



Caring, Learning, Achieving

The first two weeks of the summer term have been incredibly busy and interesting. Improving our curriculum and our children's emotional health and well-being are always key areas of school development. With this in mind, the three smaller pictures below show the recent Y5 & Y6 ramble up to Tegg's Nose as part of their study of the Stone Age. The children hiked over 10k during the day and took part in a mini-geological study before enjoying some well-deserved hot chocolate courtesy of the fantastic Tegg's Nose Tea Room (thank you to Greta's mum and gran!). *'Starting on our doorstep'* is important for children to make links in their learning, not to mention the health and social benefits of a country walk and a chat!

The other pictures below were taken at last week's Year 3 and 4 residential trip to the Kingswood Activity Centre, in North Wales. The residential experiences for the Y3s and Y4s at Rainow are on a two year rolling programme: This year a night in Wales, followed next year by two days exploring York. We find this a great way to build on the 'Night at a Museum' in Year 2 and prepare them for 3 nights away in Year 5 and Year 6.

I know I always say it, but it is true! Our children's behaviour, energy and enthusiasm was terrific; they were simply a pleasure to be away with.

Thank you to all the staff for giving up their time so generously and working extremely hard to provide relevant, interesting, enjoyable and safe experiences for our children. A link to a video montage of the Y3 and Y4 trip can be found [here](#). Make sure you check 'A Look Ahead...' to learn about how we plan on celebrating the King's coronation. Have a great Bank Holiday weekend.



Above: Y3 & Y4s showing great courage, determination and independence.

Below: Our children love learning outdoors (and hot chocolate!).



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 22:

96% which is **GOOD** and the same as last time.
(95.99%). Please see our [Attendance Policy](#) for more information.

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



Awards and Celebrations

Rainow Round-Up

31st March—28th April 2023



Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



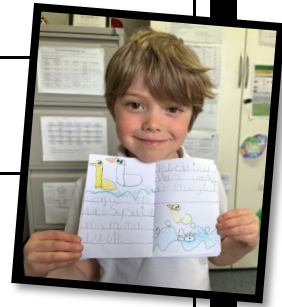
The Busy Bees

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Rainow School Learning and Life Values

Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. In addition to the usual reading and courtesy awards, **THIS TERM, WE ALSO FOCUSING ON WRITING PROGRESS WITH OUR NEW WRITING AWARD.**

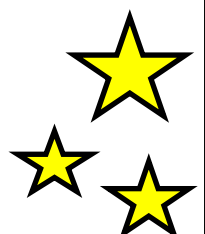
	Badge	Badge	Reading or Writing Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Edith (Badger)	Eli (Badger)	Jack (Reading)	Safi
Year 1	Jacob (Fox)	Martha (Badger)	Edie (Reading)	Santi
Year 2	Olive (Badger)	Miles (Badger)	Declan (Reading)	Hugo
Year 3	Noah B (Bees) Olivia (Bees)	Noah S (Badger) Isla B (Badger)	Lily-Belle (Reading)	Class 3
Year 4	Cas (Bees) Lincoln (Bees)	Edha (Badger) William (Badger)	Monty	Year 4
Year 5	Greta (Raven)	Sienna (Raven)	Edie (Writing)	Alice
Year 6	Isabella (Fox)	Mia (Badger)	Ada (Reading)	Tilly



WRITING AWARDS
Writing is one of the most challenging skills the children learn at school with so many different components to think about and apply. We showcase children's work each week in our assembly to encourage accurate and creative work.



Y6 SPECIAL AWARD
Harrison: for being intelligent, thoughtful and kind-hearted. An incredibly knowledgeable and brilliant pupil!



Termly Launch Day...Be Active

As you will be aware, part of the first day of each half term is dedicated to one of [NHS's recognised 5 Steps to Well-Being](#). Last week the focus was 'Be Active'. The teachers arranged some extra energetic activities for the children to take part in to ensure they settled back into school routines in a positive and enjoyable fashion.



Sports Desk

Our boys' football team took part in the Macclesfield Schools' 7s Cup tournament yesterday. In extremely wet and windy conditions, they performed superbly and only narrowly missed out on the top spot! They came away as runner-up out of 20 schools. They dominated the final, and were desperately unlucky to lose on penalties. They remain unbeaten all season and are utterly brilliant. Well done, boys!



Macclesfield 7s			
Rainow	4	Whirley	0
Rainow	0	Ivy Bank	0
Rainow	1	St Albans	0
Rainow	2	Kettleshulme	0
Rainow	1	Dean Valley	0
Rainow	7	Lostock Hall	8



Super Staff...Congratulations Mrs Bolam

We usually reserve the Round-Up for the children's news and achievements; however, we could not ignore Mrs Bolam's tremendous performance at last week's London Marathon. The months of training paid off as Mrs B showed incredible grit and determination to complete the historic course. Even better, she managed to raise over £5000 for the Sands charity. Simply, inspirational! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please follow this link: <https://sands.enthuse.com/pf/karina-bolam>



Y6 Visit Creswell Crag

As mentioned, the Y6 are currently studying *The Stone Age* and, following their study of Tegg's nose, spent a brilliant day exploring the gorge, caves and museum at Creswell Crag. Learn more about this amazing site [here](#).



Safeguarding...Website Update

Keeping children safe and well is our main priority. Please see our new [Safeguarding Web Page](#) for detailed information about our school policies and procedures.

FRS / A look Ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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RainowFest....Friday 30th June 6pm - 10.30pm...LAST CHANCE FOR EARLY-BIRD TICKETS! OFFER ENDS 1st MAY

If you still haven't got your tickets, be quick! www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool.

Family tickets (2 adults + 3 children): Early-bird rate £20, rising to £26 on 1st May. Single tickets: early-bird £5, rising to £7. It promises to be another brilliant event, with great live music, entertainment for the kids, fab food and of course, the famous Rainow bar!

Of course, we want to raise money, but we don't want anyone to miss out on this family event. Please contact us if your financial circumstances mean that you will struggle to attend. Just email friendsofrainow@gmail.com or head@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk in the strictest confidence. A huge thank you to those of you who have already bought tickets.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Just like last year, we're going to need your help to make the event run smoothly. Please email friendsofrainow@gmail.com if you would be happy to give 30 mins - 1 hour of your time to help run the bar/man a stand/serve food.



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.

King's Coronation...School Celebration...Fri 5th May

We will be holding some special activities in school on Fri 5th May, to mark this momentous occasion: **1. Wear Red, White and/or Blue:** Be as simple or creative as you want. Face paints are optional!

2. Crown the King: This is optional. Design your own crown, fit for a King! We will parade the children dressed in their finery and deafen them with claps and cheers!

3. The Royal BaKing Off: This is optional. Children can bake a royal-themed cake (tray bakes and cup cakes are allowed). **ALL ENTRIES SHOULD BE NUT FREE AND THEIR INGREDIENTS LISTED.** They should bring them in on Friday morning to be judged (light touch) and then eaten at our...

4. Royal Picnic: The kitchen will be serving up Royal-themed picnic bags and, weather permitting, we will be enjoying our sandwiches and cakes outside before enjoying some garden game and a little surprise!

Home-School Communication...Arbor

Just a note to remind you that we have recently switched our bookings and payments system from Spider over to Arbor. Over 80% of our families have now subscribed to the new system and it seems to be working well. Arbor, email and class digital platforms will be our 3 main lines of communication (no mobile signal in th'ills!) and we are moving towards using Arbor for the majority of communication in the future, so it is vital that you subscribe to the Arbor App ASAP.

May

Mon 1st **Bank Holiday, school closed for 1 day**
NEU Strike: R, Y1, Y3 Closed ***NEW**

Fri 5th King's Coronation Celebration (see above)
***NEW**

Mon 8th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils
School closed for King's Coronation

Tue 23rd Class and Group photographs

Thurs 25th Sports Day (1 p.m. —3.20 p.m.) ***NEW**

Thurs 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
Info. Evening 5.30—8.30 p.m.

July

Mon 10th Tytherington High School Year 6
Taster Day

Fri 21st **School closes for summer break**

**A HANDY TERM DATES SUMMARY FOR 22-23 IS [HERE](#)
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Diary Dates