



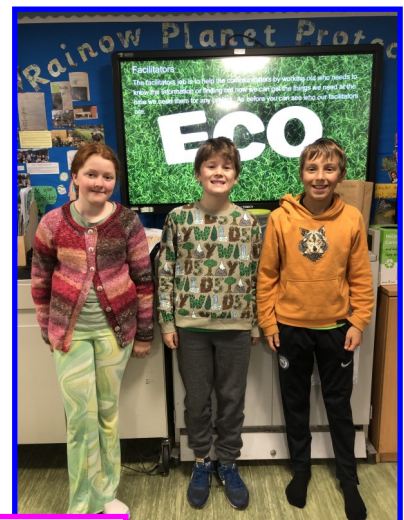
Caring, Learning, Achieving

I can't believe that it's already half term. The first 7 weeks have been incredibly busy and enjoyable. We have made several new additions to enhance school life, including an incredible outdoor shelter, a popular KS2 Chess Club, ukuleles for our Year 5s, and, of course, our amazing new Reception Class, who have settled in splendidly. I have chosen some pictures for the front to capture my highlights from the past two weeks, namely our 'Just One Tree Day' and our 'Harvest' celebration and collection.

'Just One Tree Day' was another initiative organized by our incredibly proactive and passionate Planet Protectors. There were some brilliant and creative tree costumes. Mr. Marg got involved and crafted a fantastic Tree Mask, while Jo and Philippa in the kitchen baked us some delicious tree biscuits. It was a *treeeendous* effort for this worthy cause. For more Planet Protector news, please see page 3.

Thank you for your donations to our harvest collection for the Silklife Food Bank. I was delighted this week when I learned that we are among the top school contributors in the area, once again proving what a kind and generous community we are.

That just leaves me to wish you all a safe and relaxing half-term break. See you all on Monday, 30th October.



*Tremendously Generous: The Rainow School Community*



## Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



**School Attendance**  
School attendance since the start of Sep 23

**97%** 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

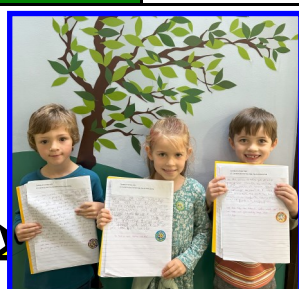
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Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. In addition to the usual awards, **THIS TERM, THE 'OTHER AWARD' MIGHT BE PRESENTED FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ANY OTHER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

Well done to all the recipients!

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Ruby (Bees) Henry (Badger)	Reuben (Raven) Oscar (Raven) Harriet S (Badger)	<i>Karina (Reading)</i> <i>Felix (Reading)</i>	Owen Prudence
Year 1	Ben (Raven) Silva (Raven)	Edith (Bees) Oonagh (Bees)	Arlo Eli (Reading)	Riley Iris
Year 2	Molly (Badger) Molly (Raven)	Wilson (Raven)	Jack (Writing) Toby (Reading) Noah (Raven)	Daisy Bertie
Year 3	Harry (Squirrel) Emily (Raven)	Harry (Owl)	Florence (Writing) Oscar (Writing) William (Reading) Heidi (Reading)	Coralie Noah
Year 4	Cara (Bees) Isla S (Raven)	Grace (Squirrel) Elodie (Fox)	Anna (Reading) Jenson (Writing)	Noah B Isla B
Year 5	Maisie (Badger) Cas (Badger)	Fraser (Fox) Lily (Raven)	Harrison (Reading) Elanor (Writing)	All of Y5 Daniel
Year 6	Henry (Squirrel) Theo (Fox) Holly (Badger) Anna (Squirrel)	Brodie (Squirrel) George (Fox) Toby (Bees) Lily (Squirrel)	Archie (Writing)	Charlie

**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

**Ruby: for being intelligent, imaginative and creative. An incredibly well-behaved, and kind pupil with a great sense of humour.**





## Planet Protectors

The new school year has started in a very busy way for Planet Protectors.

### Just One Tree Day

We had some wonderful trees and tree coloured children in school last Friday! Thank you to everyone who helped the children dress up and for your generous donations.

We raised £160 which equates to 160 trees being planted in countries like Nepal, Uganda, Brazil and Haiti.

### Plantober

Following on from the success of Just One Tree day, Planet Protectors and Gardening Club will be holding our first Plantober.

Children will have the opportunity to plant a tree seed to grow at lunchtime on Wednesday 1st November.

If your child would like to take part, please send them into school on 1st November with a recycled container e.g. a bottle or carton with the top cut off and some drainage holes to the bottom. They can bring their own favourite tree seed or have one we have collected.

We are hoping to add many more trees to our Just One Tree total.

### Coming up in November

Look out for,

- ◆ Cut your Carbon 1st - 30th
- ◆ Switch Off Fortnight 13th - 24th.

More information on both events will come out after the 1/2 term holiday.

Rachel Lewis



## Cross-Country

Thank you to Mrs. Lawrence, our amazing Year 6 parent, who supports and coaches the children at all the competitions. She had this to say:

*"Well done to 12 year 5 and 6 girls and boys for turning out in the rain for the 1st inter school cross country races this season. Yes it was rainy and muddy but all the boys and girls raced about 2k course through the mud and all had muddy smiles (and clothes) later on. Well done!"*

Well done as well to our Year 3/4 Cross Country team. It was their first outing yesterday, and a special mention to Cara, Y4, who came 7th overall in the girls' race, and William, Y3, who came 5th in the boys' event. Thank to Michael Ford (William's dad) for helping to support.



### Xmas Fair

We're in the thick of planning the Xmas Fair, which will take place on 1st December 3.20 - 5.30pm. Mr Norris has kindly allowed us to plan **non-uniform days** in exchange for items for the chocolate and bottle tombola: **Friday 10th November in exchange for chocolates/sweets** and **Friday 24th November in exchange for a bottle of something (wine/food/bath)**. Your class rep will send reminders nearer the time. Don't forget it's also non-uniform day on Friday 17th November for Children in Need - the school office is in charge of this one!



### Teddy Raffle

The Teddy Raffle was hugely popular last year - the children loved being able to give pre-loved cuddly toys a new home. We will be collecting cuddly toy donations on Monday 6th November, so if you have any good quality teddies begging for a new home, please bring them along at drop-off on this date.

### Volunteers

As ever, the success of our events relies on an army of people to make them happen. If you are able to help set up the stalls at the fair (from about 1pm) or do a shift on a stall, please contact Rebecca Ford on 07813 068330.

### PJ & Popcorn Night

We held our biggest ever PJ and Popcorn Night last Friday. Much popcorn was eaten (and dropped on the floor!) and the children seemed to be having a great time with their friends. The **next PJ & Popcorn Party will be Friday 24th November**. Your rep will contact you when tickets are available. It is also the same night as Rainow Pre-School's Gifts Galore, so why not pop in for some Xmas gifts on your way to the Robin Hood!

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

### October 2023

Thur 19th Harvest Collection

**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

### November

Wed 1st Plantober Event **\*NEW**

Mon 13th Anti-Bullying Week commences

Fri 10th Non-Uniform in exchange for Chocs/  
Sweets **\*NEW**

Fri 17th Non-Uniform for Children In Need  
**\*NEW**

Fri 24th Non-Uniform in exchange for a bottle  
**\*NEW**

FRS Movie Night 6pm

Mon 27th Mini First Aid Training—School Hall

Wed 29th No Pen day **\*NEW**

### December

Fri 1st Xmas Fair 3.30pm

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

### 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 commences for 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](#)**