



Raglan Upcoming Dates

- Book Fair** – Friday 8th and Monday 11th March
- Year 3, 4 and 5 Lacrosse Experience** – Friday 15th March
- Red Nose Day** – Friday 15th March (**Children in Years 3, 4 and 5 can wear red as part of their PE kit**)
- Year 2 Victorian Workshop** – Tuesday 19th March
- FoR Easter Disco** – Friday 22nd March

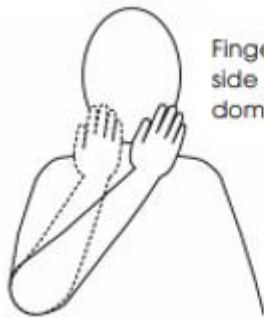
Week beginning 11th March

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Irish St Patrick's Day 17 th March	Dia dhuit	Dia dhuit ar maidin	Tráthnóna maith

<https://www.bitesize.irish/blog/irish-gaelic-greetings/>

The Makaton Sign of the week 'Ramadan'



Fingertips touch non-dominant side of mouth and repeats on dominant side



11th March
Ramadan.MC

Double click on the link for a video

Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been for learning in our school. My learning journey this week across the school has focused primarily on reading as we celebrated World Book Day yesterday. In Year 6 children have been reading Goodnight Mr Tom for their whole class reading lessons. This is a terrific book and a wonderful story to read as part of the World War 2 topic Year 6 have been immersed in this term. They have been focusing this week on the VIPER Skills of explaining, predicting, inferring and retrieving. Year 6 have also been learning about pie charts and using their knowledge of fractions and percentages to solve pie chart problems. Year 5 have been reading Cosmic in their whole class reading sessions. They have been loving the story and this week been focusing on the VIPER skills of inferring, explaining, vocabulary and inference. Year 5 have continued with their work on making 'cams' in DT which will be used to make their movable toys later in the term.

Across the ARPS children have been taking part in their whole class, small group and individual reading sessions. I have seen the children working on their daily individual speech targets with the adults, as well as working in differentiated groups focusing on reading skills. Children have been learning and reinforcing their phonics knowledge and using this to consolidate diagraphs as well. It is amazing to see how the adults across the provision differentiate the learning to target the individual children's needs (and within small groups as well).



Year 3 have been using a text about Sea Fishing in whole class reading this week to develop and strengthen the VIPER skills of retrieval and explaining. In maths they have been using partitioning to solve multiplication problems. Their use of times tables has been imperative for this! Year 4 have been reading *The Boy Who Grew the Dragon* in whole class reading. The children have really enjoyed this book. It gives them the unexpected! The children have been focusing on the VIPER skills of inferring, explaining and retrieving. It has been wonderful to see Year 4 children using the bar model to subtract fractions from whole numbers! This is something that Year 6 have to know as it appears every year on the arithmetic SAT paper.

In KS1 I have been looking at phonics lessons this week. It has been excellent seeing the children in Year 1 and Year 2 strengthening their knowledge of diagraphs and split diagraphs. In Year 2 especially, children were looking at the rules for adding the ending of words to change the tense and then applying the spelling rule to complete this. Year 1 have also been reading about wolves and using information to complete fact boxes about them. In Reception children have been learning about the life cycle of frogs and it has been amazing to listen to the children explaining this in well-constructed sentences. The phonics provision for reception continues to be a strong one and the children are growing in confidence using their developing knowledge. Children in Nursery have been making gifts for Mothers' Day (spoiler alert!) They have been learning to, and consolidating writing their names and the narrative in cards for their mums.

Agents for Change

Yesterday our Agents for Change leaders hosted Year 5 children from Wickham Common Primary School. Wickham Common is one of the Compass Trust Schools (who will be part of the merger between our CSAT Trust and Compass). Our Agents for Change have pioneered the program within our Trust and are now inspiring and helping others to become part of this movement. The Agents for Change champion equality and diversity, promoting the protected characteristics. Our Agents lead assemblies, are KS1 play mentors, role-model outstanding behaviour and leadership to KS1 and KS2, as well as mentor and train younger aspiring agents. We are incredibly proud of their commitment and work. They have been the very best of what our school stands for. They are not just inspiring our pupils but making a real difference across our Trust! Well done to our Agents for Change!



World Book Day Assembly

Yesterday I led our World Book Day assembly. This was a celebration of books and reading. The Reading Ambassadors and I shared with the children books that we have recently read. I shared three books with the children. These were Michael Morpurgo's 'Kensuke's Kingdom', Rudyard Kipling's 'Just So Stories' and, Simon Hughes' 'And God Created Cricket'. These are books I love and sharing these with the children was a real treat. The children had an opportunity to ask the Reading Ambassadors questions about the books they had read which was terrific. All children had an opportunity to share their books with their peers across the day and all children had an opportunity to write a 'book blurb' about the book they had brought into school. The aim is to have a display in each class of the books read and shared. Hopefully the 'book blurbs' will inspire children to want to read books their peers have reviewed and enjoyed.



Wake Up Wednesday

You will know that each week we are attaching the 'Wake Up Wednesday' online safety newsletter to ours. This week the feature is warning parents of the pitfalls of an online game that is a 16+. We do appreciate that our children should not be accessing any game that is intended for an audience older than they are. That said, we feel the information may serve to be useful for families that do have older siblings, and that the information may be useful for all families as your children get older.

Do you speak English as a Second Language?

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?



The ESOL Family Learning English course is being offered for **free** to parents at Raglan Primary School after the Easter holidays.

This is an **eight week English course** for parents who have English as a second language.

An ESOL tutor will run an English course for **2 hours weekly** covering topics that will be relevant to their children's learning at school. You will not only have the opportunity to improve your English but also have a better understanding of what your child is learning and how to support them.

Miss Goulds has already spoken to a number of parents who have shown an interest. If you are also interested in joining this free English course, please speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Goulds on the playground before or after school. Alternatively, email year1@raglan.bromley.sch.uk.

Please note that the course can only run at our school if there are enough parents signed up. Also, we do require the commitment of attending every week for the duration of the course.

Pandas Family Assembly

A massive congratulations to Pandas this morning for a tremendous family assembly. The children took us all on a journey through their curriculum and learning over this past term. This was across several subject areas – including French where we saw an excellent example of conversational skills by two of the Pandas class members. The children have clearly immersed themselves in their learning this term and year. I am really proud of how much their confidence has grown across this year – especially in the way they articulated their learning to the audience. What was even better was the enjoyment they showed for their learning. I would like to thank Miss Grange, Miss Dray and Miss Gadd for their support of the children. Again Pandas, I am so proud of you all.



20mph Petition Update

Good news! We have received a response from Bromley Council following our submission of the 20mph petition. They have agreed that they will support the implementation of three flashing 20mph signs around the school perimeter, which will be operational during morning drop off and afternoon pick up (including extended times for breakfast and after school club on the Jaffray Road side of the school).

I am in no doubt that the high level of parental, student and community support we received as part of the petition process has been central to its success. A huge well done to our JTAs; the cold mornings in the playground with clipboards and the local leafleting all paid off!

Over the coming weeks we will be working with the council to agree timescales and final locations for the signs but we will obviously be pushing for this to happen as quickly as possible. I will keep you updated as soon as I know more.

Raglan Book Swap Shop

Thank you for all of the donations of books to help launch the Raglan Book Swap Shop. We are hoping to open the Swap Shop very soon and will keep you posted!

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.

Boys' Football

Another fantastic display of solidarity, diligence and composure saw Raglan boys propel to the next round of the cup. Following on from an impressive victory against Orpington Harris back in the Autumn term, Raglan - due to the kind gesture of Bromley football club - hosted Balgowan Primary School in the second round of the cup. I am running out of words to describe how proud the boys, and the performances they produce, make me. Winning the game 2-0, this is now the fourth consecutive fixture where we have kept a clean sheet - something which is incredibly hard to do consistently at this level. I am also pleased to announce that we have topped our Premiership group, which means we have been entered into another group alongside other winners and runners up. A massive thanks to the parents once again. It makes such a difference having you on the side lines cheering on the boys as much as you do. A massive thank you to those who helped out with refereeing and running the line this week as well, as this allows me to concentrate fully on coaching the boys. Lastly, I would like to express how proud I am of the boys who stayed behind to help clear the pitch of rubbish that had accumulated from previous fixtures - it speaks volumes of our school and the virtues we promote. Well done. Mr Sykes



School Photos

If you are ordering your school photos through school directly, please ensure your order is with us by 21st March.

Orpington Mayqueen

On Tuesday, KS1 were treated to an exciting assembly delivered by one of our parents, Mrs Baker, about the Orpington Mayqueen! Mrs Baker shared her story of how she became Orpington May Queen in 1997 and showed the children photos and videos of what the role entails. The children were then lucky enough to take part in one of the traditional May Queen dances (1 of 12!) and danced around the Maypole with ribbons. Mrs Baker spoke to the children about joining and having the potential to become Orpington May Queen or King and shared information about how they can join. It was an inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable assembly. A huge thank you to Mrs Baker for taking the time to share this with the children in KS1!



CELEBRATING
75
Years
ANNIVERSARY

ORPINGTON MAY QUEEN GROUP

AGED 4- 14 AND
LOVE TO DANCE?
**THE
ORPINGTON
MAYQUEEN
NEEDS YOU**

We are looking for boys and girls who want to join our seasonal community dance group, to learn traditional Maypole dances over the Easter holidays and then perform them at local summer fayres and take part in the Crowning of the Orpington Mayqueen on

MAY 4th 2024

PRIORY GARDENS,
ORPINGTON

[HTTPS://ORPINGTONMAYQUEEN.CO.UK/JOIN-US/](https://orpingtonmayqueen.co.uk/join-us/) Join Us



On Friday 15th March 2024, Raglan will join thousands of schools up and down the country, coming together to spread joy, have fun and raise money for those who need it most.

We are asking that you dress up in red for the big day (no football kit please). Alternatively, you can wear an outfit that is sidesplittingly funny, in exchange for a small donation. **If you are in Years 3, 4 or 5 and are taking part in the Lacrosse Experience on the same day, please wear red as part of your PE kit.**

We are hoping to hit our target of £500!

We know that times are very tough for many. If you feel able to make a donation, you can be sure that every penny will add up to a life changing difference.

You can donate via the following link, which will take you directly to our Just Giving page.

<https://www.justgiving.com/rnd24-raglan-primary-school>

Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below.

We will also have collections on the gates at the beginning and end of the day on Friday 15th March 2024, so feel free to get rid of any little bits of spare change you no longer want. Thank you for your continued support. Fiona Reid-Smith



Year 5 Trip

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the Science Museum yesterday. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were a credit to Raglan, embracing our character virtues



And Finally...

Please do ensure that you encourage your children to read at every possible opportunity. Reading is a life-long skill and helps the children to ensure they can access the full curriculum and reach their full potential.

I wish to thank Mrs Ingrey for all her work organising the focus and activities for World Book Day.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas