



Welcome to another jam-packed edition of the Round-Up.

Before we celebrate another interesting and exciting couple of weeks in school, I would like to bring to your attention the amount of illness we have experienced over the past two weeks. There was a point this week where over 10% of the school was absent due to illness, the most I have ever known at Rainow. And this is before you count the considerable staff absence! I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that, like

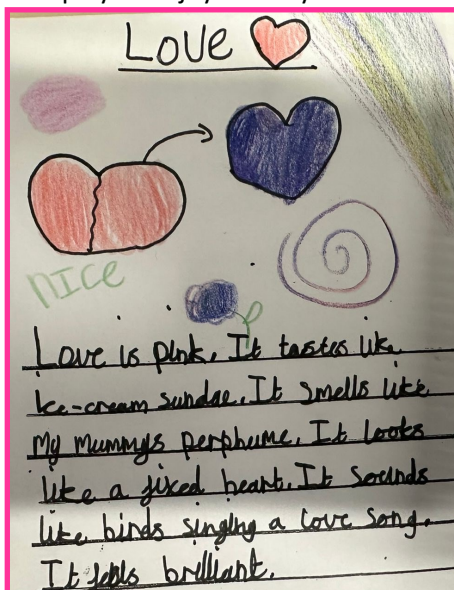
most schools, we adhere to the NHS's guidance: "[Is my Child too ill for School?](#)" I know that there has been some confusion around **how long to stay away from school due to sickness and diarrhoea— this must be for 48 hours after their last episode.** Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe and well.

Onto brighter things. This time last week, the school was awash with spots and colourful happy faces as we took part in **Children in Need**. I am delighted to report that we raised an astonishing **£568!** This is the most we have ever raised for this worthy cause. Thank you so much for your generous donations, particularly during these difficult times.

The other picture below is from last week's Anti-Bullying Week. This year's theme was "Make a Noise About Bullying." Incidents of bullying are thankfully rare, and we are proud of the generally impeccable behaviour at our school. However, it would be naive to think that bullying does not exist at Rainow. In fact, over the years, we have examples where we have used our [Anti-Bullying Policy and Procedures](#) to successfully support both victims and perpetrators.

In a world where technology has made everyone instantly accessible, there are more and more risks associated with bullying, which we must prepare our children for. In addition to marking national Anti-Bullying Week, there is a full programme of lessons, from Reception to Year 6, to educate our children on how to recognise and stop all types of bullying, including online. It can be tricky, particularly with younger children, to differentiate between isolated acts of unkindness vs. bullying behaviour. Last week, more than any, I heard the phrase 'They are bullying me' as the children grappled with this complicated concept. For us, the acronym **S.T.O.P (Several Times On Purpose)** works well and, in terms of how to tackle bullying, we use '**We Are Telling School.**' Our school rules of '**Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Ready**' are also helpful in reminding children about acceptable behaviour. Please contact the school if you are concerned about any type of negative behaviour.

I hope you enjoy a lovely weekend.



Left: Y4 wrote some emotion poetry around the idea of kindness and love: definitely anti-bullying!
Right: The Reception Class enjoyed their first Rainow Children in Need day.



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 23

96.6% 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

[CLICK ON ANY BADGE TO LEARN MORE](#)

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	Teddy (Raven) Thea (Fox)	Florence (Badger) Gwen (Raven)	Amelia	Finlay
Year 1	Iris (Bees) Jack (Bees)	Penny (Bees) Eli (Squirrel)	Ben	Safi
Year 2	Tilda-Mae (Bees)	Skye (Bees) Blaize (Badger)	Ted (Writing)	Tilda H
Year 3	Hugo (Bees) Oscar (fox)	Harry (Bees) Libby (Fox)	Declan (Writing)	Beatrix
Year 4	Silvie (Bees) William (Owl)	Angus C (Bees) Hetty (Badger)	Cara (Writing)	Alexis
Year 5	Marion (Bees) Lincoln (Bees)	Edah (Bees) Alice (Bees)	Lily (Writing)	Lani
Year 6	Alice (Bees) Henry (Bees)	Woody (Bees)	Louis (Maths)	Luke

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 effective work.



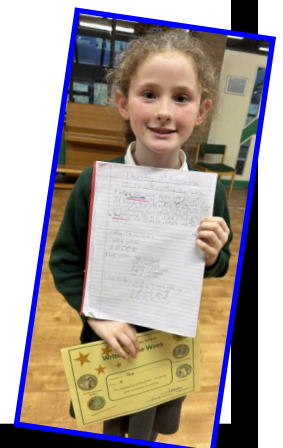
Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Chloe: For being intelligent, super-friendly, hard-working, multi-talented and enthusiastic.

Every teachers' dream.

Nathan: For being hard-working, incredibly kind, intelligent, sporty and multi-talented.

A fantastic pupil.



Cara's writing is going from strength to strength!

Blue Planet Aquarium...Year 1 and Year 2

This week, the Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Blue Planet Aquarium to enrich their science learning. Thank you to the staff and parents for organising another safe and memorable experience for our children.



Y4s visit Liverpool Museum

On Thursday, Year 4 spent the day exploring their topic further by visiting Liverpool World Museum. They became junior archaeologists and studied artefacts that led to discoveries about the people of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome!



THANK YOU!

We wanted to say a **HUGE THANK YOU** for all your donations for the Xmas Fair. We know how stressful this time of year is and we really do appreciate your efforts to help us raise as much money as possible for our lovely school.

We're also extremely grateful for the time that parents give up to help FRS, be that making sure classes are up to speed, attending meetings or helping out with events - thank you.



XMAS FAIR...11st Dec, 3.20 - 5.30pm

Our most favourite time of the year is closing-in, and we are very excited to announce there will be a VIP visitor to the Xmas Fair! We've been told he will arrive shortly after 4pm with his entourage. Please keep this a surprise for your children!

Same as last year, the event will be free entry and all stalls/activities will cost either 50p or £1. It would help enormously if you could come with change. Please note that it will be a cash only event.

Stalls and games to include: Bottle/Chocolate Tombola, Adopt a Teddy - Cakes & Refreshments, Festive Tattoos, Lucky Dip, Knock-the Elf-off the Shelf and lots of other fun games run by Year 6. We will also be running a raffle to win a Xmas Hamper.

If you can help out on the day, please let your class rep or Rebecca Ford know (07813 068330).

Finally, 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.

Year 6 Road Safety Team

We are delighted to announce that we have enlisted the help of Sophia and Chloe in Y6 to support PCSO Jim with parking and traffic issues before and after school. Their first job will be to encourage safe and considerate parking.



Planet Protectors

Please click [here](#) or open the attachment with the RU email to read all about Plantober.

Free School Meals...2 Minute Job

Free School Meals are provided to children from families who meet certain criteria, including income eligibility. By applying and qualifying for Free School Meals, your child will not only receive free, nutritious meals but also contribute to the overall well-being and development of their education.

We understand that some families may be hesitant to apply, but we assure you that the process is straightforward and designed to support families who may be experiencing financial difficulties and it takes less than 2 minutes to apply.

Furthermore, it is worth mentioning that even if your child prefers packed lunches or you are not currently experiencing financial hardship, we recommend applying for Free School Meals if you meet the eligibility criteria. This is because qualifying for Free School Meals also provides your child with additional funding for the school, known as the Pupil Premium, which is used to enhance educational provision, e.g. to buy or subsidise additional educational resources (including school trips) to enhance their learning experience.

We strongly encourage all eligible families to apply for Free School Meals. Your application not only brings benefits to your child but also allows us to allocate resources more effectively and enhance the educational experience for our entire school community. To apply for Free School Meals, we kindly request that you use the following link: [Cheshire East Free School Meal Link](#)

Thank you for your attention on this matter. Should you require any further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact us in the office: admin@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk

November

- 1st-30th Cut your Carbon ***NEW PPs**
- 24th Nov 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
- Tues 19th Xmas Play 1.30pm
- Weds 20th Xmas Play 6.30pm
- Thur 21st Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties
Santa dash
- Fri 22nd Church service 2pm –3pm
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**
- Thur 18th Year 3 & 4 Chester Residential Departs
***NEW**
- Fri 19th Year 3 & 4 Chester Residential Return
***NEW**

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**

