



Raglan Upcoming Dates

- PGL Meeting** – Monday 24th June 5pm
- Year 5 Strawberry Tea** – Tuesday 25th June
- Year 5 Transition to Secondary Schools Meeting** – Tuesday 25th June 3.30-4.30
- Isle of Wight Meeting** – Wednesday 26th June 6pm
- Nursery Sports Day** – Friday 28th June

Week beginning 24th June

Language of the Week

Language	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
Tigrinya	ሰላም (Selam)	ክመይ ሓዲርካ (Kemey Hadirka)-male ክመይ ሓዲርኪ (kemey Hadirki) -female	ክመይ ውዒልካ (kemey Wu'elka)-male ክመይ ውዒልኪ (kemey Wu'elki)-female

<https://omniglot.com/language/phrases/tigrinya.php>

The Makaton Sign of the Week 'Ice-cream'



Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well.

I do hope to see you tomorrow at the FOR Summer Fayre. Your support of the FOR and the fundraisers has meant that the upgrade to the Key Stage 1 Playground become a reality this year. As you know we are now fundraising towards the Key Stage 2 playground upgrade. We are determined that the weather will play its part and provide us a dry day, which will make the day even that much more enjoyable for all. I look forward to seeing you all.

I wanted to firstly congratulate Year 1 children for the excellent way they went about their phonics screening these last two weeks. They have worked incredibly hard over the course of the year and deserve every credit for this. Phonics lays the foundations for reading. Being a proficient reader means you are able to access the entire curriculum and enables great success at each phase of school. What has been wonderful to see is the enthusiasm that the Year 1 children have shown during this period. I would also like to thank the entire Year 1 team for their efforts all year in their delivery of phonics to the children. In addition to this, thank you to the EYFS team for the critical role they play in beginning the phonics journey with the children.



On Wednesday Ancient Rome came to Raglan! Year 3 were dressed superbly in Ancient Roman attire and immersed themselves in the activities that were on offer. This was a wonderful experience for them all. Thank you to all of the Year 3 parents for supporting the event. Your commitment and determination to ensure this experience happened is greatly appreciated. A massive thank you to the Year 3 parents that also helped out on the day. This was an amazing experience. Please do read on for more information.

Premiere of the Raglan ARP video

At Raglan we are incredibly proud of our Additionally Resourced Speech and Language Provision. I have been so impressed with how the children in Frogs and Sharks have grown in confidence over the course of the year as their speech, language and Makaton skills have developed.

To showcase the work of the ARP, the staff and children have taken starring roles in a short video which takes prospective parents and students on a tour of the classroom environments in Frogs and Sharks.

This video is now available to view [here](#)

I'm sure you will agree that the children have done a fabulous job as ambassadors for our school! Thank you to all the staff, children and parents who have made this video possible.

Year 5 Parents

On Tuesday 25th June we will be offering you an opportunity to come and watch a presentation about the secondary admissions process. We are lucky to be able to welcome Bromley's Admissions Manager to present this information and answer any questions you may have. This presentation will take place at 3.30. There is no need to register your interest for this event, just please come along on the day.

If you are unable to attend this meeting we will make sure that the relevant information is available to you on the website.

Fire!

Mrs Prescott and Miss Ezinwa had some outdoor learning training to teach them how to make fires for our base camp. They will be using this training to train other staff and children to enhance their forest school experience.





Congratulations to two of our Key Stage 2 children who recently won medals at the JKA England National Karate Championships. Well done!



Maths Challenge

Over the last two weeks, a group of Year 3 and 4 pupils have been taking part in the First Maths Challenge 2024.

We are all so proud of the way they challenged their mathematical brains with this fun maths problem solving quiz.

Certificates will be given to all participants at an upcoming assembly.

Year 1 – BYMT Infant Song Festival

Year 1 had the opportunity to go to BYMT for the Infant Song festival! The children had a fantastic time singing songs from the story "Giraffes can't dance". Miss Lowe and Miss Goulds were very proud of how Rhinos and Giraffes represented Raglan and also want to say a big thank you to all the parent helpers who made sure we got there safely.



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.

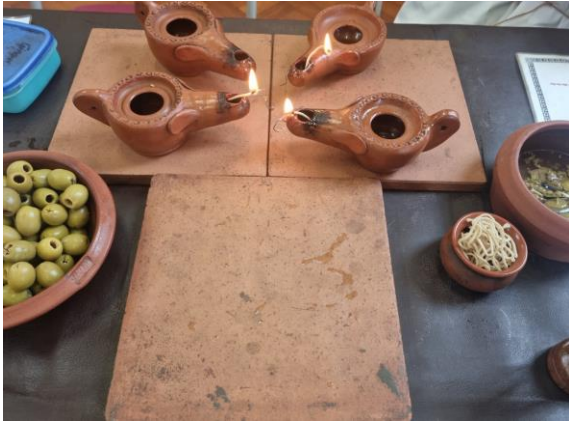
Penalty notices

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.

Roman Day

Everyone in year 3 experienced a Roman Day taken by History: Off The Page.

In the morning, we were treated to 8 different Roman activities including ink making, olive oil lamps, mosaics, necklace carving and leather pouch making. In the afternoon, we practiced Roman leisure activities such as performing plays, dancing and soldier marching drills. The day ended with a banquet of 'wine', bread, cheese and apple to celebrate our 'victory'. The day was definitely an experience to remember!





Our School Council members recently wrote to the Co-op as part of our local community to try and raise some funds. We are really grateful that they have managed to donate an amazing £150!! Thank you Co-op for your donation and being an important part of our community. Thank you to Ms Kelly (a parent of our school) for making this happen.

Zeus Comes to Raglan!

This morning, Key Stage 2 children were treated to a production of Zeus delivered by The Ravensbourne School drama students. This was an enthralling performance. Many thanks to our friends from Ravensbourne School for putting on their production of Zeus.



And Finally...

With four weeks to go please do make a final effort on 'nailing' the times tables practice with your children. Please do follow Mr Farmers' guide to this which you can find [here](#) . In addition to this always READ, READ and READ more with your children.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas