to come and try out a BYMT group, ensemble or choir.

There is no need to book, just turn up for the group you wish to try. Click [here](#) for further information.

## Staffing Update

With Mrs Mead returning from maternity leave after half term, Mrs Ingrey will be returning to class. Mrs Ingrey will take up her post in Penguins class and will be working alongside Mrs Hardstone. Since the beginning of the year Mrs Rammohan has been covering this role. Mrs Rammohan will be leaving us and I would like to thank her for her years of service, commitment and support of the school. Mrs Rammohan is a very popular member of our school community and much loved by the children. We do wish her all the very best in her future endeavours. You never know – maybe we will see her return in the future!

## The Biggin Hill Children and Family Centre

The Biggin Hill Children and Family Centre are running the following courses in February 2024. The courses are **FREE** for all but **you must pre book by calling 01959 571694**

**IASS Social Coffee Morning** – February 5<sup>th</sup> – 9:30-12:30pm

**Scams and Doorsteps Crime** – February 6<sup>th</sup> - 9:30-11:30am

**Energy Advice** - February 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30-12:30pm.

**Family First Aid** - February 14<sup>th</sup> - 10-12pm

**Adult First Aid** - February 21<sup>st</sup> - 9:30-1:30pm.

**Family Music** - February 21<sup>st</sup> - 1:30pm-2:30pm (5 weeks).

Biggin Hill Children and Family Centre, Sunningvale Avenue, TN16 3TN. Telephone: 01959 571694

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



## Join the 'Big Raglan Walk to School'





Every Tuesday  
at 8.35am



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.



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!



## And Finally...

If you are yet to sign the petition for road safety please do so. You can access this through the link [Raglan 20mph e-petition link](#)

Please do spread the word to local residents. The more names the better!

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas