



Caring, Learning, Achieving

It has been a busy and enjoyable start to the new year. The children and staff have been happy and enthusiastic to meet each other again and get stuck into new topics and learning. I am sure you will agree that the dark mornings and afternoons, not to mention the miserable weather, can make January feel like a trudge. I can honestly say that the children's energy and positive attitude has definitely helped me rebuild my stamina and made me feel optimistic about 2023 after a lengthy break.

The first day of term was linked to one of our 5 steps to well-being, 'Connect'. This was the perfect theme to start the year and the children loved taking part in the variety of lessons designed by the teachers. We also use the first day of term to focus on our 'No Outsiders' scheme of work which looks at diversity, inclusion and celebrating difference. (see page 3 for more info.) Read more about the amazing work Mrs Eddie (our Senior Mental Health Lead Teacher) and all our staff do [here](#) (enjoy the new look website!).

I wish you all a terrific weekend connecting with friends and family.



In Class 1, they looked at the 'No Outsiders' book (Want to Play Trucks?) and discussed how people can play together even though they all like different things (compromise). The children worked in pairs to try and think of a game of their own using a simple object in the classroom. Great fun!



Attendance Matters...An Update

The start of term seems the opportune time to talk about attendance and punctuality. We are generally proud of our high rate of attendance of between 96-97%; however, there is always room for improvement and this year we have set 97% as the attendance target for all of our children. We do, of course, realise that this is not realistic in some situations and our main aim is to work with families to support your children to achieve the highest possible attendance they can, according to their individual circumstances.

Mrs Gabbott (Rachel) in the office is our Attendance Officer and she monitors daily attendance, tracking where it has dropped below acceptable levels and where there is no sign of improvement. You might have received a letter from the office about your child's attendance which is generated from an automated system half-terminly when attendance drops below 92%. The government's idea of 'persistent absenteeism' is below 90%' (about 3 weeks off a year), but we have set ours a touch higher. I will also be in touch on the phone to families where attendance continues to be a concern.

Letters and communication about attendance are not meant to alarm or offend. They are intended to keep you informed and help you understand how school might be able to support you.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Please remember that you do not have the right to take children on holiday in term time and doing so may result in a fine.

Attendance Matters



School Attendance for the autumn term was 96% which is **GOOD**. Our target is 97%!

School attendance since the start of term:

95.8% which is **GOOD**.

Please see our [Attendance Policy](#) for more information.

Awards and Celebrations

Rainow Round-Up

16th Dec 22–13th Jan 2023



Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



The Busy Bees

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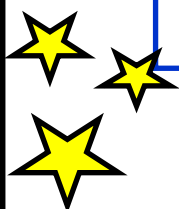
Rainow School Learning Values

Our Rainow Learning Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. The teachers pick at least 2 children each week to receive a badge. We also present Reading and Courtesy certificates.

	Badge	Badge	Reading Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Silva (Fox)	Nancy (Badger)	Sam	Ben
Year 1	Noah (Raven)	Harrison (Badger)	Ted	Rowan
Year 2	Florence (Bees)	Olive (Owl)	Charlie	Seb
Year 3	Alexis (Squirrel)	Anna (Bees)	Hetty	Leo
Year 4	Maisie (Bees)	Cas (Fox)	Jesper	Monty
Year 5	Sienna (Badger)	George (Fox)	Woody	Chloe
Year 6	Olivia (Badger)	Ivy (Raven)	Lizzy	Jess

Y6 SPECIAL AWARD

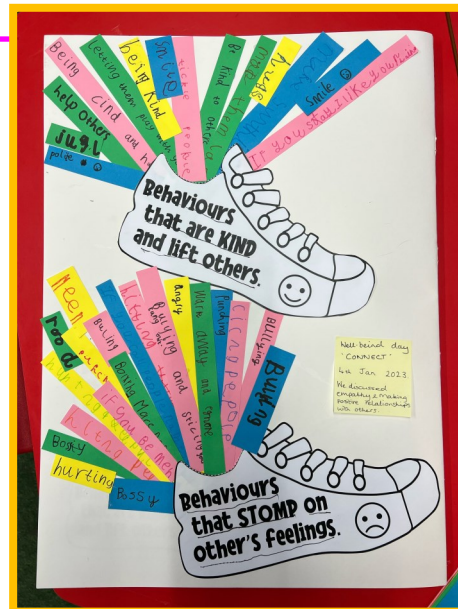
Emily C: for being kind, considerate, intelligent, hard working and multi-talented. An exceptional member of our school.



Reception Class Connect

Reception re-connected after the Christmas break with lots of playing together and talking about our Christmases.

We read the No Outsiders book, 'Red Rockets and Rainbow Jelly' which had us thinking about how we can all like different things but still be friends.



These trainers were a great way to show how kindness can lift your mood,

Making Connections in Year 2

Year 2 constructed their very own Connection web—building connections within their class, discussing, understanding and accepting each other's similarities and differences. They also took part in a Playdough teamwork challenge!



Friends of Rainow School / FRS / PTA

Happy New Year! FRS are already off to a flying start, having lined up the first movie night of 2023, taking place next Friday 20th January at 6pm. We will be showing 'Minions: The Rise of Gru' and offering the children a drink and snack during the showing. Dress code: pyjamas! Please purchase your tickets at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool. There is an option to notify us of any dietary requirements. If you need any more information about this event, please contact us via your class rep.

We will also be holding our spring term FRS Committee meeting next Wednesday 18th January at 7pm in the school hall. Thanks to everyone's generous support, we are well on the way to meeting our £6000 target for the year but there's still some way to go. We will be discussing our targets for the rest of the year and beyond and would love to hear your fundraising ideas. If you're able to come along to our meeting next week, then a warm welcome (and a cuppa!) awaits. If you can't, but you would like to contribute ideas or ask something of the committee, please contact your Class Rep, who will pass your comments on.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to serve refreshments at the Christmas plays, it really is appreciated. We made a respectable £200. This takes the total amount of funds raised since September to around £2500 - WOW! More on how this has been spent, and upcoming projects and plans, in the spring edition of the FRS newsletter at the end of the month.

SCHOOL LOTTERY

You've got to be in it to win it, so please sign up to the **School Lottery** at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Rainow Primary School.



STEM club returns for KS2 and a NEW Science Club for KS1...Thank you FRS!

Mr Trueman, our Year 5 teacher in charge of Computing, kicked off 2023 with his after-school STEM club for Year 3 and year 4 children. This term they plan on answering the question: 'How Can we Recreate Special FX from the Movies?'. The children loved their first session focusing on Star Wars, seeing if they could use *The Force* (motion detectors and coding) to move some objects on the screen without even touching the keyboard. Luke Skywalker has nothing on our children!

Miss Townley, our Year 1 teacher in charge of Science, has introduced a new KS1 Science Club this term. They spent their first session carrying out a very colourful 'Skittle Experiment'. Skittles, science and friends... what's not to love!?

Thank you to all the staff for volunteering their time so freely to provide our children with such interesting and educational experiences.

Thank you to the FRS (and to you for supporting their events) who, among others, provide us with funds each year for our Gardening Club (£200), STEM work (£500), Art Club (£100) and to enhance our Computing budget (£1000).

A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

16th Dec 22–13th Jan 2023

Baby and Child First Aid Course...Rainow School... Tue 17th Jan

Please find attached to your email, details of how to book an upcoming first aid course to be held at Rainow School. These classes are perfect for expectant parents, parents, grandparents, carers and anyone who looks after children. The award-winning 2-hour class covers: CPR, choking, burns, head bumps, bleeds, breaks, febrile seizures and meningitis awareness. £25 pp - babies under one are welcome.

Helen and Amy are parents at Rainow School and will be running some classes for all of our children in the New Year (Helen also helps to teach our Year 6 Class every week). We are all very excited to learn how to save a life!

Rainow Church...Cosy Cuppa Mornings

Rainow church are having a weekly warm spaces drop in morning every Tuesday until Easter. Free drinks and biscuits/crumpets etc. or small donations if you wish and Wi-Fi available too.

Cosy Cuppa



Every Tuesday 9am-12noon at Rainow Church Centre

A warm space for you to come and have a free tea or coffee.



All welcome!



A Trip to The New Vic...Alice in Wonderland...Thank you FRS

Excitement is building for our annual trip to The New Vic Theatre to watch a performance in the round of Alice in Wonderland. This year, we have also organised some extra drama and dance workshops back in school to help children understand and enjoy the story further. Thanks again to the FRS for their financial contribution to help keep the costs down of both events.

January 2023

Tue 17th Mini First Aid Course 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. ***New**

Thur 26th Whole School Theatre Trip

February

Wed 1st Choir perform at Young Voices concert @ MEN ***New**

Mon 6th Children's Mental Health Week ***New**

Tues 14th Safer Internet Day

Fri 17th **School closes for half-term**

Mon 27th **School reopens for children**

March

Thur 2nd World Book Day

Tue 7th Alice in Wonderland Drama/Dance workshops ***New**

Wed 15th Blue Cross Pet Safety Assembly ***New**

Fri 17th Red Nose Day Charity Fundraiser VR Space Day Workshops (STEM) ***New**

Tue 28th Book Fair ***New**

Fri 31st **School closes for EASTER**

April

Mon 17th **School reopens for the children**

Thurs 20th Year 3 & Year 4 residential departs ***New**
Fri 21st Year 3 & Year 4 residential returns ***New**

May

Mon 1st **May Bank Holiday, school closed for 1 day *New**

Mon 8th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils

School closed for King's coronation ***New**

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

A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR 22-23 SUMMARY IS

[HERE](#)

