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Welcome to the final edition of the Round Up for 2022. Glitter, glamour and glad tidings have been the order of the day for the past couple of weeks. I have mentioned to many parents that primary schools are definitely the best place to soak up some Christmas cheer, and Rainow is no exception. The children have dazzled us with their sensational, seasonal performances of 'The Hoity Toity Angel', and the KS2 play, 'Snow White'. For those of you new to school, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 children take centre stage for the Christmas shows, and the Year 5s and Year 6s put on the summer spectacular. I am

confident when I say that there is no other school that puts on a show quite like Rainow!

I would like to say thank you to all of our staff for their efforts above and beyond to put together such memorable, high-quality performances: a huge team effort. With this in mind, it is traditional at this time of year to fill the Round-Up with lots of pictures from last week's performances.

I look forward to seeing many of you later on at the Church for our Christmas Carol Service. Please do come along for what is always a fitting, festive way to finish the year.



*The acting, singing and dancing was simply sensational...*



### Farewell to Mrs Berzins...We Miss You Already!

It is with mixed emotions that I report on Mrs Berzin's leaving assembly yesterday. Of course it was lovely to celebrate all that Mrs Berzins has achieved at Rainow School, but it is equally sad to be losing such a fantastic colleague and friend. Mrs Berzins has worked at Rainow School for over 22 years, and in that time she has made sure that school systems have been as efficient and effective as they can possibly be and that all of our staff and families have been properly helped and supported. She is respected not only at Rainow School, but is also the go-to person for advice among schools locally. Literally, she is second to none and has played an absolutely crucial role in the school's success over many years.

Aside from the above, what I will miss most about Mrs Berzins is her unflappable nature, intelligence, kind heart and sense of fun; she's always the first one on the dance floor and the last to leave! I would like to thank her on behalf of the Rainow School community, past and present, for her unwavering commitment, skill and sheer hard work. She was thrilled and very grateful to receive so many gifts and well wishes from the school community. Needless to say, we will miss her greatly.

At this point, I am delighted to welcome Kate Welsh (Mia and Max's mum) to our Rainow team as our new School Business Manager. I know that you will all help to make her feel most welcome. Good luck, Miss Welsh!

Finally, I wish you all a safe and relaxing Christmas break and Happy New Year.

We will see the children back on Wednesday, 4th January.



### Christmas Lunch

Jo, Philippa and their team served a delicious Christmas lunch to the children and staff, yesterday. 167 turkey dinners with all the trimmings...and a visit from a policeman! What a treat!



### Elf Run is a Runaway Success!

Our Elf Run was a runaway success, raising over £2300 for the East Cheshire Hospice. Thank you to Mr Margerson and to all those parents who helped marshal, and also to Mrs Gabbott for organising this brilliant event. A special mention to Harriett who raised over £200 and to Silva who raised over £100. A truly amazing team effort for a really worthy cause!



**'There's RaiNow business like show business!'**



## Friends of Rainow School / FRS / PTA

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Xmas fair - whether you made a donation, helped or just attended, we couldn't do it without you.

We hope you enjoyed the new, simplified format. We tried to maximise the fun, while trying to ease pressure on families, volunteers and staff at an expensive and busy time of year. In total we raised a fantastic £1585 and had a lot of fun in the process!

Special thanks also to Tesco Hibel Road and Tesco Exchange Street for donating mince pies and goods for our raffle, and to our very own Rachel Gabbott for very generously donating a turkey from her farm for the raffle.

We were also amazed by the generosity of parents at the Xmas plays. We will let you know how much we raised through donations for a hot cuppa and a mince pie in 2023. We will also send a full update next term letting you know how we will be using all money raised.

Please be reminded that there is a clothes bank in the top car park, a good opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas.

Finally, you've got to be in it to win it, so please sign up to the **School**

**Lottery** at [www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for Rainow Primary School.

There will be lots more fundraising activities coming next year but in the meantime we hope you have a fun Christmas and happy New Year.



*The School Choir Stole the Show at the Xmas fair!*



*Dynamic dancing, amazing acting and sensational singing—your children are a very talented bunch!*



*Izzy (Y6) and her sister sold some amazing Christmas treats!*



# Rainow Round-Up

Christmas Edition

2nd — 16th December 2022



## A look ahead...

### Rainow Church Christmas Service...2.15pm

All the children will walk up to Rainow Church this afternoon for our traditional Christmas Carol Service. The Macclesfield PCSOs should be there to see us across the road safely. Parents are most welcome to join us in church for this lovely end-of-term festive occasion. We will return to school en masse and dismiss the children at the usual times. (KS2 will be able to leave with KS1 children if it ends up being earlier).

#### December

Fri 16th Christmas Service at Rainow Church **\*New**  
School closes for Christmas.

#### January 2023

Tues 3rd School closed for INSET day  
Wed 4th School reopens for the children.  
Well-Being Launch Day—CONNECT **\*New**  
Thur 26th Whole School Theatre Trip

#### February

Tues 14th Safer Internet Day  
Fri 17th School closes for half-term  
Mon 27th School reopens for children

#### March

Thur 2nd World Book Day  
Fri 17th Red Nose Day Charity Fundraiser  
Fri 31st School closes for EASTER

#### April

Mon 17th School reopens for the children

#### May

Mon 1st May Bank Holiday, school closed for 1 day  
Mon 8th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils  
Thur 25th School closes for children  
Fri 26th School closed for INSET day

#### June

Mon 5th School reopens for children  
Wed 28th Tytherington High School Year 6 Information Evening 5.30—8.30 p.m.

#### July

Mon 10th Tytherington High School Year 6 Taster Day  
Fri 21st School closes for summer break

Diary Dates

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