



Caring, Learning, Achieving

Children inspire the staff and me every day here at Rainow, and I would like to finish this half-term by sharing some inspirational achievements we heard about last week.

Firstly, we were incredibly fortunate to be visited by former pupil and ex-professional women's footballer, Izzy Christiansen! Not only did she lead a wonderful assembly and coach our girls' team, but she also presented the girls with a brand-new kit as part of the Premier League Primary Stars Kit Scheme!

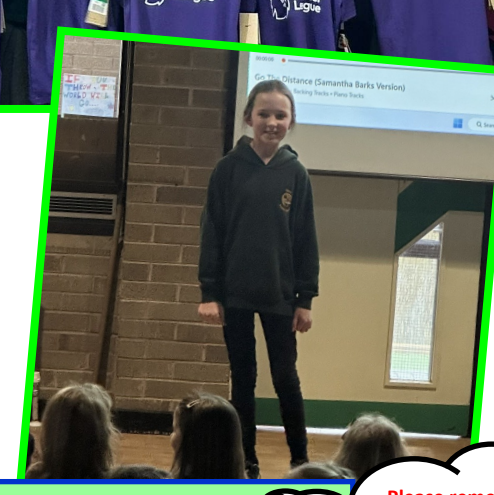
One of our children asked Izzy who or what had inspired her. Izzy's response was, 'her friends' who she played and practised with every day on our 'green pitch' (school field). I am so pleased that Izzy answered in this way. Too often we expect inspiration to come from a celebrity or an older, established star who can feel a million miles away. It was refreshing and important for the children to learn that inspiration can come from a range of people and places, and often, right on your doorstep.

That moves me nicely on to my next story of achievement and inspiration. Bronte in Year 1 deserves recognition for her incredible work for the Little Princess Trust. She has raised over £800 and donated 12 inches of her own hair! This shows the determination and commitment that someone so young can display.

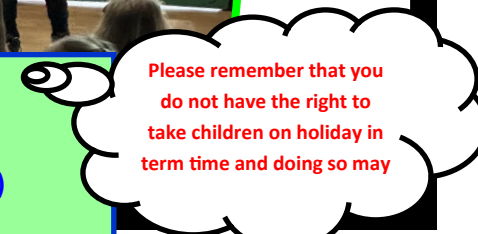
The final inspirational story we heard about last week was from Chloe in Year 6. Chloe took part in the KS2 vocal class of the Cheshire East Young Musician, 2024 competition, and she was delighted to come in first place singing 'Go the Distance' by Samantha Barks! We persuaded Chloe to perform her solo to finish off our assembly in style. Talk about hiding a light under a bushel – wow, just wow!

To Izzy, Bronte, and Chloe, I know you will have inspired many others to do equally great things. As I said in the assembly, Izzy is our most famous ex-pupil...yet!

I wish you all a fantastic February half-term.



School Attendance
School attendance since the start of Sep 23
96.5% which is **GOOD** (our target is 97%)
Please see our [Attendance Policy](#) for more information.





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	Matilda (Raven) Elijah (Badger)	Owen (Raven) Felix (Fox)	Reuben Doug	Karina Alexander
Year 1	Nancy (Badger) Riley (Raven)	Riley (Bees) Ernie (Bees)	Penny (Maths) Silva	Winston Elise
Year 2	Hattie (Bees) Matilda H (Owl)	Florence (Owl) Toby (Owl)	Ethan (Maths) Molly (Maths)	Skye Isla
Year 3	Ted (Raven) Declan (Raven)	Archie (Raven)	Florence (Maths) Coralie (Writing)	Harriet Martha
Year 4	Alice (Owl) Ava (Fox)	Henry B (Badger) Leo (Badger)	William (Writing) Elodie (Maths)	Angus C Anna
Year 5	Maisie (Badger) Charlotte (Raven)	Eibhin (Fox) Gabe (Badger)	Cleo (Maths) William (Writing)	Marion Max
Year 6	Louis (Raven) Iris (Bees)	Archie (Squirrel) Lily (Squirrel)	Woody (Maths) Greta (Maths)	Brodie Ruby



Left: Harriet's Maths is coming along splendidly!
Right: Eibhin's artwork is stunning.



Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—OUTSTANDING STUDENTS
Woody: For being incredibly kind, caring, friendly and positive. A multi-talented, hard working and thoughtful pupil.
Total superstar.
Anna Allen: for being so thoughtful, kind, caring, hardworking and intelligent. A simply amazing pupil!



Boys' Football...vs. Nether Alderley

After a winter break, the inter-schools' football competition kicked off again last week and we are delighted to report that our boys' team beat Nether Alderley 4-1. There were 2 goals for George and 1 each for Jesper and Harry Bez! Well done to the boys for a tremendous performance and thank you to Colin and Anthony (parents) for coaching the boys and organising the match.



Year 6 Maths Challenge...Tytherington High School

Last Tuesday THS invited teams of year 6 mathematicians from local Primary Schools to take part in a day of challenges. The day included tasks such as cross numbers, logic puzzles, group tasks and the favourite which was a Maths Relay. We are delighted to report that our Rainow Team came 2nd overall out of 7.

Well done to Harry, Lily, Henry and Toby for their amazing teamwork and problem-solving skills.

Chess Club...Our Incredibly Popular, Parent-Led Club

Alex and Mark (parents) have been running our Chess Club this year, and have made it the most popular it has ever been for our 7-11 yr. olds. Lily and Chloe (Year 6) had this to say about this fantastic Club:

"Chess club is a club where you learn to play chess. If you have already learnt to play you can improve your skills. It's a social club with a wide range of children from KS2. We have been improving our skills with pawns by doing a tournament we called the "Pawn-ament". In the Pawn-ament we played a range of people and found new strategies to win. To win the pawn game you have to kill all your opponent's pieces, put your player into a position where they can't move or get your pawn to the end before the opposition. Our tournament had 26 players, who played a total of 128 games over two weeks of chess club. The highest scorers overall were Martha (Y4) and Charlie (Y6), closely followed by Henry R (Y4) and William (Y3).

THE CLUB WILL CARRY ON AFTER HALF TERM ON A MONDAY NIGHT

We are delighted to report that we raised an incredible **£171.93** at **Friday's Cake Sale**.

The next half term promises to be a very exciting one with **World Book Day** and the **Lego Workshops** to look forward to. See the attachment about WBD, and the 'A Look Ahead...' section for further details. We wish you all a fantastic half-term break.



Rainow Round-Up

A Look Ahead...

26th Jan—13th Feb 2024

Extra-Curricular Clubs Return After Half Term

We are delighted to reopen our full range of extra-curricular clubs. As ever, thank you to the staff for volunteering their time so freely to provide such an excellent variety of opportunities for your children. If your child attended a club before February half term, you do not need to sign up again. Netball and Choir have now been added to Arbor. If the club is not on Arbor, please contact the club lead directly (find their info. on the attached sheet). The club timetable is [here](#) and also attached to this email.

Mid-Year Parents' Evenings

Mid-year Parents' Evenings are a chance to look through your child's books, enjoy their achievements, and discuss how we can support their next steps. Dates of this year's evenings are in the Diary Dates section, below.

Please note that Year 2 evening has been delayed due to the fact their initial Parents' Evenings were only in December.

World Book Day...Thurs 7th March...Jack and the Beanstalk

We are very excited to celebrate World Book Day during the second week back after February half-term. Please see the letter [here](#) from our English Subject Leaders, Mr Gratton and Miss Crowther. Thank you to the **FRS who are fully funding** our visit from [West End Schools and their Jack and the Beanstalk drama and dance workshop](#).

British Science Week...Fri 8th — Sunday 17th March

Another highlight on the school calendar will be our visit from The Education Group, who will deliver their exciting [Lego Timeline Workshops](#) on **Fri 15th March**, to mark the climax of **British Science Week**.

A HUGE thank you, once again, to the FRS who are fully funding this event.

Free School Meals...2 Minute Job

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

February

Fri 16th **School closes for half-term**

Mon 26th **School reopens for children**

March

Wed 6th Parents' Evenings ***NEW** (not Y2)

Thur 7th World Book Day

Parents' Evenings ***NEW** (not Y2)

Fri 8th Book Sale

Fri 15th Lego Workshops ***NEW**

Comic Relief Fundraiser ***NEW**

Wed 20th Y2 Parents' Evening ***NEW**

Thurs 21st Y2 Parents' Evening ***NEW**

Fri 22nd FRS: Cake Sale ***NEW**

Thur 28th FRS: Break the Rules Day ***NEW**

School closes for EASTER

April

Mon 15th **School reopens for the children**

Thur 18th Year 3 & 4 Chester Residential Departs

Fri 19th Year 3 & 4 Chester Residential Return

Fri 26th FRS: Movie Night

May

Mon 6th **May Bank Holiday, school closed**

Mon 13th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils

Fri 17th FRS: Bingo

Thur 23rd **School closes for children**

Fri 24th **School closed for staff INSET day**

June

Mon 3rd **School reopens for children**

Fri 7th Sports Day ***NEW**

Fri

July 5th FRS: Summer Spectacular: Fabulous at 40!
***NEW**

Fri 19th **School closes for summer break**



A TERM DATES SUMMARY 23-24 IS [HERE](#)

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Diary Dates