



Key Dates Coming Up

Thursday 2nd October – Year 1 Phonics and Early Reading Meeting

Friday 10th October – Spooky Disco (FoR) –Ticketed Event

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October - Parents Evening – Booking Open

Thursday 13th November – Movie Night (FoR) – Ticketed Event

Saturday 29th November – Christmas Fair

Week beginning Monday 29th September

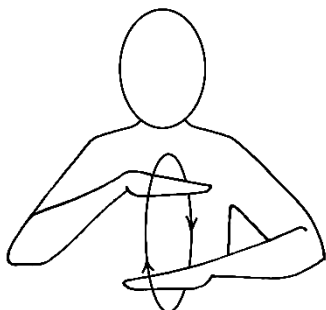
Language of the Week

Polish	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
	Cześć	Dzień dobry	Dzień dobry

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The Makaton Sign of the Week – Calm

Character Virtue of the Week - Confidence



Dear Parents and Carers,

Raglan Harvest Festival

This week we celebrated our Harvest Festival at Raglan with a wonderful spirit of community and generosity. Children and families across the school kindly donated food, which has been sent to support our local food bank.

We were delighted to welcome Rev Steve, who spoke to us about the importance of having an *attitude of gratitude*—reminding us to be thankful not only for what we have, but also for the opportunity to share with others.

Miss Reid-Smith was full of gratitude too, not just for the incredible donations from the Raglan community, but also for the fantastic support she received from our Year 6 pupils and Frog Class helpers. They did a magnificent job of setting up the display of food and later packing everything up ready for collection.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed and helped make this year's Harvest Festival such a success!



Also a massive shout out to Miss Lowe and Mrs Lucas (The Raglan Melody Leaders) who have been rehearsing the whole school in singing assembly for Harvest Celebration



Parent Assembly: An Inspirational Journey into the World of Ballet by Gemma Smedley

On Wednesday the children and staff were totally inspired in whole school assembly, which was led by one of our Year 1 parents; Mrs Gemma Smedley.

Gemma has had a very successful and distinguished career dancing ballet for the Royal Ballet Company in London; performing in such iconic shows such as Swan Lake and Nutcracker.

Gemma shared her life journey from being inspired to dance and perform at her south London Primary School, to gaining a place at the Royal Ballet School and mastering her craft.

In addition to that Gemma showed an excellent short film about 'Ballet and Brains.' This helped children understand the learning process and how it related to learning ballet.

The children saw a range of Gemma's costumes, including her hand-made personalised ballet shoes.

The overwhelming theme from Gemma to the children was that she was once sat in an assembly at primary school like they were, and if they make the most of their opportunities and work very hard, they can achieve anything the wish for.

It was a tremendous presentation, and utterly inspirational for all of us who were there.
A massive thanks to Gemma.



We are very fortunate to already have a number of parents booked into leading assemblies this academic year. We still would like to encourage more of you to come forward and share your life story and journey with the children. You are the greatest of role-models and inspirations for our children because you are all real and tangible. Please do come and be part of what has been a wonderful array of parent assemblies for the children

PE Cafe

A massive thank you to Mr Boorman who again coordinated a successful Sports Week and PE Cafe that culminated in the Cross Country today for KS1 and KS2. The results for Cross Country will be revealed next week in assembly.

PE Cafe has become a much-loved fixture on the school annual calendar. The children enjoyed a host of different sport activities ranging from team games, athletics and as seen here gymnastics (where Miss Donnelly also supported the event.)

Mr Boorman's passion for sport in our school has seen him achieve the PE Gold Mark now three years running. This is an exceptional achievement and essentially means that we are providing a terrific level of PE / sport (competitive also) for all our children.



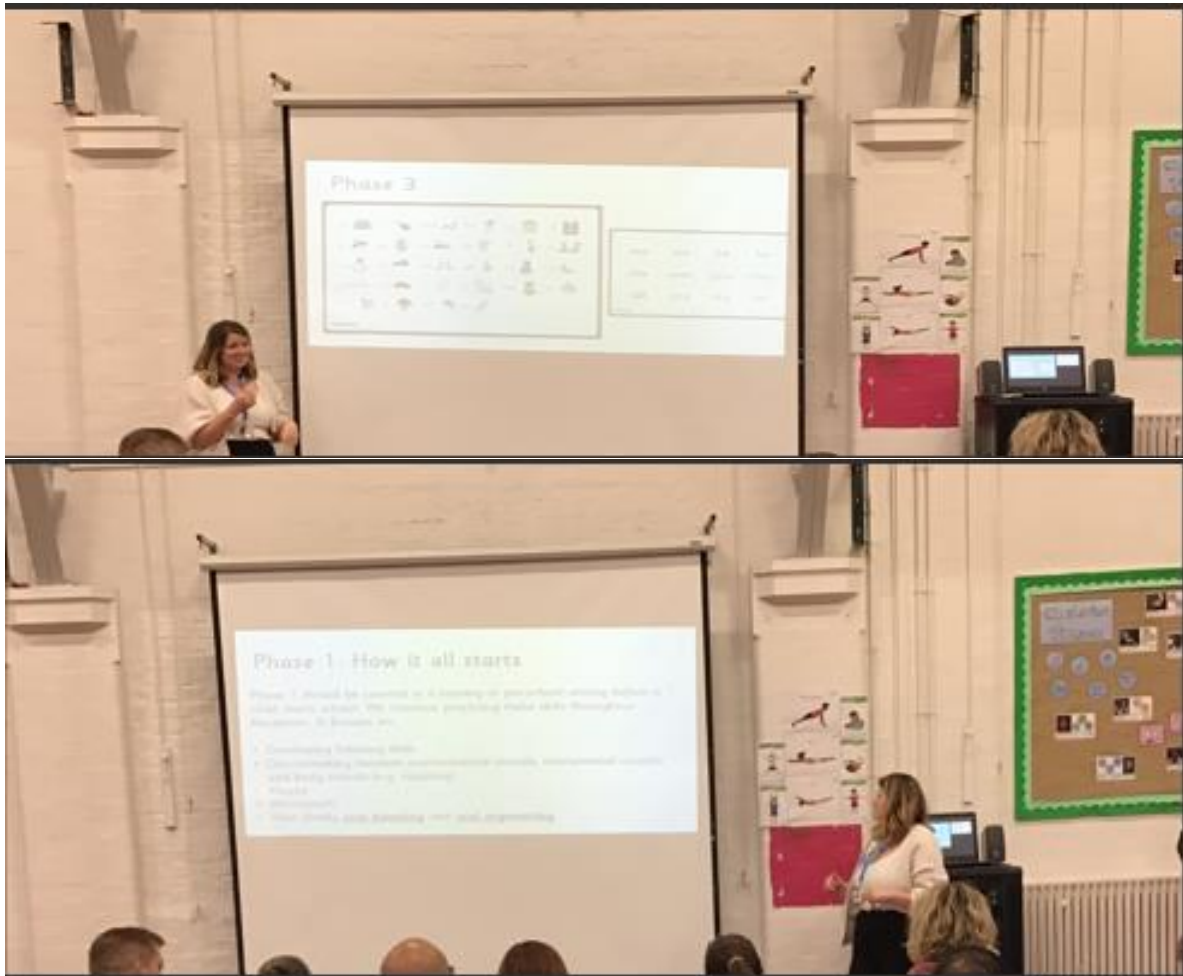
Phonics Evening

On Monday evening this week Mrs Ingrey, Miss Ezinwa, Mrs Stasinopoulos and Mrs O'Brien led Phonics Information for Parents and carers in Reception. This was a thoroughly informative and critical information evening not only because helping your children learn their phonics is so vital but, because we have as you know implemented Unlocking Letters and Sounds -our new scheme.

The parents and carers that attended were very glad they attended as the content was interesting and very useful to help support children at home.

The slides of the presentation will be available on the school website shortly.

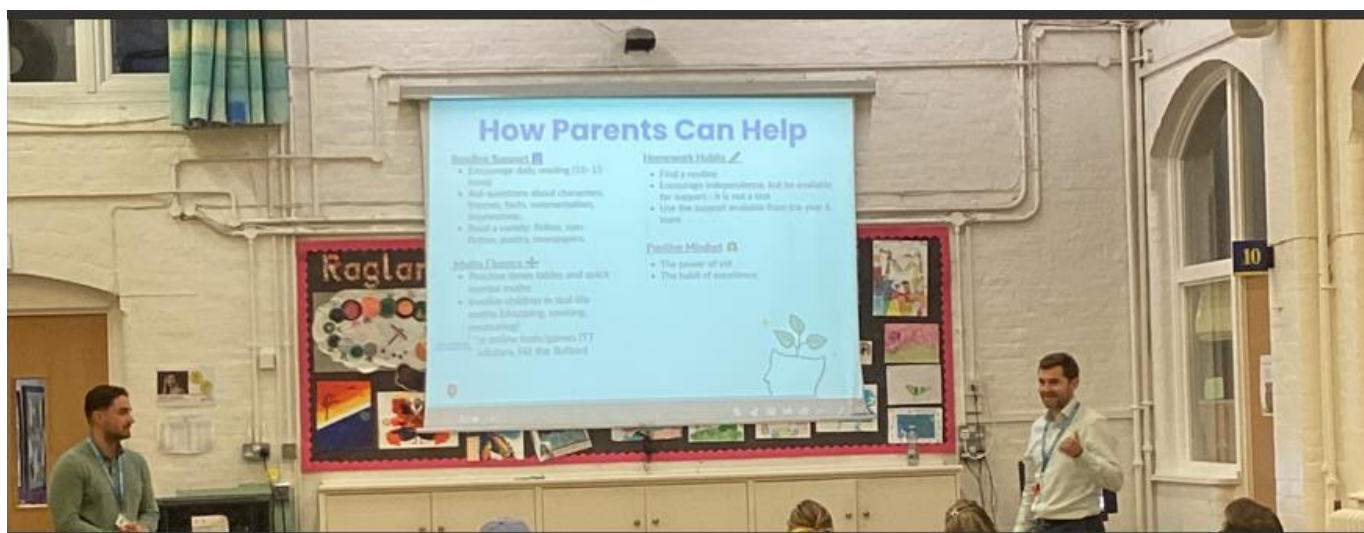
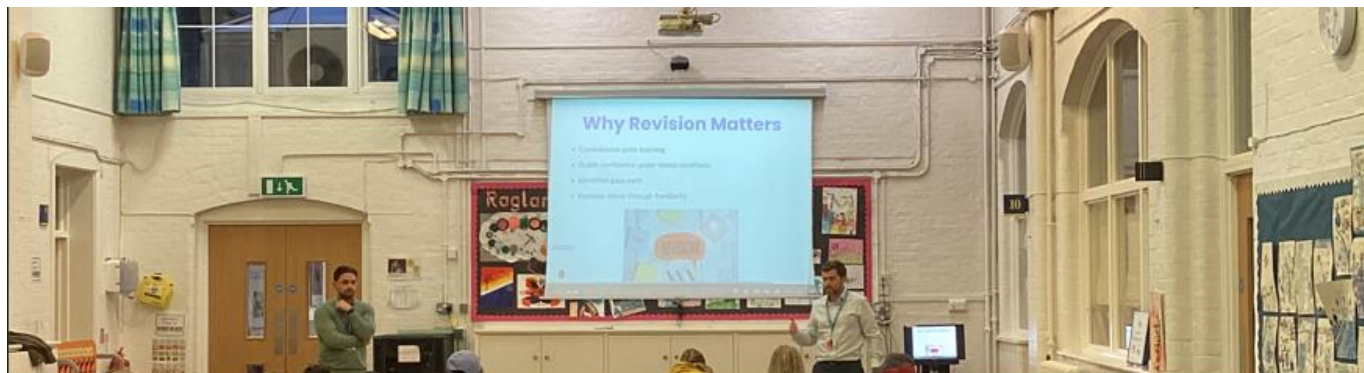
A huge thanks to the staff that led the evening, and to the parents and carers who attended.



SATS Information Evening Year 6

On Tuesday evening Year 6 parents and carers were invited to come in for our annual SATS Information Evening. Whilst Year 6 is not all about SATS Preparation, they are still part of the children's journey - and preparation for secondary school.

Preparing for Year 6 SATS is a bit like training for a marathon. It cannot be left to the last minute, days, final weeks, or few months. It is a cumulative processes that requires us to help the children learn, know and remember. It is absolutely essential that we work in partnership with yourselves to best prepare the children. If parents and carers make Home Learning scheduled and a weekly routine from the outset in Reception, work with the advice we give you on phonics, early reading, reading, times tables and maths; then children have every success when sitting their SATS - and making a success of primary school. A massive thank you to the parents and carers that attended; and to Mr Farmer and Mr Sykes for coordinating this.



Mr Farmer - Many mountains climbed!

Last weekend Mr Farmer competed in the Brighton 50/50. This is essentially a 50km running race! This is an epic event and Mr Farmer completed the distance in 6 hours 17 minutes. He was aiming for a sub-6 hour time, but we think he did amazingly well anyway and we are proud of him! His efforts hopefully will inspire more children to take up Cross Country and running when he delivers an assembly on his race later in the school year.

An enormous well done to Mr Farmer - who ran many, many hills across the South Downs to complete the race!



Music of the Week

Baganda Folk song - Uganda

- It is a Baganda folk song for harvest.
- Celebrating life and growth.



Does it sound similar or different to songs
you've heard before?
What instruments can you hear?
How do you think it translates into
English?

<https://www.bing.com/videos/riverview/relatedvideo?q=baganda+harvest+song&mid=B2B3AC94093B66EAF6A0B2B3AC94093B66EAF6A0&FORM=VAMGZC>

And Finally...

You will all know that the window to book times for Parents' Evening is now open on Arbor. Please do ensure you register a meeting time with your child's teacher during this window, which shuts on Monday 6th October.

I would also ask you to ensure your children are accessing Numbots (Reception / Year 1) and Times Tables Rockstars (Y2 - Y6) regularly and often. Times tables unlocks all of maths! In addition to this READ, READ and READ more with your children. For families with children in Nursery / Reception and KS1, please ensure you are helping your children secure their phonics and early reading skills. Reading provides access to the whole curriculum; and improves every child's life chances immeasurably.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas



News from FOR

Spooky Disco Explainer

We sent out an email earlier in the week with details of the annual Spooky Disco coming up on Friday 10th October. This is a much-anticipated event for the children. It is held in the haunted assembly hall and there are separate times for the KS1 children (Reception, Y1 & Y2) and the KS2 children (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6).

At what time do we boo-gie? 🧛

The KS1 disco is held straight after school ends and the teachers will take the children to the disco. Reception children should already be wearing their spooky costumes from home. Y1 & Y2 have their costumes in their bags and get changed in class. The ticket price for KS1 is slightly higher as it includes drinks and party refreshments for each child. Please make sure you're booking for the right KS!

The KS2 disco is held straight after (4:45pm), once all the KS1 children have left and our spooky FOR volunteers have done a quick tidy-up. After school club leads will take kids in the clubs to the disco.

Important information for KS2:

There will be party snacks and potions for sale as well as games and small keepsakes to buy so KS2 children are encouraged to bring pocket money with them. This is a great opportunity to teach independence and financial responsibility to the children.

We are always watching 👁️👁️

Teachers and FOR volunteers are present throughout both discos. At the end of each one, teachers will take the children to the normal after school collection area for pick up or to after school club if they are booked for that.

Want to join our creepy little group? 👁️👁️

We welcome volunteers who can help on the day. Similarly, if you are unable to attend, but want to take part, you can help by making scary snacks for the KS2 sale, or donating items for the dress-up box, or anything else that comes to mind! Please contact us if you can help.

Halloween or other fancy dress outfits are definitely encouraged and there are prizes for the best-dressed at each disco.

A DJ will be in residence with speakers and disco lights. We do try to keep the volume at an acceptable level but it can get noisy so please do pack ear defenders for your child if you have any concerns.

All children attending must have a ticket purchased for them beforehand. Allergies registered in the school record will be catered for.

To buy tickets, follow this link: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/>

Keep an eye out for any updates about timings, arrangements for the KS1 children to change into their fancy dress outfits, arrangements for drop-off for the KS2 disco and any changes to after school clubs usually held on a Friday. We'll be in touch again when you least expect it 👁️👁️

Upcoming Events for your diary

Please look out for emails from the school in the coming weeks for details of events and how to purchase tickets

FOR AGM: Friday 3rd October at 9am

Spooky Disco: Friday 10th October (ticketed event)

Movie Night: Thursday 13th November (ticketed event)

Christmas Fair: Saturday 29th November

Contact FOR: for.ptabromley@gmail.com

FOR Events Ticket Sales: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofraglan/>

Pre-loved Uniform Sales: <https://friends-of-raglan.sumupstore.com/>

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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%. Even then this is not automatically granted, and I always look at every individual case on its own merit. 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 £80 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.

Parents and Carers need to be aware that if your child is absence from school for ten or more days in a row (without explanation) they are legally considered 'missing in education.' This will result in the school making a social care referral and contacting the appropriate agencies.