



Raglan Primary School

LIFE@Raglan

Newsletter

6th January 2017

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the start of the Spring term.

As part of our commitment to providing the children of Raglan with a creative, aspirational and inspiring learning adventure there have been all sorts of exciting and challenging things going on in school this week as each class is introduced to their new learning for this half term.

Year 4 have been exploring an Egyptian tomb by torch light and searching for artefacts in the desert.

Year 3 have been designing and building shelters and then testing them out to see if they provide adequate shelter – they did a brilliant job and most were either wind proof or water proof, but unfortunately not many were both!!

Year 5 have been taking part in assessments to see if they are fit enough to join the Raglan Space Academy as they prepare for their mission to Mars.

Year 6 have been learning about different Creation stories and have produced some fantastic paintings in the style of Aboriginal Art.

Year 1 celebrated the end of their topic 'You are what you eat' with an International Food Buffet and as part of their literacy learning about Instructional Writing made Pea Soup this morning .

As an introduction to the Year 2 topic 'The Magic Toymaker,' the children found parcels in their class room with a note saying that each parcel contained a toy – when they opened them instead of a toy they discovered the materials to make one and so have started creating their own toys.

Upper Language Class have been working on their own personal goals and Lower Language class have been learning about molecules through drama as part of their 'Freeze It' topic.

Make sure you take a look at the website next week when lots of pictures of the learning this week will be added.

As part of our continued drive to raise standards and to ensure each child reaches their full potential we have introduced whole class reading from Years 2 -6. We want to ensure that children develop a love of reading and also have opportunities to develop and extend all of the necessary reading skills . Each session starts with a RIC activity. Reading with RIC is a visual literacy resource, used as a whole class reading starter activity. The stimulus is always something different; it can be a song, poem, video, photo, advert etc. Sometimes they require children to read, sometimes they don't. They always contain a RETRIEVE, INTERPRET and CHOICE question. Ask your children to tell you more about it.

I would like to remind you that all After School Clubs begin again next week, (week beginning Monday January 9th), except Cross Country which will begin after February half term. Walk on Wednesday is still going strong- please meet at the swings in Whitehall Rec at 8.30 am. Also, just a reminder that the closing date to register for a place in Reception for 2017 is Sunday January 15th.

Finally - a reminder about school start times, as an increasing number of children have been arriving late - KS1 doors close at 8.55am and KS2 doors close at 8.50am, doors open 10 minutes before the official school start time – please make sure your child is on time, as learning starts straight away.

Thank you for your continued support

Kath Margetts and All of the Staff

School Dinners

The amount due for Spring Term 1 is £61.60 for the period of 4th January to the 10th of February. Please register and log into School Gateway to view your balance and make payments.

School Gateway allows you to check your school dinner balance and make any adjustments for credits or debits.

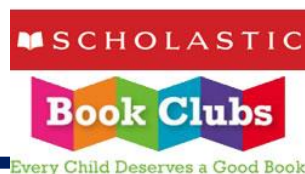
Year 1 Trip to Museum of Childhood

Please remember that the deadline for payments is 16th January. If insufficient payments are received the trip may need to be cancelled. Payments and consent can now be given via School Gateway.



Scholastic Book Club

Order book leaflets have been distributed via the children's book bags. If you would like to place an order, this needs to be handed into the office no later than Friday 20th January.



Important Dates coming up

9th January 9am - FOR Meeting

**11th January 3.30pm - Reception
Parents Forest School Meeting**

**16th - 20th January - Reading
Breakfast**

20th January - 1R Family assembly

Plastic Drinks Bottles

Drinks bottles are now back in stock and cost £1 each, which is a saving of 50p! Please come to the office if you would like to purchase one.

Thank you message from the Lollipop Lady

A big Thank you to all the parents, staff and children of Raglan School for my wonderful Christmas gifts. It was very kind of you all. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Happy New Year and keep safe!

Regards

Chris Boakes
Lollipop Lady



Year 6 Trip to the Natural History Museum

There is no cost for this trip but consent is required. Please do this by logging into School Gateway.



Vacancies in After School Club

We have a few spaces in the after school care club; please email the school office if you are interested in booking a place.