

NEWSLETTER

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Raglan Upcoming Dates

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Back to school – Monday 15th April
PGL Meeting – Monday 22nd April
Computing Café – Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 26th April
Giraffe's Family Assembly – Friday 26th April
Summer Fair – Saturday 22nd June

Week beginning 15th April

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
English	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
(St George's Day 23rd April)			

https://youtu.be/iLjyPqYfZxQ

The Makaton Sign of the week 'umbrella'







15th April UMBRELLA.mov

Safeguarding over the half term

A reminder to all parents and carers that should you need to contact the school for any family emergency or safeguarding concern please email: safeguardingteam@raglan.bromley.sch.uk
The emails are accessed by the school strategic safeguarding team comprising of Mrs Mead, Mr Hunter, Mrs Ingrey, Mrs Collins and I. Parents are reminded that I am the Designated Safeguarding Leader and that Mrs Ingrey, Mr Hunter and Mrs Collins are all our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leaders. We will access the safeguarding email inbox over the break to check for any messages.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would firstly like to thank you for the incredible response to our Voluntary Contribution letter. Your generosity and support has been again truly humbling. Your donations will go directly towards providing children with learning resources and stationery items. Your contributions were a lifeline last year, and they will continue to be this year. It does not sit well with me that I do ask for this, but with the continuing reduction in schools' budget shares from central government I have no other option but to ask parents and carers if they can support us.

I would also like to sincerely thank you all for your ongoing support of our school, our staff and me. I firmly believe a school is nothing without the leadership and staff being visible, approachable and available to its parents and carers. The partnership between home and school is critical. I feel

incredibly grateful for your continued support and the support you give your children to learn, achieve and make the most of the opportunities they receive here.

In 'real terms' our school budget share for this academic year 2023/2024 was less than the previous year of 2022/2023. The school budget share for the next academic year 2024/2025 has again been reduced in real terms by £69,000. This reduction of budget in 'real terms' is a trend now that has been going on since 2011. When I say 'real terms' what I mean is that the budget share we receive is not in line with inflation and there were pre-existing income streams in our budget that we have had in previous years from central government that are no longer there. Schools have tried to manage this namely through the reduction of staff over time. We have already completed a process of staff restructuring last academic year to save money. I clearly do not want to entertain doing this again because every staff member is precious and an integral part of the learning experience and support your child receives. I am not writing this to express a political viewpoint. I just believe that parents and carers have a right to know what we are all facing in schools year after year. We will continue to go the extra mile to provide the very best of service we can for your children. Again, a monumental thank you to you all.

Your Children...have been sensational learners, ambassadors for our school and the very best of young people. They have approached their learning with enthusiasm and as a result made good progress across the term. The children have demonstrated our Raglan Character Virtues consistently and deserve every credit. I would like to congratulate all of the children that earned and received Head Teacher Certificates for Outstanding Behaviour for Learning and Excellent Role Modelling at lunchtime. These children have earned the maximum 20 House Points for their efforts.

I would like to send the entire staff team an enormous thank you for their ongoing and unrelenting dedication, support, care and effort they provide your children with. I feel privileged to work with them and continue to drive our school further forwards. The whole staff team go the extra mile to ensure that all children have the best experience possible in our school. They all deserve the best and most restful of holiday periods.

House Points Half Term Championship

I am delighted to announce that this half term's points championship was won by **Red House** (Asher-Smith.) This is their first victory for the year and their perseverance has definitely paid off. As a result of this triumph, all children in Red House will be allowed to come to school on **Friday 19th April dressed** completely in red, partially in red or wear school uniform with a red accessory. Children in Red House will have their additional afternoon break on Friday 19th April. A massive congratulations Red House!



Easter Assembly: Led by Reverend Steve, our Vicar from St. Augustine's with St. Luks's Church

Yesterday it was terrific to welcome Reverend Steve into our school. The children will be seeing Reverend Steve at different points of the year moving forward. Yesterday, Reverend Steve retold the Easter Story. His presentation that accompanied the story was tremendous and provided access to everyone. Reverend Steve brought in some props to facilitate the story. He also ensured that the children left reflecting on the importance of the Easter Story and what it represents to Christians all around the world. I would like to thank Reverend Steve for the assembly and we look forward to his return.



CASPA "Wear Green to be Seen Assembly"

Mr Hunter and Miss Dray delivered an assembly today, talking about the local Bromley charity CASPA that supports children, parents, carers and families within our community. The key message that was given to the children was that the most important thing to remember when it comes to autism is to treat the person as you would treat anyone else: with kindness, acceptance and without assumption or judgement. We will confirm the amount we raised in the next Newsletter.



PE Timetable						
Day of the Week	Teacher Led Lessons		Coach Led Lessons			
Monday	Reception		Year 2	Year 1		
Tuesday	Year 4 (Wolves) Dolphins (Swimming)	Year 3	Year 6	Year 5		
Wednesday	Year 5		Reception	Sharks and Frogs		
Thursday	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4		
Friday	Sharks and Frogs	Year 6 (Hockey)	Nursery			

Update:

ESOL Family Learning Programme starts 26th April

Czy mówisz po angielsku w drugim języku? Você fala inglês como segunda língua? Вы говорите на английском как на втором языке? Vorbiti engleza ca a doua limbă?







நீங்கள் இரண்டாவது மொழியாக ஆங்கிலம் பேசுகிறீர்களா?

We are pleased to say that the ESOL Family Learning English course will begin at Raglan after the Easter holidays. This is a **free** opportunity for parents/carers who speak English as a second language to improve their English and gain a better understanding of what their child is learning and how to support them. It will be led by an ESOL tutor from Bromley Adult Education College.

Miss Goulds has already spoken to a number of parents who have shown an interest and they will be sent a letter and form to complete in due course. There will be a limited number of places on the course and these will be offered on a first come first served basis.

If you are interested in joining this course and are yet to speak to Miss Goulds, please email year 1 @raglan.bromley.sch.uk.



Autism Parent and Carer Group



Tuesday 16th April 2024, 12.45 - 2.30am.

Committee room 5, <u>Civic Centre</u>, Stockwell Close, Bromley, BR1 3UH.



Are you a parent or carer of an Autistic child, young person or adult or do you have concerns about your child's social communication?

Do you want to

- Know more about Autism
- · Find out how and where you can get support
- Talk to other parents
- Share ideas to help improve your experiences

Please come along to our parent and carer groups, run as part of Bromley's All-age Autism Strategy Partnership.

If there are any specific areas, you'd like to have discussed, please contact:

colette.shrimpton@bromley.gov.uk













Autism Parent and Carer Group

Teams meeting: Thursday 18th April: 6.30pm to 7.30pm.



Please <u>Click here to join the meeting</u> or use QR code

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MINI RED U8 RAW YOUTHPLAY WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL 14:00–16:00

MINI ORANGE U9 RAW YOUTHPLAY SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 2024 09.30-11.30

MINI RED U8 RAW YOUTHPLAY WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL 14:00–16:00

MINI ORANGE U9 RAW YOUTHPLAY SATURDAY 13TH APRIL 09.30-11.30







WE NEED YOUR HELP

Help needed from builders/carpenters/handy people

We desperately need help with building something that will create shade in our KS2 playground and provision playground. If there is anyone in our parent body that could help us, please get in touch by emailing eprescott@raglan.bromley.sch.uk



Raglan Primary School

Raglan Primary School's Red Nose Day 2024

As always, everyone at Raglan has been so incredibly generous.

We surpassed the total just with online donations. When we added the total of the cash donations on the day, which was £509, our grand total was an amazing £1278! WOW!

Thank you all so much for your generosity.

Fiona Reid-Smith



Life Tent

Years 3 - 6 had their annual visit from the Life Tent this week. This was provided by Coram Life Education, who created our PD scheme, SCARF.

Each class had a session, learning about things such as friends, decision making, how it is great to be us and meeting the brain! The visitors said how well everyone listened and participated. Well done all of you!

Miss Reid-Smith PD Lead





Provision Visit to Biggin Hill

The children in Frogs and Sharks had a very special visit to Biggin Hill Airport on Thursday, as the culmination of their transport topic.

From the moment we got of the 320 bus, we started plane spotting! We saw single engine and larger twin engine planes, private jets and helicopters taking off and landing. What made the trip even more exciting was that we were allowed to go airside (this is restricted space and so we were incredibly lucky!) and have a go in the flying school planes. We were allowed to take control, although not take off!! We were also visited by the airport fire engine and once we had been given a tour of it, we were allowed to take turns firing the hose.

To make the visit even more special, at the end, we were each given a wonderful little bear pilot called Merlin. We got back to school very tired but happy and just in time, as it started to rain as we walked in through the front door! Phew!

Miss Reid-Smith and Mrs O'Brien



The House Captains' Learning Report - Spring 2024

What a brilliant term of learning that we have all had. In nursery, the children have been learning about what comes out of eggs; such as dinosaurs and chickens. During Phonics they have learnt about rhyming words and they have been showing independence when getting ready for forest school. In addition to this, the children in Chipmunks brought in photos of themselves as a baby and compared it to what they look like now.

Whilst the term has gone by, the reception children have been growing their own cress plants and beanstalks. The children have loved reading Jack and the Beanstalk! The students have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a frog and they finished their term by going on an exciting Easter egg hunt.

The learning that has been happening in Year 1 over the term has been amazing. Children in Giraffes and Rhinos visited Saint Augustine's Church. They also went in search of the troll that lived and hid under the bridge. The children loved this story in English. In maths children in Year 1 have also learnt how to use number lines in maths to add on and count back. One of the highlights of Spring was in DT where the children made moving mechanisms.

This term, Sharks were learning about transport and making their own vehicles. This was excellent. On top of that, they have been creating mud paintings in their Forest School. Sharks (and Frogs) have been visiting our local community high street learning valuable life and independent skills. Children in Sharks (and Frogs) have also been working on their phonics.

In Year 2, the learning that children have been involved in has been spectacular! The children have been learning about what Raglan used to look like in the Victorian Era. The children have also been reading a book titled Daisy saves the day, and then written detailed diary entries about Daisy's experiences with scullery-maiding. They also worked on their handwriting and contractions.

In English, Year 3 have been learning about the Happy Prince. In addition to this, they were learning about the different parts of plants: petals, leaves, stems, roots and stigmas. Year 3 learned about the life cycle of a plant. During English, Tigers and Pandas were writing information texts, instruction texts and pop-up books. In addition to this Year 3 constructed maps in Geography and entered into a Bird Art competition where they created portraits of a British bird.

In Year 4, the students learnt about fractions and decimals in maths. This was a large maths unit of work. In science children in Wolves and Dolphins studied living creatures and their habitats which was really interesting. In English, children watched and wrote about a story called Roar. Computing was a challenge because the children learned to create spreadsheets. A real highlight for Year 4 was that children made their own greenhouses, which they very much enjoyed.

Frogs have immersed themselves in a virtual journey on the hundred decker bus, and afterwards they wrote about it. The children sent postcards from their destinations, pretended to be bus drivers and designed their own buses. Furthermore, they also learnt more about the history of flying machines. This was really interesting and they learned about why Biggin Hill Airport is so important. In science children enjoyed creating their own experiment to test waterproof properties of different materials. Children in Frogs have really enjoyed their PE lessons.

Over the course of this term, Year 5 have loved DT where they shaped cams, made moving toys and made the parts of them. They had a wonderful trip to the science museum, where they learnt lots of fascinating facts about space. The IMAX theatre was a real highlight. This allowed them to feel as if they were in a spaceship. Year 5 have really got stuck into their maths and English Learning all term. The adults are proud of their writing progress.

In Year6 children and adults have been engaged by the story of Goodnight Mr Tom. This story has been an inspiration and resulted in children writing letters home to their families – from the position of an evacuee. Children in Golden Eagles and Panthers also enjoyed art, where they sketched some amazing flowers. In Geography, the pupils have been learning a lot about North America with its time zones and famous landmarks. This has been really interesting and many of the children would like to travel there.

Thank you to all the House Captains for contributing to the termly learning report. I would like to also thank the house captains that pulled the individual contributions together to write the report above. This is a terrific effort. Well done.



We are busy organising our summer fair for Saturday 22nd June 11am-3pm. We need volunteers to help us set up, man the stalls and set down. If you could spare an hour or two of your time on the day please contact

for.ptabromley@gmail.com

These events cannot take place without your help so if you possibly can, please get in touch.

I Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to those children who have achieved their I Can Do It Award this term. They have received 10 house points each.

Raglan Football

Last Thursday, Raglan were kindly invited to an under 10s football tournament which was held at Eltham School. We were fortunate enough to be allocated two teams, which meant many players received the opportunity to take part and showcase their skills. I am extremely proud of everyone who took part in the tournament: you represented the school fantastically by behaving brilliantly both on and off the pitch. Both teams battled hard in each of their three group games and Raglan were unfortunate to not have one team progress through to the semi-finals after keeping two clean sheets and scoring many fantastic goals. The future looks bright for Raglan football! Mr Sykes

Book Donations

Thank you for your kind book donations. We do not need any more at the moment.

Tigers Class

Over a series of lessons the children in Tigers class planned and made dioramas that represented the book 'The Happy Prince' by Oscar Wilde. They then went on to create Stop Motion movies of the story.





Art in Nature Competition



Create an artwork inspired by your local environment or envision a fantastical world where nature designs our cities, where we coexist harmoniously with nature's wonders! Children and young people are invited to create a painting, drawing, mixed media collage or 3D model in any medium as long as you can take a digital photo of the final piece and upload it here:

https://ukartinnature.com//submissionentries/

Closing date is Monday 19th April.

And Finally...

Please do ensure that in between eating lots of chocolate over the holiday period that you keep up the momentum of helping your children master all of their times tables so they can rapidly recall these (and the divisions of these.) In addition to this please do encourage your children to READ READ and READ some more. Please do have your children read a new book over the break. Should any children approach me with the book they have read over the break and explain to me what it was all about I will be handing out a significant number of team points.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families the very best and most restful of holiday periods.

Thank you for your continued support, Mr De Freitas