

NEWSLETTER





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Raglan Upcoming Dates

Elephants Family Assembly — Friday 26th January
Dolphins Family Assembly — Friday 2nd February
Parent Consultations — Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February
Raglan Bake Off — Thursday 8th Friday
Half Term — 12-16th February
Maths Calculation Information Evening — Thursday 22nd February 6-7pm

Language of the Week

Week beginning 29th January

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Punjabi	^{Sat sri akal}	^{Sat sri akal}	^{Sat sri akal}
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Introduction to Punjabi | Useful and Common Phrases - YouTube

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'Rainbow'



Double click on the link below for a video



Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to begin by thanking you all for your incredible support following the News Shopper's publication of the 'Best and Worst Schools' in Bromley article. The staff team and I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the volume of your supportive messages of the school and the service we provide. Indeed, the success of our school is in large part down to the partnership we have working together in order to try and deliver the very best we can for your children. As I said, we definitely have an aspiration to have children reach high standards academically. That said, our school is so much more than this. We will always be about developing the 'whole' child, and equipping them with our Raglan Character Virtues: Kind, Ready, Safe, Confident, Resilient and Independent. We believe these virtues enable the children to access and succeed through every phase of schooling and take on the challenges that life presents them with. In addition to this, we believe that our virtues will ensure that our children grow into the very best of citizens, locally, nationally and globally.

You will know from my previous communications that not only was the article missing all contextual elements surrounding all schools (not just ours), but only half of the schools were initially published. Following the complaint that we lodged with the News Shopper, we received a written apology from them for the misrepresentation of our school. I have suggested to the News Shopper that what might make a better article is a piece focusing on the enormous challenges facing all schools in Bromley.

Illnesses In School

I would like to make parents aware that we have several cold and flu type illnesses circulating round the school. In some cases there is sickness attached to these illnesses. Unfortunately, the illnesses have no filter and have also struck down several staff members over the last couple of weeks. Whilst I appreciate attendance in school is extremely important, I would also ask that parents do not send in children if they are running a temperature or have cold and flu or sickness like symptoms.

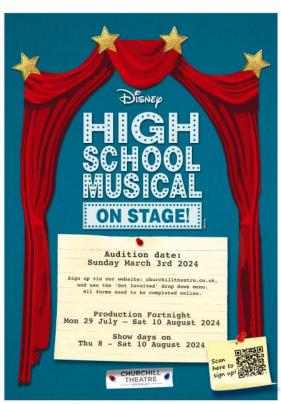
Maths Information Evening: Thursday 22nd February 6pm – 7pm.

I would like to remind all parents and carers about the upcoming Maths Information Evening. This is going to cover maths and calculation from Reception through to Year 6. Mr Farmer will be leading this evening. Please register your attendance on the School Gateway by Friday 9th February. We need to have at least 25 parents to make this viable. I cannot stress how important developing maths is. It is the one GCSE that unlocks virtually every door for young people. As a result of this, it is critical that children have a secure maths platform when leaving primary school. Very much like reading, the work to develop maths has to be done not only at school, but at home also.

Riverdance Comes to Reception!

It was a real privilege to be invited in to Lions and Monkeys class this week to watch them perform an Irish Dance. There were several steps and moves. To be fair...the children would have scored highly if they were being judged on 'Strictly!' Apart from the excellent learning that has gone into this, it looked great fun! A massive well done to the children and staff team in Reception.









World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

This year, we will not be dressing up on World Book Day. We have made this decision partly because we are mindful of the cost of finding costumes. Instead, this year we are asking every child to **bring in a book** that they would like to recommend to their friends. We want to continue to develop our culture of reading for pleasure and promote book talk at Raglan. A key part of book talk is teachers and children talking about the books they have read and sharing their book recommendations with each other. More information about World Book Day and the Book Fair will follow later in the term.

Volunteers

Could you spare a bit of time each week to read 1:1 with the Reception children? If you are interested, please could you speak to the EYFS team or email reception@raglan.bromley.sch.uk.

Nursery Reading

The Nursery staff would like to invite Nursery parents, Grandparents and carers to come and read a book/s of their choice to the children in the book corner. If you are able to offer a short time on either Tuesday afternoons 2.30 - 3pm or Thursdays morning 9.30-10am please see a member of Nursery staff. This will be from week commencing 19^{th} February.

Elephants family Assembly

Elephants provided us with just about everything this morning in a jammed packed and inspired family assembly. They showcased their learning of space. This covered performance, singing, rapping, information giving, science and much, much more.

As I explained to the families of Elephants class the children's writing for me has been a real highlight. Elephants wrote applications to join NASAs astronaut program! Inspired!

I was secretly hoping for a rendition of David Bowie's Space Oddity and we were privileged enough to get this! The children performed the 'Bowie' classic note perfectly!

Thank you Elephants and the Elephant Team. An outstanding family assembly.





Raglan Boys' Football

Due to an impressive Autumn term consisting of a win, a draw and a narrow loss, Raglan boys' football team have been entered into a Premiership league with four other schools - the highest league Raglan have been entered into to my knowledge. On Tuesday, the boys played their first game against Parish Primary School, a team with a good footballing record in recent years. In wet and windy conditions, the boys showed determination, diligence, flair and many other vital attributes to secure a 1-0 win. The goal itself showed how far we have come as a team: numerous players were involved in the build up, which ultimately resulted in a delicious cross and poachers finish at the back post. On top of this, finishing the match with a clean sheet genuinely made me proud beyond belief as it showed the selflessness, teamwork and desire to finish the game victorious. With three remaining group fixtures and a cup run on the menu, it is clear to see that Raglan are here to challenge. Well done boys.

Mr Sykes



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



Royal Institution Mathematics Masterclass

This week, a group of our Year 5 pupils attended the first Royal Institution Mathletics Masterclass for 2024 at Bromley High School.

Raglan were one of 5 local schools that attended and we learnt about Platonic Shapes which the Greeks believed were the building blocks of the universe. We had great fun using the manipulative resources to make the shapes ourselves.



Bake Off at Raglan



<u>Language Provision - Friday Enterprise</u>

Over the last two weeks, as part of our Transport topic, the children in the Language Provision have been out into our local area to investigate the different types of vehicles they could see on our roads. The children predicted which vehicles they thought they would see the most and least of and were excited to get their high vis jackets on to fill in their survey! They walked up to Bromley Common in small groups and undertook their task full of enthusiasm and even got a few waves from the drivers of the vehicles!



And Finally...

We are still moving forward with our petition to ensure we have 20mph signage for peak times, regular parking enforcement and a new electronic speed check on the Havelock / Jaffray Road corners. We are closing in on the 500 signatures required to lodge the petition at local council. We know that the council propose to provide these measures sometime during the 2025/26 school year. We believe this is too long to wait, and we also do not have written confirmation of this either. If you have not signed the petition please access this link <u>Raglan 20mph e-petition link</u>

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas