



Raglan Upcoming Dates

- Health Screening Reception and Year 6 – 1st and 2nd May
- Year 4 PGL – Friday 3rd May
- Penguins Family Assembly – Friday 3rd May
- SATS Week – Monday 13th-17th May
- Reception Children to Godstone Farm – Friday 17th May

Week beginning 29th April

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Thai	Women say 'Sawatdee kha', and men say 'Sawatdee khrab'	Sawatdee tohn chao	Sawatdee tohn bai

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29th April
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Character Virtue of the week



Dear Parents and Carers,

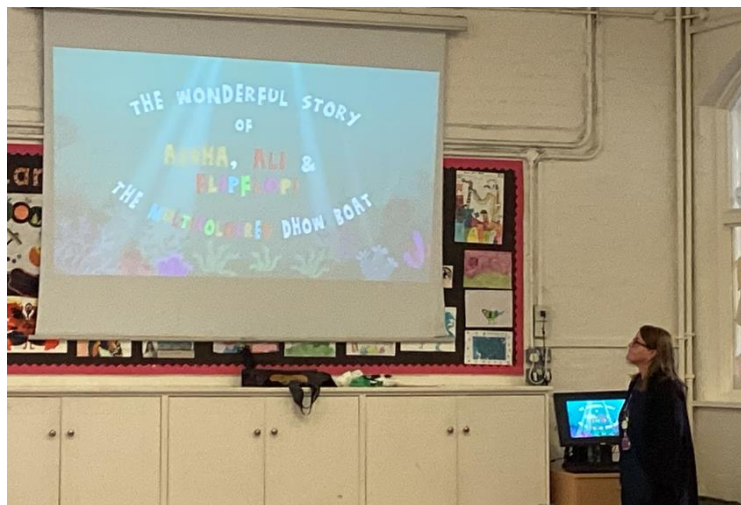
It has been a very busy week. In addition to Mrs Johnson promoting 'Earth Day' on Monday with the children, I spoke to the children in assembly about St. George's Day and the Commonwealth family and our Agents for Change delivered another inspirational presentation! (More of their work to follow here!) The hubbub of learning has been reverberating around the school again this week. I have seen some lovely learning on my journeys around the school. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 have been learning and improving their phonics and reading across this week and the progress since the beginning of the year has been terrific. The children in Year 2 have been working through their 3s and 4s times tables and consolidating 2s, 5s, and 10s. Year 2 have also been consolidating sentence structure and handwriting. I have also seen some excellent number work in the Sharks and Frogs. In Years 3 and 4, children have been completing some wonderful Art and Science learning. In Years 5 and 6 the children have been further strengthening their creative writing skills and using ever increasing complex grammar and sentence structures.

I would again ask parents to work towards achieving your child's times tables expectations for their year group with less than a term to go before the summer holiday period – as outlined on the website [here](#). As I began working with my new Year 5 Early Morning Maths Group last week, I was again mindful of just how critical it is that children master their times tables (and the divisions of these) to access maths confidently. If your child can master their times tables and rapidly recall



these (all of them) before completing the end of Year 3 at the latest, then their maths future is a bright one. In addition to this, the future employment market is one where a secure maths knowledge will be essential.

I would also remind parents and carers to READ, READ and READ more with your children! Reading is as important as times tables and provides access to the full curriculum!



Earth Day
Assembly with
Mrs Johnson

Agents for Change 'Equality Diversity Inclusion'

I would like to congratulate our Agents for Change leaders who led a tremendous 'Equality, Diversity, Inclusion' assembly this week. Their theme this term was 'Ableism'. As you know, our school and Trust champion 'Equality, Diversity and Inclusion' for all of the communities it serves. Ableism one of this governments protected equality characteristics and are outlined in the Equality Act of 2014. Our Agent Leaders discussed the disabilities that staff and children have in our school; as well as why breaking down barriers is so important. The Agents also showed several famous people 'past and present' that had physical and neurological disabilities – and the list surprised all of the children and staff. Especially the late actor James Earl Jones who provided the voice of Darth Vader. He had a stammer. It was an excellent and inspired assembly from our Agents leaders. We are looking to recruit even more Agents for Change next year so that we can carry on this wonderful legacy. This legacy is not just within our school – their work has been mirrored in our other Trust Schools.



Computer Café

I would like to thank and congratulate Miss Grange on a very successful and fun Computer Café this week; we are grateful for the work she has put in to ensure this was a tremendous event. The turnout from families has been wonderful and the range of activities on offer has been terrific. A massive thank you to you all for supporting this years' Computer Café.



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/>

Football

On Wednesday, Raglan boys played in their quarter final game against Ravensworth at Southborough Primary School. Some boys also played in a friendly fixture against Southborough.

Despite their best efforts and a real solid, team display, we lost the cup game 2-0. With some more luck in front of goal and decisions going our way, we would have won and progressed through to the semi-finals to play Southborough, a team who we have played and beaten many times before. I am massively proud of the performance the boys put in, and fully believe there are more games to be won this season.

A massive well done to the boys who played in the friendly fixture as well - you showed real maturity and togetherness in the way you played, despite this being the first match experience for many of you.

I have lost count of the amount of times I have left a football match feeling tremendously proud of those who have come to represent Raglan Primary School. In addition, a massive thank you has to go out to all the fantastic parents who gave up their time to help with a number of things: transport, coaching and running the line; cheering the team on and congratulating the squad on their performances. I look forward to playing more matches throughout this summer term.

Mr Sykes



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PREPARING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD IN YEAR 5 WITH AN EDUCATION HEALTH CARE PLAN?

Starting secondary school is a big step for every child, and for those who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) it can sometimes be a bigger challenge. As a parent, you will want to make sure that the new school knows how to meet your child's needs.

If your child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) and is currently in Year 5, please join us for a parent/carers information session facilitated by The London Borough of Bromley and YVHSC, which talks you through the transition process, what you need to do and how you can start thinking about your options now. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The session will take place via TEAMS on

Tuesday 7th May between 1:30-2:30pm

If you would like to attend this meeting, please confirm your attendance by emailing: parentengagementservice@yvpsc.org.uk



Art

This week Year 3 had fun sketching their teachers using line and wash as part of their Art project, telling stories through drawing and making.



Giraffe's Family Assembly

Congratulations to Giraffes Class for a magnificent family assembly this morning. Much mystery surrounded the preparation of the assembly all of the last week, and it certainly lived up to the hype!

We were all treated to some wonderful singing, acting and an array of information about life-cycles and the life-cycle of a frog. The children spoke, sang and acted with great confidence. This was a wonderful start to Friday for us all.

Well done to the children and adults of Giraffe's Class.



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.

Raglan at the Valley!

On Saturday 20th April a large contingent of Raglan children and families journeyed to The Valley; the home of Charlton Athletic to see the last home game of the season. I have been a Charlton fan since arriving in England and watching the 7 – 6 penalty shootout win against Sunderland in the playoffs to get promoted to the premiership. So for me, it was a complete must do to go and support my team along with the children and families who took up the offer from Charlton of a very generous ticket price. I wasn't disappointed with the 1-1 draw at all. The atmosphere was great and the children and families thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon out. I would like to thank Mr Diamond and Mr Sykes for making it all happen. Their support and effort made it all possible. We are hoping that the school can grow a partnership with Charlton in the coming years so that we can access training with players – as we did yesterday afterschool, as well attend the matches.



Lunches next week

Unfortunately there is a problem with the hot plates in the kitchen. Whilst we are waiting for these to be fixed we have had to adjust our menu to accommodate. The menu for the week beginning 29th April will be as follows. Please accept our apologies for the change.

	Main	Vegetarian
Monday	Chicken Goujons	Quorn Nuggets
Tuesday	Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese Pizza
Wednesday	Pasta Bolognese	Tomato Pasta
Thursday	Sausages	Quorn Sausage
Friday	Fish	Veg Sausage Rolls

Charlton Athletic comes to Raglan



On Thursday, Raglan Primary School were fortunate enough to welcome two professional football players from Charlton Athletic - Miles Leaburn and Terry Taylor.

Following on from the generosity of discounted tickets to Charlton's home fixture against Shrewsbury Town last Saturday, we were extremely grateful to Charlton, Tracey, Miles and Terry for taking time out of their busy schedules and offering us this opportunity. The children in attendance had a fantastic time showcasing their skills, asking various questions and getting photos with the players.

A brilliant experience all round!

Mr Sykes

And Finally...

Although the weather has not been sunny and hot, I would like to remind parents and carers to be ready for when it is. Please do ensure that you have a sunhat or cap and a water (all named) ready to go for when the summer does arrive. Also, do not forget to apply sunscreen to your children before arriving at school.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas