



Raglan Upcoming Dates

- PGL Meeting** – Monday 22nd April
- Computing Café** – Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 26th April
- Giraffe's Family Assembly** – Friday 26th April
- ESOL – Family Learning Programme** – Friday 26th April
- Year 4 PGL** – Friday 3rd May

Week beginning 22nd April

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Albanian	Përshëndetje!	Mirëmëngjes!	Mirëdita!

<https://youtu.be/QoEobyHYKI8>

The Makaton Sign of the week 'hurt'



22nd April HURT.mov

Character Virtue of the week



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term; albeit the weather has not had a summery feel to it as of yet! I do hope you all had an excellent holiday period.

I would firstly like to say an enormous thank you to our FOR for their fundraising efforts. As a result of this, the Key Stage 1 playground has happened. We are delighted with the new flooring, line markings and trim-trail – which is massively popular with the children. Please see the photo later in the Newsletter.

We now look forward to the new mural that has been commissioned for the area. The FOR will now be focusing attention on fundraising for an upgrade to the Key Stage 2 playground. This is well over due I know; but we receive no funding for this sort of capital building work and funding is entirely dependent on the good will of parents and carers being a part of the FOR and the parent community supporting the FOR events to raise the money for playground upgrades. A huge thank you to our FOR. I fully appreciate this was the culmination of 2-3 years of fund raising efforts.

The children have returned from the break refreshed and eager to get 'stuck' into their learning. It has again been a real privilege to walk through the school and experience the learning happening. There was much excitement yesterday outside EYFS with the arrival of baby chicks!



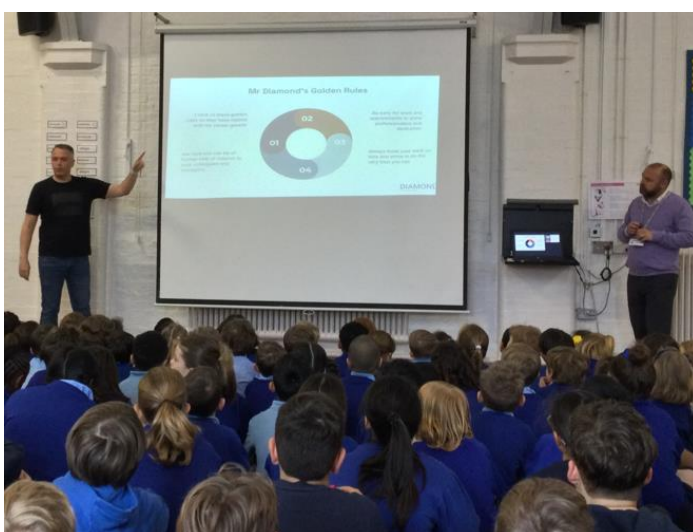
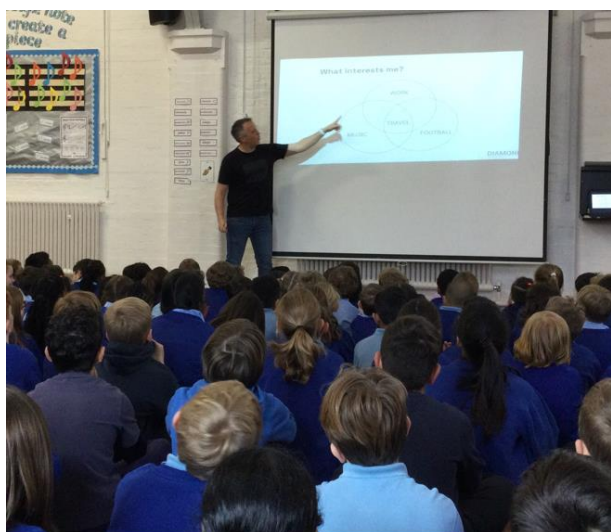
I would ask that parents and carers take the time to read the section on attendance expectations in the Newsletter. This is the same information that came out on Monday. You all may be aware that the government has tightened and raised its expectations for school attendance; making schools even more accountable for pupil absences. I will be publishing the expectations as a standard newsletter item so that parents and carers are clear about the expectations for attendance.

Be Sunsmart

I do appreciate the weather hasn't yet resembled anything like summer just yet. That said, when the warmer / sunnier weather arrives please ensure your child has a sun hat or cap that is named, to come into school with them. Please do ensure they have sunscreen on, and that they have a drink bottle with their name on.

Parent / Carer Assembly: Goal Setting and Achieving

On Wednesday one of our parents, Mr Diamond, led a massively inspirational assembly. He shared with the children how his interests in life (music, football and travel) have all worked together to help shape his professional working life. In addition to this, Mr Diamond talked to the children about his life as a very successful DJ and how his approach to life has enabled him to work through the challenges that presented themselves to him – and midway through a gig for 20000 people! Mr Diamond talked to the children about goal setting and the golden rules he follows to achieve success. This all really resonated with the children, especially how they could help others achieve by supporting them. He summed this up wonderfully with a quote he brought in from Zig Zagler, “You can get everything you want out of life as long as you help others get what they want.” It was again another truly inspirational parent / carer assembly and the children and staff attending were incredibly appreciative. The children's questions again were excellent and thought-provoking.



We would really like many more parents and carers to lead assemblies in our school. We also would love any parents that have already presented assembly to come back and share more of their experiences with the children. You are all the best of role-models and inspiration for our children because you are real to them. You all have a journey. You have all overcome challenges and enjoyed successes. You all have stories to tell that will inspire our children. Please do get in touch with me if you would be interested in presenting to our children.

St George's Day

To celebrate St George's Day on Tuesday, the children will be able to have an English breakfast at lunchtime.



Football

On Monday, the boys' football team travelled to Wickham Common Primary School to play another Premier league fixture. The boys were keen to right a few wrongs coming off the back of a heavy defeat against Highfield, which ended a run of many fixtures without conceding a goal.

Although the boys suffered a 1-0 defeat, I am proud to say that the overall performance was a massive improvement: we created more chances and improved defensively as a team. On another day and with a bit more luck, the boys could have come home with a draw or a win.

With many games left to play, including a quarter final of the cup, Raglan still have a chance to improve on what has been our best season in recent history.

Mr Sykes

20mph Petition Letters

Over the Easter break, a number of parents who signed the 20mph petition received letters from Bromley council containing a copy of the formal petition response.

Thank you to the parents who alerted us to the letters. We have contacted the council to find out why this has happened as the letter was quite confusing with links that weren't accessible and referencing a meeting date that had passed.

They have reassured us that this is normal practice; the council are obliged to communicate with an agreed percentage of respondents to share the formal response as part of the democratic process. This is why some people received letters and others did not.

However, the Council have recognised that for future petitions they need to make the purpose of this communication much clearer so as not to cause confusion for recipients.

Please rest assured that the plans to implement the 20mph signage are underway and are still on track to be in place by the end of 2024. We intend to keep pushing them to speed this up as much as possible. You would not believe the amount of red tape that comes with a relatively simple change to street signage! We will update you as soon as we know more.

Bromley High School

Open Morning flyer link [Open Days and Taster Events](#)

Open Morning is on Wednesday 1st May 9am-11am and the summer term taster days for current Year 5 for Year 7 2025 entry are Tuesday 7th May and Thursday 23rd May.



BYMT – September 2024 - July 2025

To apply for all musical instrument and singing lessons at BYMT next year, please use the link <https://www.bymt.co.uk/children-instrumental-lessons/>

Bromley Y Webinars

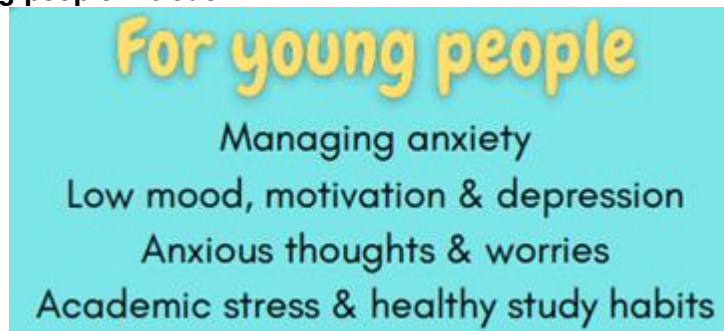
The Summer Term is with us and many of our young people are preparing for imminent exams whilst others will be transitioning to secondary schools, so we attach links to our emotional wellbeing webinars which are there to support young people and parents through these difficult months.

These webinars are facilitated by our practitioners live on Teams. Participants' cameras and microphones are off, but attendees are encouraged to participate through the chat function.

Joining our webinars is easy – just click on the links below, **scan the QR code in the posters or visit our website calendar. They will take you to Eventbrite where you can book your place. Alternatively, you can book via our [website](#) calendar.**

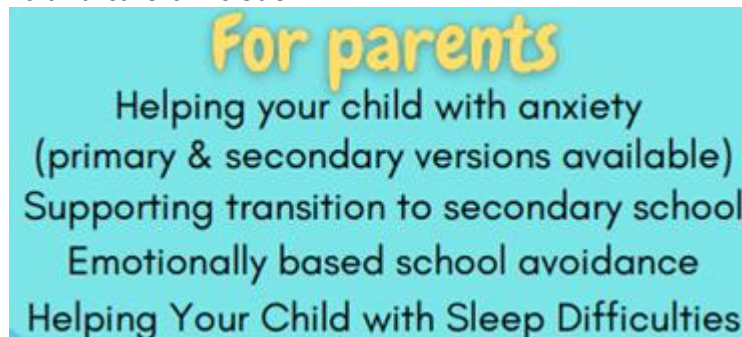
Please do share with anyone living in Bromley who you feel may benefit.

Topics this term for young people include:



Click [HERE](#) for posters about young people's webinars with QR codes for easy access to booking on Eventbrite.

Topics this term for parents and carers include:



Click [HERE](#) for posters about parents' and carers' webinars with QR codes for easy access to booking on Eventbrite.

**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

COMPUTING CAFÉ

Join us in the computing café...

- 8:30 – 8:50
- Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 26th April
- Middle hall
- Enter via KS2 playground.



Dear parents, carers and children,

We are excited to invite you to another Computing Café.

Come and try out a variety of uses for the tech in our school such as....

- Coding
- Online safety
- Stop-motion animation
- Purple Mash challenges (please remember your logins!)
- Other online and offline challenges

Please note, children **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Tuesday – Reception, Year 4, Year 5, Sharks and Frogs.

Wednesday – Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6

Thursday – Year 1, Year 5, Year 6, Sharks and Frogs

Friday – Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

We will have complimentary refreshments such as tea, coffee, squash and pastries. We are trying hard to cut down on the waste we generate so if you would prefer to bring in your own reusable container for tea/coffee please do so.

CASPA

We are delighted to announce that CASPA raised over £4000 in its 'Wear Green to be Seen' day to celebrate autism acceptance. Thank you for all your support at Raglan as we raised £377.11 towards this total.



Attendance and Punctuality Information

As you know we expect your children to be in school every day and arrive on time. Being in school every day and on time means that children will be accessing the full curriculum; and in the routine from the beginning of the school day. We appreciate and understand that children will be off school when they are ill. To be clear, if a child vomits, has diarrhoea, or both they should be away from school for 48 hours after the last episode. If a child is running a temperature they should also be kept off because this is often the infectious time for colds, flus and infections. We expect parents and carers to inform the school immediately and by 9am if your child is off ill. You should call in or email the admin team.

We also appreciate and understand that on occasion traffic can cause lateness. That said, we do expect children to be in school on time, daily.

If a child's attendance is 90% or below we have a legal obligation and government statutory expectation to act on this. The government refer to attendance at or below 90% as 'Persistence Absence.'

The following is the process that we will be undertaking when your child's attendance is at 90% or below:

Step 1 – general letter as a reminder that your attendance is below the expected 90%.

Step 2 – if it stays this way for the next half term, we will invite you for a meeting with Mrs Collins and Mrs Lisle.

Step 3 – for sustained persistent absence over another half term, you will be required to meet with Mrs Collins and I.

Step 4 – if persistent absence continues for a further half term, we are required to make a referral to the Education Welfare Service, who will then contact you and the school, to establish next steps. This may be a formal action plan constructed by the Education Welfare Service. This may include an 'Early Help' referral with the Local Authority.

Step 5 – should persistent absence continue after this; the school is legally required to make a social care referral.

For children that have chronic and ongoing medical needs, we will clearly be taking this into consideration. Parents and carers must provide the medical professional documentation supporting the medical ailment so that we can inform Education Welfare that this is the reason for the absence(s). We are not permitted to accept parental diagnosis or medical justification for absence.

Leave from School Requests

I will not be authorising the maximum number of 5 days for any exceptional circumstances for a leave of absence, unless attendance is consistently above 97%. I always look at every individual case on its own merit, and as you know, I do appreciate many of you have family abroad, cultural and faith celebrations, as well as specific family circumstances. If parents request or take children out for leave during term time and are below 90% attendance (which is persistent absence), I will consider applying the penalty fine.

Penalty notices

Under section 444 of the Education Act 1996, it outlines the legal responsibilities on parents to ensure their children attend school on a regular basis. Failure to do so is a legal offence and either a penalty notice may be issued or prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Parents/carers may be issued with a penalty notice in relation to their child's unauthorised absence at school. It is the decision of the schools as to whether absences are authorised, though they are expected to follow Department for Education (DfE) guidance. Fines are issued per parent, per child. Each fine is £60 if paid within the first 21 days, with a further 7 days to pay the fine at £120. Failing to pay the penalty notice may result in the matter being taken to the Magistrates Court for the original offence of failing to secure your child's regular attendance at school. Parents/carers should be aware there is **no right of appeal** for a penalty notice that has been issued. If you believe the fine was issued in error, please contact the school to discuss your concern regarding the authorisation of the absence.

Science in Frogs Class

This week, Frogs did an experiment to work out which material would be best to make an umbrella in case Ted got caught in the rain!



We tested different materials to see if they behaved as we predicted.



We had a discussion about the outcomes and decided that the plastic bag or cling film would be the most suitable to keep us dry, whilst the kitchen towel was the least suitable.

We also concluded that science experiments are brilliant fun and get us talking, predicting and giving reasons for our ideas!



FOR
FRIENDS OF RAGLAN
FUNDRAISING - FUN - FRIENDSHIP

SAVE THE DATE for the 2024 RAGLAN PRIMARY

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 22nd June 2024 | 11am to 3pm
Raglan Primary School, Bromley, BR2 9NL

FOOD & DRINKS
GAMES
PRIZES
INFLATABLE FUN

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.

Chicks

We are pleased to announce that our Reception chicks have hatched and are doing really well. Please double click to watch the video below!



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KS1 Trim Trail

Thank you again to the FoR for all of their fundraising efforts. It is great to see the outcome of all of the money raised from discos and fairs and movie nights etc!



And Finally...

Before you know it the summer term will end. This means you have a short period of time to really 'nail' the times tables expectations we have for your children. What is very pleasing is that the children I am randomly quizzing on times tables across the school have either 'mastered' them or are on the way to doing this. Again, please access our website to look at the year group expectations and resources for times tables [here](#). In addition to supporting your children 'mastering' their times tables please take every opportunity to have them READ, READ and READ more.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas