



Key Dates Coming Up

Wednesday 10th September – Meet and Greet – Year 1 to Year 6

Thursday 18th September – Maths Parents' Evening

Monday 22nd September – EYFS and ARP Phonics and Early Reading Meeting

Tuesday 23rd September – Year 6 SATS Meeting

Tuesday 23rd-Friday 26th September – PE Cafe

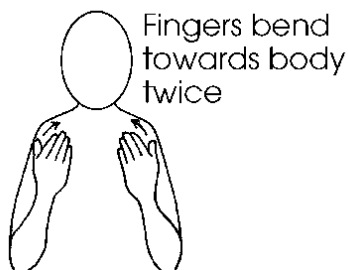
Week beginning Monday 8th September

Language of the Week

Cantonese	Hello	Good Morning	Good Afternoon
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The Makaton Sign of the Week - Welcome



Character Virtue of the Week



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very, very warm welcome back to this academic year. As always, we look forward to working in partnership with you all as we look to further strengthen our thriving school community. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new parents and carers that start with us. We hope that you enjoy your time with us and that you quickly feel and become part of our Raglan family.

With the new school year upon us I would like to encourage you all to get involved with our incredible FOR. Please do access the Raglan FOR website to find out how you get involved. If you do not want to become an FOR member, then please do volunteer to help out at any of the terrific fundraising events we have over the year. It is great fun!

Next **Wednesday 10th September 3.30pm - 4.15pm** is our **Meet and Greet session for Year 1 - 6, and the ARPS**. This is where parents and carers can access their child's class teacher to see the classroom, confirm home learning arrangements and ask class teachers about the settling in period and year ahead.

Both Reception Classes Lions and Monkeys have already met with their class teachers, and can attend the Tea/coffee morning; and therefore have all the information passed on, as well as have visited the classrooms. This means there is not a meet and greet next Wednesday 10th September for Lions and Monkeys Class.

Please do note that for all parents and carers, that **'Parents Evenings' will be Tuesday October 14th 3.30pm - 7.30pm and Wednesday 15th October 3.30pm - 6.30pm.** The online booking system will open three weeks ahead of these dates, but please make a note of these dates.

A very heartfelt and sincere Thank You for our new Staffroom!

On behalf the entire staff team I would like to send the most sincerest of thanks to all of the parents, carers and children involved in refurbishing the staffroom during the summer break. I know that in addition to the parents, carers and children who were working on the refurbishment over the holidays, many more of you donated and contributed towards this. I would also like to thank you for the kind stationery donations and backpacks that we can use to help families that find themselves experiencing hardships. What you have done has truly humbled us all and has touched all members of staff. It is the very best way to start the new school year. A massive, massive thank you to you all. We are indeed extremely grateful.

Before the Refurbishment



After the Refurbishment





Again, on behalf of all of the staff team, a massive, massive thank you to all those involved.

The Raglan Rainbow!

It was a wonderful start to the new academic year Monday and, made even more special by the dazzling rainbow that graced the skies above our school. I know several of you took photos such as the one that was shared with us.

What a brilliant spectacle this made Monday morning; it made us all smile brightly!



Important Parent Information Dates (Enter School via Jaffray Road KS2 Gate for all Meetings)

Wednesday 10th September 3.30pm - 4.15pm is our Meet and Greet session (Access the school building and move to your child(s) classroom to meet teacher.)

Monday 22nd September 6.30pm - 7.30pm Main Hall EYFS (Reception) / Reception and KS1 ARPS Phonics and Early Reading Parents and Carers Meeting

Tuesday 23rd September 6.30pm - 7.30pm Middle Hall Year 6 SATS and Home Learning Information Evening for Year 6 parents and carers

Thursday 2nd October 6.30pm - 7.30pm Main Hall Year 1 Phonics and Early Reading Parents and Carers Meeting

Tuesday October 14th 3.30pm - 7.30pm and Wednesday 15th October 3.30pm - 6.30pm (Access the school via Jaffray Road KS2 gate, then on to the KS2 Playground and enter the school building via the KS2 door.)

Tuesday 11th November 6.30pm - 7.30pm Main Hall Maths Information Evening for all Parents and Carers regardless of Year Group your child is in. (Arbor Sign up to follow.)

New Beginnings

On Monday I began the new school year by speaking with the children about our Curriculum Drivers, Raglan Character Virtues and how these tie in with British Values.

We discussed how that our Raglan Character Virtues help us transition into new school years, as well as equipping us with value life skills. I showed the children an animation at the end which focused on 'resilience' and for them to understand that every time they try, fail, try, fail their brains grow stronger, and they become more resilient. We celebrate our Raglan Character Virtues with certificates in 'celebration assembly.' Each week in the newsletter you will see what the Character Virtue of the Week is - that way you can discuss the weekly focus at home.

I would very much like all parents and carers to promote and talk to children about our Raglan Character Virtues - especially being resilient and trying and trying again. It is critical that our children leave us with our character virtues embedded so they can draw upon these throughout their learning journey; here and beyond.

A reminder that our Raglan Character Virtues are:
KIND READY SAFE CONFIDENT INDEPENDENT RESILIENT.

Once again, I explained to our children how our Curriculum Drivers help form the learning experiences and challenges that children undertake in our school. Every subject area has the drivers that are woven through the knowledge, vocabulary and learning the children experience.

Our curriculum drivers were established several years ago because they are relevant, we believe, to our local, national and global communities. We have spent the last three years trying to embed these within all areas of the curriculum. To remind you all our Curriculum Drivers are: Initiative, Environment, Community and Diversity and Communication.

I have asked the children to remember them in this way:

- Initiative: Get Up and Do It!
- Environment: Make a Difference!
- Community and Diversity: Belonging!
- Communication: Finding your Voice!

I discussed with the children how the British Values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance relate to our curriculum driver of 'Community and Diversity' especially.

It sounds like a lot to remember but we discuss all three areas across the school year consistently. As a staff team we try and use the language of all three (Raglan Character Virtues, Curriculum Drivers and British Values) daily, weekly monthly. This helps develop the interpersonal skills that are critical for all our children to be positive, community orientated citizens.

I would ask you all to try and use the language of Character Virtues across the year relating things that happen outside of school to them. This helps your children see the importance of them.

Our school culture rests upon us all 'living and breathing' our Character Virtues and Curriculum Drivers. Our school culture is still all about 'children and community.' This, we can never lose sight of!



And Finally...

With the new school year starting I would like to encourage parents again to READ, READ and READ as much as possible with your children. Parents of children lower down the school please ensure you are helping your children secure their phonics and early reading skills. Those of you that have fluent and independent readers ensure that you are speaking with your children about the books they are reading, asking them about what they are reading, and how the story is unfolding. Reading unlocks the entire curriculum and helps your child have every success in life.

In addition to reading please ensure that your child is accessing Times-tables Rockstars (TTS Rockstars) and Numbots (Reception / Year 1) daily if possible. Like mastering phonics to read fluently, mastering times-tables unlocks virtually all of the maths curriculum for children. Please access the school website, locate Mr Farmers guide to home learning and school expectations for times-tables. Please do access the Times-tables Progression Guide via this link [Times-Tables-Progression.pdf](#)

Again, a very warm welcome back to the new school year.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr De Freitas

News from Friends of Raglan (FOR)

Welcome to the Raglan community from FOR to all new children, parents, teachers and staff; and welcome back to all those returning. We hope you have all had a great first week.

FOR is the PTA for the school. We're a registered charity and our purpose is to raise funds for the school. We do this mainly by holding events. Having delivered the new play equipment in the KS1 playground in April 2024, our current fundraising priority is for upgrades to the KS2 playground. We are nearly there with the funds we need to install the first new play apparatus in the Autumn. Our GoFundMe campaign started at the end of last term is still live. If you would like to contribute or share the campaign details with family and friends or on social media, please use this link: [Fundraiser by Friends Of Raglan : New Playground Equipment at KS2, Raglan Primary School](#)

Small or large - every donation gets us one step closer! The GFM page also has details of the vision for the playground upgrade. Thanks to everyone who's contributed so far.

Current events to look out for in the coming half term are:

- Ticket sales for the Pantomime at the Churchill theatre in Bromley on Saturday 6th December
- The annual Spooky Disco on Friday 10th October

Looking further ahead:

- Movie night: Thursday 13th November
- Christmas Fair: Saturday 29th November

Notifications of these events are usually sent via email from the school so please look out for those and watch this space too for more information.

Our next committee meeting is on Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm at the school. The meeting after will be our AGM on Friday 3rd October.

New members are always welcome. We are always on the lookout for volunteers as well to help at events. Please contact us via for.ptabromley@gmail.com if you would like to find out more about being involved in the committee, volunteering at our events or have any other FOR-related questions.



FREE EVENT

The SEND Local Offer Live is BACK!

**ARTS &
CRAFTS**

DANCE

**POP-UP
CAFE**

**ADVICE &
SUPPORT**



**POP-UP
ARCADE**

DRAMA

MUSIC

**INDOOR
SPORTS**

Join us to find out more about the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) services available in Bromley for parents, carers, children and young people. Taster sessions, fun, games and information for all the family.

Thursday 30 October, 10am to 2pm



Bishop Justus School,
Magpie Hall Lane,
Bromley,
BR2 8HZ

**Scan the QR code
to find out more!
Pop-up Cafe onsite
or bring a picnic!**



Please note: parents and carers remain responsible for their children at all times.



South East London



Bromley Parent
Carer Forum



Please see attached flyers to the newsletter for further information for SEND parents

Join us in Bromley



Academy Sessions

with Coach Jamie
Former National Player
pathway coach
and Coach Nyla

Elevate your potential with
academy structured coaching
sessions delivered by Coach
Jamie and Coach Nyla

Where?

Bromley High School, BR1 2TW

When?

Wednesdays
All ages - 6-7pm



Register at:

www.southlondongirlsfootballacademy.co.uk

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.