



### Raglan Upcoming Dates

- SATS Week – Monday 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May
- Penguins and Puffins Fieldwork Trip – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May
- Reception Children to Godstone Farm – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Maths Calculation Event – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- Puffins Family Assembly – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May

#### Language of the Week

| Language | Hello              | Good Morning                   | Good Afternoon                      |
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| Sinhala  | කොහොමද<br>Ayubovan | සුභ උදෑසනක්<br>Subha udaēsanak | සුභ සන්ධ්‍යාවක්<br>Subha sandhyāvak |

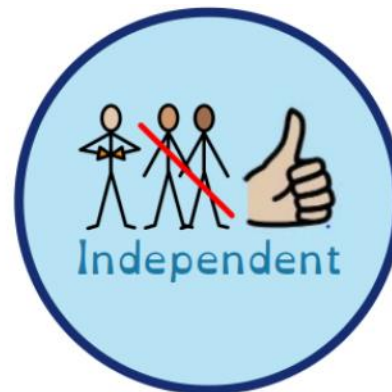
[Learn the 30 most important words in Sinhala! \(17-minute-world-languages.com\)](https://www.17-minute-world-languages.com/)

#### The Makaton Sign of the Week ‘clever’



13th May  
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#### Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer has arrived! I would like to remind you all to send your children into school with a sun hat/cap and drink bottle (both named). Also, please do ensure that children have sunscreen on when it is bright, sunny and hot. Please do be ‘Sunsmart!’

I would like to congratulate the Year 4 children who had the greatest of successes at PGL last weekend. All of the children were the very best of ambassadors for our school. They climbed, abseiled, zip-wired, built shelters, worked together as a team and fenced their way across the weekend. In addition to this, they sang their hearts out (with Mr Boorman who led them through several ‘repeat-after-me’ songs!) The children were very well organised and their independence was excellent. This bodes well for the Isle of Wight trip which will be upon them before we know it! I would like to thank all of the staff that attended the trip. They gave up their family time and much of their long weekend to make the trip happen. Their support was immense. I would also like to thank Mrs Schaper who completed a huge amount of administration work to make the trip possible. This was a massive team effort!





## Some Pictures from PGL



This week in assembly I reminded the children about our Raglan Character Virtues. These being: Kind, ready, Safe, Confident, Resilient, and Independent. I discussed with the children how having these in their personal toolkit is critical to engaging with learning at every phase here and also as they move on to and through secondary education and into life! Children shared with me (and the school) examples of how this year in school they have demonstrated our Raglan Character Virtues. I focused in on 'Resilience.' This is because it undermines the learning process. I showed the children two small clips. One, an animation about how through learning, failing, trying again, learning, failing and trying again our resilience builds and our brains grow. I also showed a clip from the film 'Cool Runnings.' This is the story of the Jamaican bobsled team who, through sheer determination and against all odds, competed in the Olympic final for the Four Man Bobsled event. We linked all our Raglan Character Virtues to this story.



I do appreciate that academic learning is paramount and yes, we aim for our pupils to reach the highest of standards with learning. Of equal importance is the development of character. Children need to learn these skills in order to successfully engage with learning here and at secondary school, as well as make every success of life.



Next week, Year 6 will complete their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. They (and the Year 6 staff team) have worked incredibly hard this year and have made huge progress with learning. As part of that team it has been a real privilege to work with the children and staff team helping to prepare the children for next week. The preparation for end of Key Stage tests is not just about Year 6. The learning journey starts from the time children arrive in our school. School does not centre around the Year 6 SATs but they are part of the journey through primary school, and help with the preparation of what awaits at secondary school. I would like to wish the children all the very best for next week.

### Reception

The reception children had a visit from 'Peter' an African land snail. We were quite surprised at how massive he was. We found out some amazing facts about Peter and we found out that African snails are nocturnal and move around mostly at night. Thank you Miss Nash for bringing Peter in, hopefully we will see him again next year.





# CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EVENT: ALLISON PARKINSON

**MONDAY 13TH MAY 2PM - 2.45PM**

Join us and Allison Parkinson at Orpington Library (bold) for 45 minutes of rhyming fun! Explore with a magnificent tiger and unravel the secrets of a mysterious clock as Allison reads her picture books: Tiger Tale and Tick-Tock. Stick around for colouring activities afterward. For ages 2-4 and parents/carers.



Scan the QR code to find out more and to book.

**ORPINGTON LITERARY FESTIVAL**  
May 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

# CHILDREN'S AUTHOR EVENT: E.L. NORRY

**SATURDAY 18TH MAY 10AM - 11AM**

Join us at Orpington Library for an exciting event with E.L. Norry (Emma), author of the Fablehouse series for 9-11 year-olds. Emma will discuss the magical adventure series, including Book 2, Heart of Fire, followed by a Q&A and a creative activity for children to take part in.




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# CHILDREN'S AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR: MATT ROBERTSON


**SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2.30PM - 3.30PM**

Join Matt Robertson at Orpington Library to explore the wonders of the natural world by taking part in his awesome quiz and creating your very own wild creature. Matt's books will be on sale and he will be signing all copies. For children aged 5+ and their families.



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## Lewisham Disability Sports Network presents:

# Lewisham Inclusive Sports Festival

**Free!**

**Save the date** Saturday 8th June  
2 pm to 4 pm  
Ladywell Arena  
Silvermere Rd  
SE6 4QX

Accessible to all abilities, for disabled young people and their families, aged 5-25!  
Registration and more details coming soon!



Marianna.Lordou@AccessSport.org.uk 020 7993 9883

### Party Bags

Just a reminder that teachers are not able to pass out party bags. Due to the increasing health and safety issues surrounding food, it is not possible for us to have them in school, although we do appreciate the kindness of the gesture.

## Maths Meeting

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 6-7pm we are holding a Maths meeting, focussing on the use of manipulatives and practical maths. Manipulatives are actual objects that help students visualise and understand abstract mathematical concepts. They are invaluable in developing a deeper understanding of mathematical principles. The session is open to parents of all year groups.

During the evening, you will have the opportunity to:

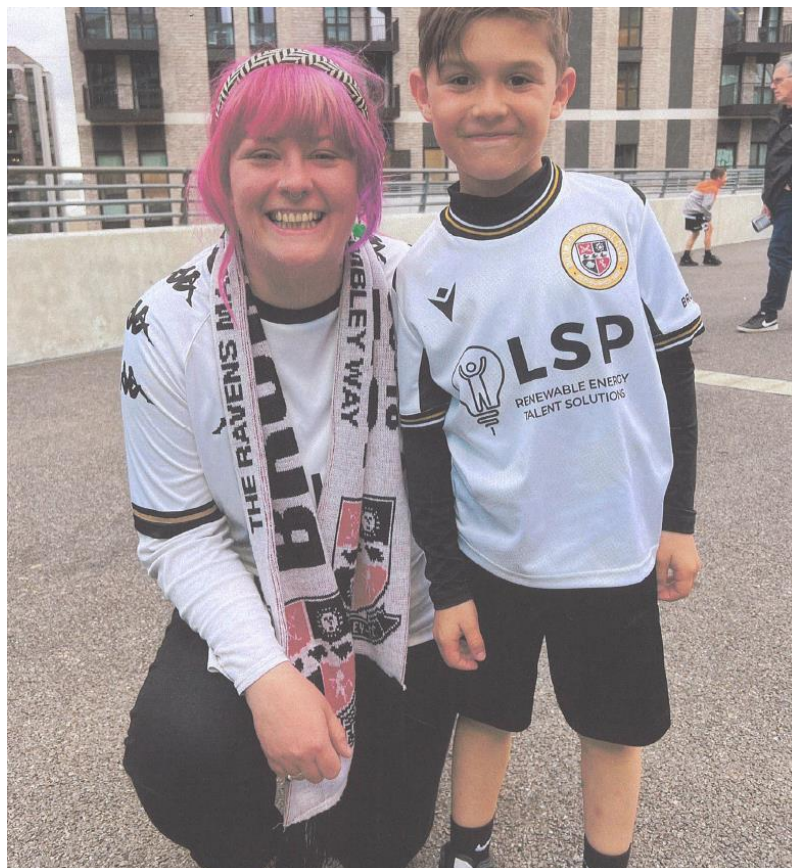
- Explore how manipulatives are integrated into our curriculum to enhance learning experiences across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.
- Engage in hands-on activities that demonstrate the effectiveness of manipulatives in teaching various mathematical concepts.
- Learn strategies for supporting your child's mathematical development at home using everyday materials.

To sign up to attend please visit the 'Trips' section in Arbor and 'sign up' using your child's name. You will be able to book one place per child. Please do this by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

## Bromley Football Club

On Sunday, Bromley FC were at Wembley to face Solihull Moors in the league play-offs for a chance to play in the English Football League. Many of Raglan's parents and pupils attended the game, watching a tense 120 minutes of football followed by penalties. Bromley FC's goal keeper, having denied Solihull two successful penalties early on, gave Bromley an excellent chance and skipper Byron Webster scored the decisive penalty to a deafening level of cheering. For the first time in their 132-year history as a club, Bromley FC will now play in the EFL against other local teams such as Millwall and Queens Park Rangers. Many staff also attended, some of whom have still not yet regained their voices! Bromley FC will depart Hayes Lane by bus at 11am this Saturday (11th) and continue to the Glades by 12pm as part of their victory parade. An incredible achievement Bromley FC!

Miss Grange



## 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.



## Lunches next week

Unfortunately, there is still 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 13th May will be as follows. Please accept our apologies for the change.

|                  | Main        | Vegetarian       |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>    | Normal Menu |                  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Normal Menu |                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Chicken     | Normal Menu      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Beefburgers | Veg beef burgers |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Normal Menu |                  |

## Girls' Football

The girls played an amazing match against Worsley Bridge yesterday. They were fantastic. The first half of the match started off a bit slow but the second half was a vast improvement. The team work was amazing and the camaraderie amongst the players was very encouraging. Unfortunately we lost 4-2 after fighting back from 2-0 down but we are so proud of the team and especially their second half performance. The penalty that our team scored was truly inspirational. Well done!



### **And Finally...**

This half term is drawing to an end! Can you believe we only have two more weeks to go! This means you only have one term left to ensure your child has reached the targets for their year groups' timetable expectations. If you are not aware of these please look on the school website [here](#). I know a lot of you are working towards these expectations at home and I believe it is really paying off. Please do press ahead and work towards your children mastering and rapidly recalling all of their times tables as quickly as possible. In addition to this, please do READ, READ and READ ever more with your children because this provides access to everything!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas