



Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

Firstly a very big thank you to parents who responded to my letter about the Local Authority applying to move funds from the school budget into High Needs Funding. All Primary Heads in Bromley took the decision to send out a similar letter because we felt it was important to make you aware of the challenging situation facing primary school budgets. This application was not approved by the DfE so thankfully the authority is unable to take the funds from our budgets.

There have been lots of exciting things going on during this half term. The last two weeks have been no exception...

On February 1st, the choir sang as part of the Young Voices choir at the O2. What a spectacular evening, the children were truly amazing. One parent who was there emailed to say:

"What a night! I would like to thank you for looking after our children on the day. My daughter was very proud that the Headteacher was at the O2 with them and also commented that the night "had some truly magical moments". Also, a big thank you to Mrs Davies and Mrs Bailey for their hard work and to Mrs Carberry and Mr Hunter for accompanying the crew."

Thank you to all of the children - you were a real credit to Raglan. Thank you also to the staff who made this incredible night possible.

Last Monday, Year 2 had a fantastic day with a visit, from 'History off the Page', who provided an interactive Great Fire of London experience for the children. The children became apprentices for the day and visited a variety of shops from that time. They made buttons, candles, medicines and a whole range of other things. When the Great Fire started the children even helped to put the fire out. Thank you to all of the parents who helped to make this such an exciting experience for the children.

Last Tuesday, the KS1 children had a visit from a Chinese Dancer to celebrate Chinese New Year, the Year of the Pig. They had a fantastic time watching and listening to the dancer. They also performed their own pieces.

Last week we also enjoyed three class assemblies! Sharks and Frogs had their assembly on Wednesday. The Sharks retold the story of Chinese New Year and Frogs shared all of the learning that had done about their two class books at - **Elephants** and **Mum and Dad Make Me Laugh**.

Panthers then shared their family assembly on Friday about World War 2. They looked at the War from the perspective of different people such as children who had been evacuated and the experience of Jewish people. This was quite emotional. We received a lovely email from one of our Year 6 parents.

Thank you for that moving and well-researched assembly.

I can't remember hearing so much about WW2 without reference to Vera Lynn or how great Churchill was. Very refreshing for a change!

I'm slightly older, more Ms M's generation, so I too have heard the stories from parents and grandparents about the fear and deprivation as well as the adventure.

I was particularly impressed with the emphasis on Jewish children and the future discussion about modern-day refugees. It is so important to remember the unvarnished truth,

With gratitude and a few tears,

Well done everyone! The class assemblies are superb!



Today, Wolves shared their learning in Family Assembly. They told the story of The Iron Man and it was like watching a West End production. Every child was amazing and so clearly enjoying their learning. Well done.

Yesterday Frog Class visited Pizza Express as part of their learning about "What's on the Menu". They had a wonderful time making pizza and even more fun when they were able to take them home to eat.

Year 5 have been trialling the Daily Mile this half term – it has been very successful. The Daily Mile gets the children out of the classroom for fifteen minutes every day to run or jog, at their own pace, with their classmates, making them fitter, healthier, and more able to concentrate in the classroom.

We were honoured with a letter this week from Damian Hinds MP and Nick Gibb MP congratulating us on our Year 6 progress scores, which put us in the top 3% of schools nationally. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who helped the children to achieve such fantastic results and a very well done to last year's Year 6 for such a fantastic achievement.

There are lots of exciting things planned for next half term too.

We are once again taking part in the local Window Wonderland event. Our theme this year is 'Animals'. A separate letter is on its way about this event. Please do take part if you are able – it really brings the local area to life and is a lovely community event.

Cross Country Club starts again on March 4th. Children who are already enrolled have automatic places. If you no longer want to attend the club please let Mrs Dumper know as there is a waiting list. The Year 3 and 4 Cross Country event at Crystal Palace takes place on Saturday March 9th, children do not need to be in Cross Country club to enter. If your child would like to take part that would be great – forms are available from the class teacher.

We are lucky enough to be having a visit from some of the Crystal Palace players on March 4th, they will be talking to the children about their journey into football and the dedication and commitment that was required – this fits well with our Raglan Values.

Reading breakfast week begins on March 4th, the book fair will also be in school this week and will be open during reading Breakfast. World Book Day also takes place in this week – March 7th, a separate letter has already gone out about this.

Our fabulous R- Factor event takes place on 18th March – entries must be in by 15th March. Please look out for the separate letter about this.

Please note – there will be no outdoor learning next half term – the outdoor learning area is in a very sad state and needs some time to recover. It will resume after the Easter break.

As part of our drive to support children with wellbeing and mental health, we are reviewing our current provision. We will be grateful if you could follow the link and complete a short questionnaire, by Friday March 1st, to give us your views about the current provision at Raglan.

<https://app.awardplace.co.uk/stakeholder-evaluations/user-survey/5c63ff26ea0b9>

Finally, please can I take this opportunity to remind you that children should be in full school uniform while in school. Ties must be worn, if you have lost your tie they are available to buy in the school office. Children are also expected to wear black shoes - not trainers and long hair must be tied back.

We wish you a very restful half term and look forward to seeing everyone when we come back,

Kath Margetts and all the staff at Raglan.



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School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for the Spring Term 2 is £66.00 (25th February to 5th April). Please remember fees are payable in advance.

If you are having a clear out we would be happy to take the following:

Lego
Pop up tents
Bean bags
Dinosaurs



ULC at Pizza Express – yum!



Year 2 – Great Fire of London Experience



Important Dates

Friday 15th February – FOR Quiz Night

Half Term Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February.

26th February – Year 1 to The Museum of Childhood

26th February – Frogs to Waitrose in Beckenham

Friday 1st March – Penguins Assembly

Monday 4th March – FOR Bake off and cake sale after school

Monday 4th March – Cross Country starts back

Monday 4th March to 8th March – Reading Breakfast Middle Hall

Thursday 7th March – Dress up as Magical Creature from a book

Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March – Parent Teacher Conferences

Saturday 9th March – Crystal Palace Year 3 & 4

Clubs at Raglan:

Please visit the website for the full list of clubs on offer at Raglan.

There are currently spaces for:
Musical Theatre on Tuesday for YR 2 & 3

Karate Club on Friday all ages

Overview

No class had 100% attendance this week, but Pandas Dolphins and Leopards had 98%

The overall attendance is 95% - which is unfortunately down on last week!



Please make sure that your child is only absent for authorised reasons. Please try to make appointments for Doctors and Dentist before or after school.

Lates

This week children were late for school a total of 22 times! – This is too high. Please make an extra effort to arrive to school on time next week.

Seven classes had no lates this week! – Pandas, Dolphins, Leopards, Giraffes, Monkeys, Sharks and Frogs. Well done those classes!



Don't be late through the gate! Please make sure your child arrives in time for school!

Children must be at school each morning by 8.55 a.m. for KS1 children and 8.50 a.m. for the KS2.

Attendance for each class this week:

Group	% Attend	L
Pandas	98	0
Dolphins	98	0
Leopards	98	0
Giraffes	97	0
Panther	97	2
Puffins	96	1
Tigers	96	1
Rhinos	96	7
Wolves	95	2
Golden Eagles	95	4
Monkeys	94	0
Elephants	94	3
Sharks	93	0
Penguins	92	1
Frogs	91	0
Lions	87	1

Gold: Excellent. These classes are meeting our target of 96.5% attendance.

Green: These classes are doing very well with average attendance.

Amber: These classes are below average attendance at 92-95%.

Red: Attendance in this class is below 92% and of concern.