

Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

22nd Sep–6th October 2023



As I sit here writing, the Year 5 and 6s are nearing the end of an incredible three-night visit to Whitby. Steam trains, museum trips, rock pooling, donkey parades(!), a trip to Eden camp, even sunshine, have been the order of the day, and it has been another amazing experience for our children. At Rainow, we have well-established residential and day visits. These trips are designed to bring topics alive and offer numerous benefits, including the promotion of independence, resilience, and teamwork among the students.

We are delighted with the way our carefully considered programme of trips helps to achieve this. Taking part in a residential is a key component of our [Pupil Promise](#).

By all accounts, the children's attitude and behaviour this week have been simply exemplary. Watching and helping children overcome fears and try things out for the first time is such a privilege, and we should be very proud of them. Mrs Eddie, Year 6 teacher, had this to say:

"It has been an absolute pleasure to take them away this week. I have never been on a trip with such polite, inquisitive, and well-organised children, nor received so many lovely compliments from members of the public. Perfect ambassadors for Rainow."

Thanks, as always, to my staff and to Alison (ex-Rainow parent), Liz (Max's grandma), for all their hard work in making sure it has been a memorable, safe and successful week away.

I hope you enjoy what looks set to be a sunny weekend!



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



School Attendance
School attendance since the start of Sep 23

97.6% which is EXCELLENT

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.



Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



The Busy Bees

Rainow School Learning and Life Values

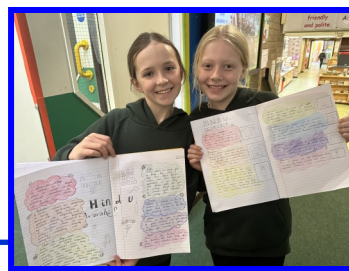
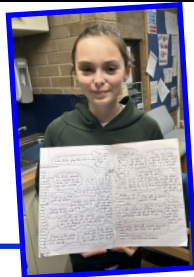
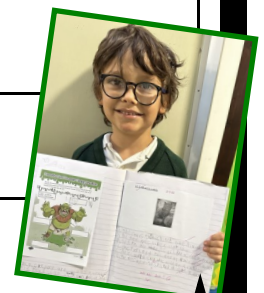
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Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. In addition to the usual awards, **THIS TERM, THE 'OTHER AWARD' MIGHT BE PRESENTED FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECT.**

Well done to all the recipients!

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Alexander (Bees) Finlay (Bees)	George (Badger) Martha (Raven)	Lily (Reading) Tilly (Reading)	Elijah Ella
Year 1	Nancy (Raven) Jack (Fox)	Elise (Badger) Winston (Badger)	Lewis (Reading) Safi (Reading)	Sam Charlie
Year 2	Jamie (Squirrel) Lily (Raven)	Rowan (Reading)	Blaize (Reading) Francis (Writing) Santi (Writing)	Freddy Harrison
Year 3	Florence (Bees) Harriet (Badger)	Beatrix (Raven)	Martha (Reading) Archie (Writing)	Eva Miles
Year 4	Henry B (Raven) Lily-Belle (Owl)	Noah S (Badger) Silvie (Raven)	Martha (Reading) Gian (Reading)	Antonia Ava
Year 5	Eibhin (Raven) Lani (Badger)	Max (Fox) Cas (Badger)	Harrison (Reading) Gabe (Reading)	Maisie Monty
Year 6	Sophia (Bees) Nathan (Raven)	Henry (Badger) Iris (Squirrel)	Theo (Reading) Holly (Writing)	Juliet Woody

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—OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Harry Be: for being one of the kindest and most caring children at Rainow School. He is thoughtful, intelligent and multi-talented. A star.

Sophia: for being incredibly hard working, intelligent, impeccably behaved, kind, caring and friendly. A star.



After being awarded another Green Flag award with Distinction over the summer, Planet Protectors have had a busy start to the new school year. Projects for this year include:



Marine - we are planning a river survey and link up with Forest School to extend the river clean ups they do as well as concentrating on reducing single use plastics in school.

Energy - following the installation of LED lighting over the summer we will be joining Switch Off Fortnight to see how much energy we can save by turning off electrical devices.

Just One Tree Day - we are hosting this for the first time on 13th October. Children can wear their own clothes to school, preferably tree coloured, or dress up as a tree if they want to. Bring £1 in to raise funds to plant trees around the world. <https://www.justonetree.life>

Cut Your Carbon - takes place next month to raise awareness of ways to cut our carbon use. Look out of details after the 1/2 term break on how you can get involved at home.

Toilet Twinning - following our recycled clothing sale last term we raised enough money to be able to twin both the boys and girls toilets. The Planet Protectors voted to twin the girls toilet with one in Uganda and the boys with one in Nepal.

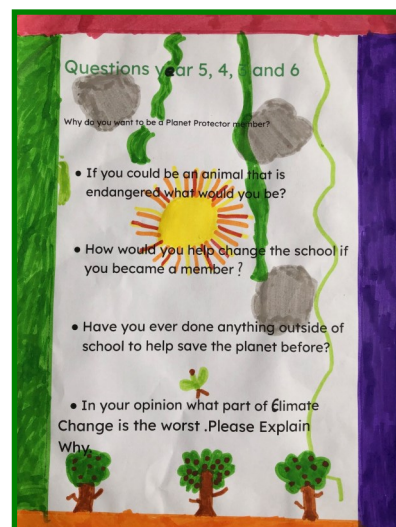
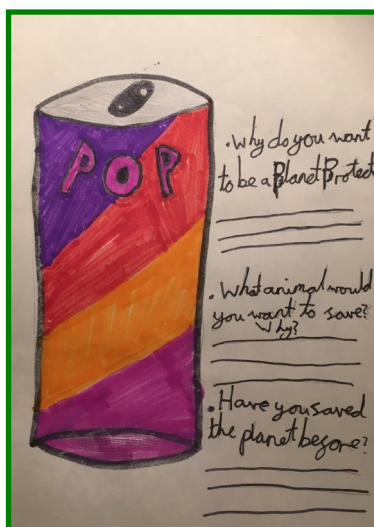
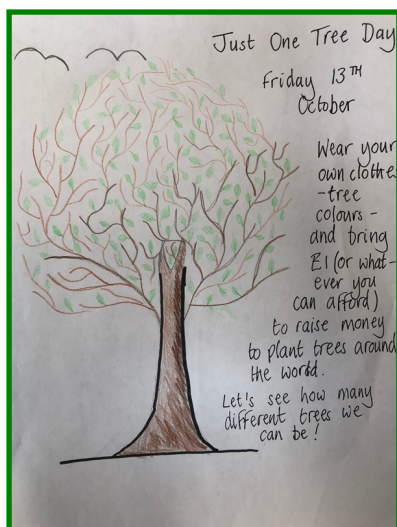
We continue to collect your empty home printer ink cartridges to recycle and raise money for FRS and have joined the Big Battery Hunt 2024 so send any old batteries in for us to count and recycle.

Planet Protector activities are open to all children in the school to participate in. If your child is interested in joining Planet Protector meetings, they are open to children in Years 1-6. Please see below or look on Arbor for the current year application questions which are due in by 13th October. We operate a rotational attendance to meetings so as many children as possible can be involved and are particularly looking for at least 2 children to represent Year 1 as it is their first chance to join Planet Protectors.

We look forward to receiving your child's application if they are interested.

Rachel Lewis

TA, ELSA, Eco and Gardening Lead



AGM

We held our AGM on 5th October, where we elected new people into the following roles: Treasurer - Helen Eddie (Y6 Teacher and former parent); Secretary - Rachel Gabbott (Year 5 parent and School Administrator); Vice-Chair - Charlotte Burdock (Year 1, Year 3 parent and Teaching Assistant at the school). Rebecca Ford (Year 3 parent) was re-elected as Chair. Our out-going Treasurer, Louise Pickford, updated the committee on the final total of our fundraising efforts for Sept 22 - Jul 23 - a whopping £7512.94! This is a fantastic effort from everyone involved and will be put to very good use.

A huge, heartfelt thank you to Chloe Wallace, who is stepping down as Secretary after 6 years in the role, and to Louise Pickford, who is stepping down as Treasurer after 2 years. We are so grateful for everything you've done for FRS!

Parent Survey

We had a brilliant response to our survey to find out how you wanted us to spend the funds raised. You told us that your priorities for the year (in order) are:

- curriculum enrichment for music/arts/theatre,
- curriculum enrichment for STEM;
- refurbishing the school hall
- classroom/subject resources
- further development of the woodland area and enhancing outdoor spaces
- sports opportunities
- curriculum enrichment for humanities/languages
- IT hardware/infrastructure

Using these results to guide our decision-making, we have increased our annual pledges for STEM week, the whole school theatre trip and classroom budgets; introduced a new annual pledge for a whole school theatre workshop; committed spending from reserves towards a new path down to the woods, and agreed to buy new tricycles for Reception. We will be considering how resources might be used for the school hall at our next meeting in January.

PJ and Popcorn Party - Friday 13th October, 6pm - 8pm

Don't forget to buy your tickets early for our PJ and Popcorn Party next Friday! We will be providing popcorn, chocolate snack and a drink for all children as part of the ticket price. We will be showing the brilliant Hotel Transylvania: Transformania (rated PG). Head over to www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsorainowschool to purchase tickets. Please let your class rep know about any allergies.

Cauliflower Cards

A massive thank you to Helen Nuttall for organising all the artwork for this brilliant fundraiser. Thanks to Helen, and all the parents who supported this initiative, we have raised £450! You should receive your products in good time for Christmas.

Finally, there have been lots of **School Lottery** winners over the summer. You've got to be in it to win it, so please sign up at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Rainow Primary School.



*Our outdoor shelter is proving very popular in the woods.
Thank you FRS!*

A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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This is Me!..Poetry Competition...Mon 16th Oct

At the beginning of this week, we launched the 'This is Me' poetry competition, and we've already had plenty of interest! This is a chance to join the national competition hosted by Young Writers with various prizes on offer for those that are selected as 'favourites'. If your child would like to enter, you can find the entry form attached to the Round Up email or visit the website [here](#). Alternatively, the children can visit Miss Crowther (Y4 teacher) for a paper copy. All entries will be sent off on Monday 16th October, so please hand in the entry form before then. Good luck and get writing!

The application form is also attached if you wish to apply.



left: 4—7 Year Olds

Right: 7—12 Year Olds



Harvest Collection...Silklife Food Bank...Thurs 19th October

Dan from the [Silklife Foodbank](#) will be collecting your harvest donations on the final day of half term. We will hold an assembly to learn about, and celebrate Harvest. We will explain to the children how their donated items will really help those in need. Please see the Silklife website for suitable items to donate.

October 2023

Fri 6th Y5 / Y6 Residential returns
 Fri 13th FRS PJ and Popcorn Party ***NEW**
 Non-Uniform for Just 1 Tree Day ***NEW**
 Sat 14th Mini First Aid Training—School Hall
 Thur 19th Harvest Collection ***NEW**
 FRS Cake Sale ***NEW**
School closes for the children
 Fri 20th School closed for staff INSET day
 Mon 30th School reopens for the children
 Well-Being Launch Day 1—
 Keep Learning
 Tues 31st Individual School Photographs ***NEW**

November

Mon 13th Anti-Bullying Week commences
 Fri 17th Children In Need Fundraiser
 Fri 24th FRS Movie Night 6pm ***NEW**
 Mon 27th Mini First Aid Training—School Hall

December

Fri 1st Xmas Fair 3.30pm ***NEW**
 Thur 21st Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties
 Fri 22nd School closes for Christmas.

January 2024

Mon 8th School reopens for the children
 Sat 13th Mini First Aid—School Hall
 Wed 17th Whole School Trip to New Vic Theatre
 Fri 26th FRS Movie Night ***NEW**

February

Tues 6th Safer Internet Day
 Fri 16th School closes for half-term
 Mon 26th School reopens for children

March

Thur 7th World Book Day
 Thur 28th School closes for EASTER

April

Mon 15th School reopens for the children

May

Mon 6th May Bank Holiday, school closed
 Mon 13th Key stage 2 SATs week commencing
 year 6 pupils

Thur 23rd School closes for children

Fri 24th School closed for staff INSET day

June

Mon 3rd School reopens for children

July

Fri 19th School closes for summer break

Diary Dates



**A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMARY IS [HERE](#)
 THERE ARE STILL VARIOUS KEY DATES YET TO BE
 CONFIRMED. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED WITH ALL
 ADDITIONAL DATES OR ANY CHANGES AS THE TERM
 PROGRESSES.**