

## NEWSLETTER

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#### **Raglan Upcoming Dates**

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School Photos – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March Pandas Family Assembly – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair Opens – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

#### Week beginning 4th March

### Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Urdu	Salam	Subah bakhair	Shaam bakhair
	سلام	بخير صبح	بخير شام

https://youtu.be/j\_tXUU5gH7I

#### The Makaton Sign of the week 'Read'







Double click on the link below for a video



#### Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, next week is **World Book Week**. I would like to remind parents that on Thursday  $7^{th}$  March children will need to bring in the book they have read so they can celebrate and share this with their peers. This year we are focusing on celebrating the book itself and the reading of them.

Reading is an essential life skill and it provides children with access to the full curriculum. It is absolutely critical that you all continue to support your child's phonics and reading development. Developing reading doesn't stop once a child can read fluently. Reading for understanding is as critical as reading fluently. The ability to read fluently and for understanding to access the curriculum was made evident last week in the maths evening Mr Farmer led. He showed the packed hall pf parents and carers how being able to read fluently and with understanding impacted on children's maths learning and development. It is a joy to see a child's confidence sore as they become more proficient with their reading. It is also amazing to see children loving to read. Reading for pleasure is one of life's joys! We look forward to seeing all the different books that children bring in next Thursday. I look forward to listening to as many children as possible share the book they have read for World Book Day.

#### **School Photos**

I would like to remind parents that we have school photos on Wednesday. Please do ensure that your children bring in their best 'cheesy' smiles!

#### **Idling Cars and Parking Reminder**

Our school has held the Eco-School badge for some 26 years and was the first Bromley primary school to do so. As we are committed to improving our local, national and global environments, I would appeal to parents **not to pull up and idle your cars** outside at drop off and collection. This is not good for our immediate environment especially. In addition to this, can I please urge parents **not to park on the yellow zig-zags** (unless you are a Blue Badge holder). Parking on the yellow zig-zags is dangerous. In addition to this, please do not park across our driveways and our local residents' driveways. This obstructs entrances and exits and is also a safety hazard.

#### **Time Does Not Stand Still**

This week Dr Tosin Bowen–Wright returned to us to lead an assembly. Many of you will already know that Tosin is both a parent and governor at our school. Tosin shared with the children her journey over the last twelve months. She explained to the children the challenges that she has faced setting up her own new project after leaving the NHS where she'd worked as a clinical psychologist for twenty years. Tosin's theme was about embracing change and not fearing this. Tosin shared her anxieties with the children in terms of facing the challenges she had to over the past twelve months. In addition to this it was wonderful for the children to hear about the achievements she was most proud of across the last year — and she explained her work with the BBC. Tosin also shared with the children her next steps which include book writing. Tosin left the children with some excellent key messages: have self-belief, work hard because it pays off, life is for learning, and value working with and learning from others. Thank you Tosin for an inspired presentation this week.





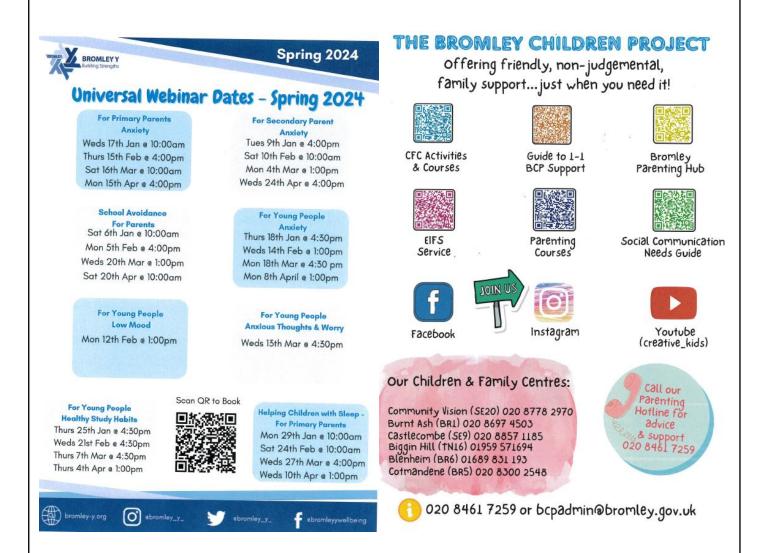
#### Parent Speaker for Ramadan for Assembly

We have scheduled a whole school assembly for Wednesday 13th March to celebrate Ramadan

We would love to know if any of our parents and carers celebrating this festive event are willing to come in and share their experiences of Ramadan with the children.

If you are interested please do contact me via the admin email (admin@raglan.bromley.sch.uk) by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Our parent led assemblies have been amazingly inspirational and I do hope that we will get a good response from parents who would like to come in and celebrate this festive period.



#### 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 <a href="mailto:reception@raglan.bromley.sch.uk">reception@raglan.bromley.sch.uk</a>.

#### Wake Up Wednesday

With our Friday Newsletter we will also be attaching '#WakeUpWednesday'. This is a weekly publication that empowers and equips parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing and climate change. We hope that you find them useful.

#### JTA Update

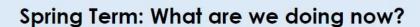
The Raglan JTAs presented their action plan at the Borough wide JTA event on Tuesday. It was a great success and, as the slides show, they have achieved a lot already at the halfway point of the year. The JTAs will also be accompanying me to the Bromley Council meeting on the evening of 11th March to present the case for our 20mph petition to Bromley Councillors. I'm sure you will agree, this is a unique opportunity for them to see local democracy in action.

### **Autumn Term: Activities completed**

- New JTA display board Be Bright, Be Seen
- KS2 assembly to spread Be Bright, Be Seen message and to launch the Elf and Safety competition
- Letter and meeting with ward councillors about reducing the speed limit around the school to 20mph
- Managed Smart Movers collating sheets and giving out badges







- · Organised a Y6 Road Safety talk with the Met Police
- Introduced the 'Raglan Big Walk to School' on Tuesday mornings
- Year 6 have completed Bikeability training
- Organised a 20mph speed limit petition and submitted it to Bromley Council









Summer Term: What are we planning?

- Year 5 speed gun sessions planned for April
- Beep Beep day 'Road Safety' assembly for KS1 in April
- Taking part in the Junior Citizens Scheme run by the Met Police, TfL and local partners in June
- Working with the Raglan ECO council to promote walking and 'green initiatives' to children and parents







# CELEBRATING AUTISM 202

Do you have a child/family member that is autistic or are you autistic yourself? Or do you want to learn more about how you can support and advocate for Autistic and Neurodivergent people? Come and join us at one of the below events and learn about Autistic Acceptance from the experts, Autistic people!

> Visit www.caspabromley.org.uk/autismacceptanceweek for details on how to register for these events.

MARCH BROMLEY AUTISM SHOW OAKLEY HOUSE, BR2 8HA

Local Services & Speakers

1PM - 8PM

inc. 'It's raining Cat's and Dogs' Author Michael Barton, Jordan James 'the Autistic Photographer' and more!



7PM - 9:30PM

MARCH 18+ CONNORS NIGHT OAKLEY HOUSE, BR2 8HA

> THEME: WEAR GREEN TO BE SEEN Celebrating autism & neurodiversity. AUTISTIC ADULTS & FRIENDS WELCOME



# APRIL

FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY BROMLEY UNITED REFORM CHURCH

Come and celebrate Autism at this Family event, with bouncy castles, trains and other children's entertainment. 1PM - 4PM SUPPORTED BY CASPA STAFF AND PARTNER AGENCIES



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#### Art Café

An enormous thank you to Mrs McLaughlin and Mrs Ramsdale for organising this week's Art Café. This was excellently supported by parents, carers and children. The range of art activities on offer was terrific and were a lot of fun. Our curriculum cafés are a huge success in our school and quite unique. It gives you all an opportunity to sample the curriculum with your children and enjoy this at the same time. We look ahead now to the Computing Café beginning Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.







#### And Finally...

This week I have questioned several Year 4 children across both classes on their times tables. This is because they have their times table screening coming up in June. This is a national screening. I have been really happy because I have asked them at random the most difficult times tables. These being: 6x7, 9x8, 7x12, 11x12, 7x9, 6x8, 4x9, 8x6, 9x12 and 4x8. What has been great is that every child I spoke to and quizzed were able to answer these. What I would suggest to all of you is to access the link here that will take you to Mr Farmer's times tables home learning plan and do implement this. If you do, your children will be ready by Year 4 to very successfully navigate this screening. More importantly, they will approach maths with confidence and without fear as they move up the school!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas