



Dear Parents / Carers, Governors and Friends,

Thank you to all of the families who were able to attend the reading breakfasts last week, it was fantastic to see everyone so engaged in their reading. Thank you to Mrs Ingrey and Miss Wood for setting up the hall in such an inviting way and to all of the staff who helped. We had some lovely emails from parents saying how much they appreciate the effort we go to to encourage reading.

It was also the first time that we had used our new sound system, we now have a speaker outside so were able to have music in the KS2 playground as the children were coming into school. Lots of parents commented that it was lovely to start the day with music playing so we will definitely do this again.

Last Thursday 19 Year 6 students took part in the borough Sportshall competition at Langley Park School for Boys. This is an indoor athletics event and a new sport for Raglan. The children competed in a variety of relays and field events such as 'speed bounce', vertical high jump, long jump and chest push. They were enthusiastic throughout, supportive of each other and were delighted to win some of their heats. Congratulations to them all for participating in such a positive way!

Last Friday Rhino Class shared their learning in family Assembly. They showed their paintings, and sang a song accompanied by Mr Rob on the guitar – well done everyone.



This Friday it was the turn of Panda Class. They shared so many interesting facts about Early Man and all in the style of a Newsround Report. They also showed their fantastic cave drawings and performed a poem – well done to you all too.

You may remember last term that I wrote about the Little Inventors workshop that Year 4 took part in and that two of the children's invention designs were chosen to be made into real life inventions. Well last Friday, Dominic Wilcox, the founder of Little Inventors and Gareth, one of the makers came back to Raglan to show the children the inventions. Everyone was so excited to see the Candy Floss Volcano that Betsy had designed and the Worry Shredder designed by Thomas. Gareth, the maker of the Worry Shredder explained the process he went through to turn the design into the real thing and then some of the children were able to try it out. It was incredible to watch it in action – not only shredding the worries, but giving out solutions accompanied by a chocolate because as Thomas said “chocolate makes you feel better!”

Both designs are going to be exhibited in the United Arab Emirates and Thomas as overall UK winner, has won a trip with one of his parents to see the exhibition. All exhibits will then be auctioned and the money raised will go to Charity. Well done Betsy and Thomas, what an achievement!



Thank you to Tiger Class, we have just heard that they helped to raise an incredible £520 for Maypole Project by their Carol Singing. The Maypole Project is a charity that supports children with complex medical needs, they hold a weekly club here at Raglan and we were delighted to be able to support them with their fundraising.



# Raglan Rappers!



As part of their Mission to Mars IPC topic, Year 5 have been learning about the Solar System. This week they have applied their knowledge to writing and performing raps! It was a challenge to write rhyming couplets with a refrain and then perform their raps to a beat. Their writing and performances were 'out of this world!'



Have a fantastic weekend  
From All the Staff at Raglan.



### 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

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

Lego

Pop up tents

Bean bags

Dinosaurs

### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for the Spring Term 1 is £63.80 (8<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> February). Please remember fees are payable in advance.

## Overview

Unfortunately no class had 100% attendance this week! But Wolves and Golden Eagles had 99% - almost there!

However the overall attendance is 97% - An increase on last week! Well done everyone! Keep it going!



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 39 times! – This is too high. Please make an extra effort to arrive to school on time next week.

Only two classes had no lates this week which is very good! – Sharks and Penguins. 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
Wolves	99	1
Golden Eagles	99	5
Giraffes	98	1
Tigers	98	1
Panther	98	3
Rhinos	98	6
Penguins	97	0
Monkeys	97	2
Lions	97	2
Frogs	97	6
Sharks	96	0
Puffins	96	1
Leopards	96	1
Pandas	96	2
Dolphins	95	4
Elephants	94	4

**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.