



Raglan Upcoming Dates

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
Art Café – Tuesday 27th February – Friday 1st March
School Photos – Wednesday 6th March

Week beginning 5th February

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Mandarin	Nín hǎo 您好	Zǎo shàng hǎo 早上好	Xià wǔ hǎo 下午好

[Mandarin Greetings - KS2 Mandarin - BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize](#)

The Makaton Sign of the Week is 'History'



Double click on the link below for a video



5th Feb History.mov

Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a terrific week in our school. On my learning walks this week I have been able to again experience the wonder of learning through play in EYFS. In Nursery, children have been learning to count on fingers using both hands to partition the number. This has been done by counting objects and then adding objects, and talking adults through this. The maths theme continued in Reception where children have been learning about capacity: $\frac{1}{4}$ full, $\frac{1}{2}$ full and full. I was lucky enough to be in Reception when the children were reading The Gingerbread Man. The children were reinforcing their phonics as the class teachers were reading through the story. This was also being done with actions. In Year 1 this week, children have been working through their phonics progress with class teachers. This will help shape phonics teaching for individual pupils and the year group moving forward. This is normal practise as we try to ensure children reach the expectations for their phonics screening later in the year. I have been in to Year 2 and seen children singing for music which was terrific, and then watching children work in teams for PE. The children continue to build their maths knowledge with their times tables. In addition to this, I have seen some very thought-provoking discussions in Year 2 about the Ten Commandments and which one was the most important.



This week Year 3 had a terrific adventure with their trip to the cinema. In addition to this they have been continuing to work on their independence with writing and trying to improve handwriting skills. They have also been writing descriptively, improving their handwriting, and learning about measurement and converting between measurements of units - mm, cm and m. I have seen again some tremendous African Artwork in Year 4. Year 4 have also been busy this week in English where they have been writing newspaper articles about the hero 'Free Lance' and the monster that they are battling at a mythical location. This has seemed to capture the imagination of the children. I have also been really happy with the improvement in the handwriting of the children.

I really timed my visits to Frogs and Sharks well this week. This is because I have seen all of the children completing learning on their individual Speech and Language learning tasks. These sessions haven't just supported children's learning but also helped to develop self-confidence. In addition to this I was able to see children involved in tasks to develop short term and long term memory – this was done in the class through singing also.

In Year 5 children have been multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. This has involved decimals. This was just one element of their maths learning but a really important one. In addition to this it has been a joy to see the children writing speech and narrative around a scene that was truly 'cringe-worthy.' This was done using language to create humour and satire. I was also able to see some wonderful textile work from the children as well. Incredible really. We could actually manufacture goods in Year 5.

Year 6 have continued with their learning of World War 2. It was a privilege to be teaching in there on Wednesday and helping to create the first part of their instructional piece on 'surviving an air raid.' Their depth of knowledge of the war meant they were able to flood their introductions with technical and topic based language. Many of the Year 6 children have also undertaken Bikeability this week. Apart from all succeeding with this; the instructors have praised the children for their efforts, focus, and behaviour. They have told me the children were the very best of ambassadors for our school. Well done Year 6.



Home Reading and Times Tables

If you are not already, then I would implore all parents and carers to spend as much time as you can to consolidate and strengthen your child's reading skills and times tables. Both are extremely important and provide access to the full curriculum. The younger your child learns to read and master their times tables the better. They will have great success as they move up through the school years and access secondary education with confidence.

Please do follow Mrs Ingrey's guide for early reading which can be found on the website; or ask your child's teacher what more you can do at home to facilitate reading development. This includes helping your child with reading comprehension. Please do follow Mr Farmer's guide to teaching times tables on our website. There is no miracle online resource for learning times tables. Different resources work for different children, but what remains the same for all is that you should be learning times tables daily. The repetition of learning them is the key for them to 'stick' and for children to rapidly recall these (which is essential). We timetable both reading and times tables regularly (if not daily in school) but this is still not enough. Reading fluency and comprehension skills, as well as times tables, will not 'stick' and be remembered if children are not having regular or daily practise at home. I do fully appreciate that parents and carers are busy with work and family lives; but if you can, please do prioritise home learning – especially reading and times tables with your children.

Australia/Invasion Day Assembly

Friday 26th January was Australia Day, or for many Invasion Day. I presented children with an array of information about Australia, including some unusual facts like the snow season we have for three to four months every year. Something that almost all children did not realise happened there. I explained the history and birth of the Australian nation not just from the arrival of the British in 1770 at Botany Bay, (and then later in 1788 when the first settlement was established), but also tried to capture the history of our First Nation people – which spans millions of years. Many of our First Nation people would argue that 26th January represents Invasion Day. That said, equally being a part of our great Commonwealth of Nations is significant and helped shape Australia. I reminded all the children again of the uniqueness we all have being a part of the United Kingdom in that we all are part of the Commonwealth of Nations. I showed the children a music video which highlighted how diverse a culture Australia is. The key phrase to the song is, “We are one, but we are many.” This represents that every nation of people makes up Australia and how diverse the country is. I hope that the children learned a little bit more about Australian culture and me in the process.



Calling on all Year 3 and 4 Children for the Year 3 and 4 Crystal Palace Cross Country Championships on Saturday 9th March

The Year 3 and 4 Bromley Primary School Cross Country Championship will be held on Saturday the 9th of March in the morning bright and early. Every child in Year 3 and 4 (including Frogs Y 3/4) is welcome to run in the event and represent the school. Mr Boorman will be making invitation letters available to all Year 3 and 4 children before and after the half term. These will come electronically and by hard copy. We need a minimum of 5 boys and 5 girls from each year group; but the more children we have the stronger the team and better chance of a winner's trophy. Trophy aside, it is a tremendous event and still the single largest primary school sporting event in the country. Several UK athletes have run and won this race as children over the years including Dina Asher-Smith! I was there that day and we were all thinking at the time that she could be a world champion! We were right! It is a wonderful experience for all children regardless of where they finish. It is always an excellent day for our school. Please do see Mr Boorman, Miss Donnelly or me for any details and questions.

Parents' Evening Reminder

I would like to remind parents that next week is Parents' Evening. We look forward to seeing you all. A reminder that the online booking system has now closed. If you are seeking an appointment and do not have one, then please liaise with your child's class teacher for an appointment slot that is vacant.

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 Thursday mornings 9.30-10am please see a member of Nursery staff. This will be from week commencing 19th February.

You Got a Friend in Me! Dolphins Family Assembly

This morning Dolphins Class presented us with a magical and moving family assembly. The children shared their wonderful learning and creativity. It is clear they have immersed themselves in their African topic. The art work on display was sensational. The explanation of the artwork on the screen was first rate. Honestly; when I am retired and wandering through the National Portrait Gallery I won't be surprised to see Dolphin's children running the establishment, such was their interest and knowledge of the pieces displayed. The children then shared their learning of South Africa specifically and also the ill-treatment of the native Africans during the apartheid period. The children then finished with Miss Vane's favourite song, "You Got a Friend in Me." This was a tribute to her and came from the children themselves. It was incredibly moving and indeed emotional. Dolphins again showed us all why they are exceptional ambassadors for our school, and what wonderfully caring individuals they are. Congratulations to them and to Mr Boorman and Mrs Henderson for all their support.



Mini London Marathon

Please click the link for information about the Mini London Marathon. It is free to enter and Raglan gets £10 for every child who finishes. Each child that finishes gets a medal!



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!



Bromley SEND Inclusive Multi-Sport Festival

Saturday 17th February 2024

Bromley College (sports hall and studio)
Rookery Lane
BR2 8HE

11am - 1pm

Ages: 5-25










Come and experience a variety of sports available for D/deaf, disabled and neurodivergent children and young people and their families in Bromley.

All disabilities/abilities are welcome and sessions are adapted to the needs of the group!

Register here: <http://bit.ly/BromleyMulti-SportFestival24>

Or register by scanning this QR code:



Registered charity no. England and Wales (1156819), Scotland (SC052913)

For more information, please contact:
020 7993 9883
Disability.Inclusion@AccessSport.org.uk

Bake Off at Raglan - Don't forget, with only a week to go, the EYFS team are running a bake off cake sale and raffle competition on Thursday 8th February.

We have some great prizes up for grabs and all proceeds are going towards Reception's field trip and resources.

Raglan Primary School Valentine's Day Bake Off

Join us
Thursday 8th February
KS1 Playground | 3.30pm

All winning cakes to be sold after school at our bake sale.
Exciting prizes for best bakers.
Judging to be held at lunch and winners will be announced in the afternoon.

HOW TO ENTER

Bring your cakes to the house via KS1 playground, clearly labelled.
Cake donations also greatly appreciated

See you there!

Valentine's Raffle

WIN

PRIZE 1 : GLAM DATE NIGHT

- £25 voucher @ Shampan
- AND treatment, cut & blow dry @ Emma X
- AND Eye lash set @ Lashes to Love

PRIZE 2: INDULGENT PAMPER

- Indian platter courtesy of Indian Street Food
- AND cut & blow dry @ Emma X
- AND set of Shellac nails @ J Belle Beauty

PRIZE 3: WELLNESS PAMPER

- 1 week PT session @ PowerWave Fitness Hub
- AND a pamper hamper

PRIZE 4: QUIET NIGHT IN

- Takeaway voucher @ Pinh On
- AND a couple of bottles of bubbles

£1 = x1 tix | £2 = x3 tix | £5 = x10 tix

To enter please hand into class teacher, the correct money with your name and contact details in an envelope. You will automatically be entered once we receive your details.

Good Luck!
DRAW TAKES PLACE 8TH FEB

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

CHILDREN'S HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT THE WALNUTS

We've got lots going on over the February half term for your little ones! Keep them busy, happy and healthy with our special holiday activities.

Check out our timetable below, visit The Walnuts webpage, scan the QR code or speak to the team to book.

Member Price - £8.26
Non-Member Price - 9.56

Activity	Age Group	Date	Time
Mini Tennis Red <small>Beginner</small>	3 - 5 yrs	Mon 12/02	11am-12pm
Mini Tennis Red/Orange <small>Intermediate</small>	6-8 yrs	Mon 12/02	3.30pm-4.30pm
Mini Games	2-5 yrs	Tue 13/02	9.15am-10.15am
Multi Sports	6+ yrs	Thurs 15/02	2pm-3pm
Badminton & Table Tennis	8+ yrs	Fri 16/02	3.30pm-4.30pm

Book online or via the app today
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SCHOOL'S OUT HOLIDAY CAMPS

5-12 years

from £17

February Holiday Camps at
Walnuts Leisure Centre!

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024
8.30am - 5.30pm (half day available)

Scan me to book

www.mytimeactive.co.uk/camps mytimeactive

Boys' Football

Following on from an impressive 1-0 victory against Parish, Raglan boys competed in their second Premiership match of the term against a strong Tubbenden side. I am immensely proud to say that we drew the match 0-0. Despite the match being goalless, the game was full of excitement with battles taking place throughout the pitch. Tubbenden, who are an established footballing school, started well, controlling the majority of the first half. However, after some tactical changes and words of encouragement, Raglan came out for the second half and dictated the game creating a plethora of chances. Since stepping foot on the Tubbenden pitch to warm-up, the team showed passion and desire which was showcased through the fierce but firm challenges they put in, alongside the sheer energy and determination to keep fighting until the end. Two clean sheets and a positive goal difference is an incredible achievement at this level. Focus now moves to our next game against Warren Road this Monday.

Mr Sykes

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.

Year 3 Cinema Trip



On Wednesday, 58 Children from Tigers, Pandas, Frogs and Sharks enjoyed the whippie scrumptious delight of seeing the film Wonka at Bromley Vue Cinema. The film was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We were so proud of the impeccable behaviour of the children on the walk to and from the cinema, and all through the film. So much so that a member of the public stopped us to say how well they behaved and how impressed they were, Well Done Year 3! Many thanks also to the parents for their support with this trip and in particular, the last minute rearrangements. We were really moved by the amazing speed that help arrived - team work in action!! From the Year 3 team

And Finally...

I look forward to seeing families tonight at our second FoR Bingo evening starting at 6.30pm. This was a good success last year and we hope to build on this tonight. If you haven't got a ticket and wish to attend please do contact our FoR via their website for details.

I would also like to thank you again for your continued support in light of the News Shopper article. The partnership we have with you cannot be underestimated. The school would not be anywhere near as effective or strong without your support. I was reminded of this again on Tuesday evening with the volume of support from our families that watched their boys play at Tubbenden. It was a tough nil all draw at a school where historically it is hard to get a result; and our boys were encouraged all the way through from their parents / carers and Mr Sykes from the side lines. Our school has a wonderful spirit and togetherness which was exemplified on Tuesday.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas