

Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

23rd May—7th June 2024



I hope you all enjoyed the half-term break and welcome to a healthy edition of the Round-Up! Well-Being Launch, Mini-First Aid and a cancelled Sports Day have made our 1st week back a very busy, interesting and active one. Apologies for cancelling Sports Day at short notice but puddles on our pitch would have made it simply too dangerous to go ahead. We will send out a new date early next week. Fingers crossed for some drier weather.

Monday saw our final Well-Being Launch Day of the academic year, and this week we focused on GIVE. The children took part in various activities such as giving each other compliment cards and giving their time to help around school. Mrs. Bishop, our Reception Class teaching assistant, gave the class the gift of a seed to plant, which they were most pleased about. Along with our carefully considered curriculum, well-being days are a fantastic way of keeping well-being and mental health at the forefront of our minds. If you are worried about your child’s well-being in any way, do not hesitate to contact school and we will do our utmost to help. Children (in fact everyone) need to feel safe, well and happy if they are to learn, develop and thrive. Read all about our extensive well-being provision [here](#).

The other major highlight this week was our annual first aid lessons. Mrs. Walker (Helen) visited each class this week to teach them basic first aid, including some vital life-saving techniques. Helen and Amy are two of our parents who also run some excellent classes for adults. Read more about Mini-First Aid [here](#). Try to GIVE yourself some time to relax and enjoy the weekend.



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.

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.



New Fundraising Target - PLEASE HELP!

The new Calm Area being funded by FRS on the bank is really starting to take shape, now that the base for the decking and shelter has been constructed. Next time you're in the playground, pop up the steps to take a look (but please stay behind the tape!).

We know how grateful the school is to be able to push forward with this new space, which is being fully-funded by FRS. **Thanks to the amazing support of our families, we have been able to put aside £3000 since January** to help with the first phase of the build, but we do need more!

We have an ambitious fundraising target of £3000 for the remainder of the school year so that we can complete and furnish this wonderful new space. As well as decking and a shelter, the plan is to have a covered outdoor stage as well, which we hope to build over the summer holidays.

Ways to help:

1. **COME ALONG TO THE SUMMER SPECTACULAR** on the 5th July (6pm - 9pm)! This is set to be a fantastic event to mark the 40th anniversary of Rainow School. There'll be an inflatable assault course, nerf gun alley, coconut shy, tombola and other traditional games, plus the opportunity to dunk Mr. Marge in a giant vat of water! The Rainow Reps will be burying a time capsule and the school's choir, orchestra and dance team will be treating us to some special performances. And of course, there will be plenty of food and drink available as well. Tickets will be available on the door at a price of £3 for adults and £2 for children. We will publish a price list for all activities and refreshments in advance to help you budget for the event.
2. **DONATE DIRECTLY** to FRS via Givey - <https://www.givey.com/friendsofrainowschool>—if you're not able to attend the summer fair, or would like to make an additional contribution, this is a quick and easy way of doing it.
3. **VOLUNTEER** we are relying on lots of you coming forward to help run a stall on 5th July - we will be sending round information about this on WhatsApp shortly.

Coming up:

- Friday, 28th June** - Non-Uniform in exchange for a bottle for the Summer Fair ***NEW**
Friday, 5th July - Rainow Summer Spectacular - Fabulous at 40!



All-Weather Calm Play Area

As you can see, work on our fantastic new Calm Play Area is well under way! Key features will include a glazed shelter, safety railings, decking, and a storage unit to contain lots of games and activities! We are also planning to incorporate our 6 Woodland Learning Values

KITCHEN NEWS...SUMMER TERM 24

Join Jo for her Birthday Lunch on Monday

We are delighted to welcome back Jo to our kitchen team. Her, Sandra and Phillipa will be cooking up a storm for the summer term. She would love your children to join her for a hot lunch on Monday, finished off with a special birthday cake with icing and sprinkles!

Picnic Bag Thursdays

We will be serving picnic bags on a Thursday for the summer term: Sandwich (Ham, Egg, Tuna or Cheese), Cake, Salad sticks, Fruit and a Drink.

Snacks

Just a reminder of what is on offer at playtimes:

Every day: Crumpets, Toast, Bagel or Teacakes—30p

Wednesday: Cheesy Oatcakes—30p

Friday: Bacon Butty—£1.10



Girls Football

The girls football team played brilliantly as they enjoyed their first match against Bollington St Johns. They practice every Friday lunchtime with Plamen, our fantastic coach, and a huge thankyou to Colin (Ava's dad) for organising and managing the team.



Happy World Ocean Day!

Today the children have learnt about World Ocean Day (Saturday 8th June). Throughout the week, we have been considering **Our Blue Spaces** at Rainow and how they connect to the oceans. We are incredibly lucky to have the River Dean and pond on our doorstep, and Year 4, pictured here, made the most of our amazing woodland as they took a walk alongside the River Dean as part of their geography lessons.

June

- Fri 7th Sports Day
- Fri 28th FRS: Non-Uniform—Bring a Bottle *NEW

July

- Tues 2nd Year 2 Residential Commences
- Wed 3rd Year 2 Residential Returns
- Thur 4th Choir Perform at Macc Academy

- Fri 5th FRS: Summer Spectacular: Fabulous at 40!
- Fri 19th **School closes for summer break**

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