



Welcome to the final Round-Up of what has been another fantastic academic year at Rainow! Traditionally, this is an annual round-up, and I have chosen some pictures from the amazing Y5 / Y6 Summer Show, *Pirates of the Curry Bean* to break up all the information. As I said to all the audiences, Upper Key Stage 2 worked incredibly hard on another sensational Rainow summer spectacular — a real team effort.

As always, thank you to Mrs Eddie, Mr Trueman and their terrific team for putting on a high quality performance and, of course, to the children for their endless energy, enthusiasm and talent. With it being a longer newsletter, I have put the information you need to know about first, in case you don't make it to the end in one sitting. I hope you enjoy it as much as I have putting it together.



The Cast of 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'—There really is Rainow business, like show business!



Leavers' Assembly...Tomorrow...2.15 p.m.

The Leavers' Assembly will take place on the school playground, starting at approx. 2.15 p.m. tomorrow. All the children will attend and all families are most welcome to join us. It is always busy and a lovely way to end the year. We will reserve seats for the families of Year 6 children, but it will probably be standing room only for parents from other year groups. You are welcome to arrive from 2 p.m. In the event of bad weather, we will use the school hall where there will only be room for the Year 6 families.

Rainow Round-Up Video 23-24...Available Now

As in previous years, I have put together a short video review of the year which you can watch with your children. It's a lovely way to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and enjoyable year. Apologies if I missed one of your favourite moments!

[CLICK HERE FOR THE RAINOW ROUND-UP VIDEO 23-24](#)

Please note that this video is 'unlisted' and should only be shared with our school community.

Academic Results... Another Successful Year

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This year our children have achieved terrific results in their statutory end of key stage assessments, and we are extremely proud of all their hard work and progress. It is testament to the hard work and determination of all of our children, staff and families.

EYFS

In the Reception Class, the children have made excellent progress. One of the ways in which children are assessed is whether they have achieved a 'Good Level of Development' (GLD).

Our GLD in Reception Class for 2024 is 71%. The national GLD result in 2023 was 67%.

This represents excellent achievement and prepares the children well for Year 1.

YEAR 1

In year 1, children are required to take a phonics check test.

Our Y1 pass rate this year is 96%. The national pass rate in 2023 was 79%.

This is an outstanding result and sets our Y1 children up with some strong reading foundations as they move into Year 2.

YEAR 4 Multiplication Check

The children in Year 4 are required to take a short, digital times table quiz. It comprises of 25 questions, testing them on the times tables, from 2x—12x.

Our Y4 class average for 2024 is 21.5 out of 25. The national average for 2023 was 20.2.

Again, this is a strong result giving our children the vital fluency knowledge they need to tackle more challenging mathematics in Year 5 and Year 6.

YEAR 6 SATS

This is always an important year group in school as it reflects the impact of the teaching and the pupils' learning experiences over the past seven years. Once again, we are delighted to report that our results are at least in line, or above national thresholds:

Subject	*Rainow % 2024	National % 2024
Reading Expected Standard	92	74
Reading Higher Standard	44	-
Writing Expected Standard	72	72
Writing Higher Standard	16	-
SPAG Expected Standard	88	72
SPAG Higher Standard	36	-
Maths Expected Standard	96	73
Maths Higher Standard	28	-
Science Expected Standard	92	80

Click [here](#) to see End of Key Stage 2 achievement and analysis in 2024, and over the past 5 years.

Although we realise that test scores are merely a snapshot, and only a tiny reflection of what makes each of your children special and unique, they do represent tremendous achievements and are a testament to all the hard work and excellent relationships between children, teachers, and families in all our year groups. Thank you.

**please note that results data is provisional at this stage but is not expected to change significantly.*

- higher level thresholds will be released in the autumn term.

More Reasons to be Proud and Positive

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As the school year draws to a close, it is a good time to sit back and reflect on another successful year at Rainow School. I must admit that reading back through all the Round-Ups and scanning our Twitter feed, always makes me immensely proud of all that we have achieved in just one year! However, without fear of repeating the brilliant memories from the [Video Review](#), I would like to draw your attention to a few more items worthy of particular note...

School Games Mark...Gold Award



We are delighted to announce that we have, once again, achieved the **GOLD** School Games Mark Award for the 2023-24 academic year. The School Games Mark (SGM) is a Government-led award scheme, to reward and recognise school's engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games Events and to celebrate keeping young people active. We have participated in multiple events throughout the year; resulting in many of our KS2 pupils representing our school. As part of our Pupil Promise (which you can find [here](#)), we ensure our children play in an inter-school competition and 100% of our Y6 pupils have successfully achieved this throughout this year alone.

As always, we are incredibly proud of all our sporting achievements at Rainow; whether it be an inclusive festival or a competitive event. A huge well done to our Y5/6 Boys' Football Team who won the small-schools' league.

We look forward to entering more competitions next year and make sure you keep an eye out on our [Twitter](#) feed for all of our latest sports updates.

Miss Crowther (PE Subject Leader)

Planet Protectors...Eco Schools...Green Flag Award

For the third year running, Planet Protectors have achieved a **Green Flag with Distinction**. Congratulations to them all! The group has grown to 44 children across Years 1-6. If your child would like to join next year, look out for the application forms in the autumn; we are especially looking for current Reception children to join. Be inspired by Toby (Yr6) who walked 10,000 steps a day through May to raise money for JustOneTree and Lily (Yr6), Alice (Yr4) and Tilda (Yr2) who took part in, or organised their own, litter picks outside of school—true Planet Protectors!

At our final meeting we reviewed the year and Year 6 brought legacy ideas. Peter Grogan (Vice Chair of Governors) kindly joined us to be updated.

[Read about their achievements here.](#)

Gardening Club

Gardening Club members have been very busy this year. They meet once a week and the club is open for children from Y1—Y6.

[Read about their achievements here.](#)



Ms Lewis, Planet Protector and Gardening Club Lead Teacher



The Year 5s were a superb support—we have high hopes for them next year!

Thank you to those of you that completed the online survey. The vast majority of parents are extremely positive about school and all the feedback is most welcome, and vital if we are to continue to improve. Staff and governors will consider all comments and factor these into future plans if possible and appropriate. With this in mind, I would also like to share with you a [short review of our Strategic School Development Plan \(SSDP\)](#). The SSDP is a working document to keep us focussed on whole school improvement. It will be fully reviewed and updated in the autumn term.

There were so many lovely and supportive comments in the survey which we are very grateful for. I have chosen a couple of comments from Year 6 Parents who, after 7 years here, speak with a considerable amount of experience and authority...

“Very caring family school, really knowing the children well and caring for them. It has been a fantastic primary school and start in life for our boys.”

“You acknowledge every child as an individual, taking notice of their interests and supporting them to develop to become the best version of themselves. You drive progress hard in Y6 but still support the active aspects of learning by encouraging sports, arts, crafts and outdoor learning.”

School Uniform...PE Kits

Just a reminder before the holiday that our school uniform consists of a green sweatshirt / cardigan, white polo shirt, grey skirt / pinafore / dress or trousers. Training shoes should not be worn for school.

Our PE kit consists of a white t-shirt (logo or not) and black shorts (optional joggers and sports hoodies in the winter). There are some excellent and well-established 2nd hand options via class WhatsApp groups which might help with cost, and we have recruited some parent ‘Lost Property Coordinators’ for September—**last chance to claim this years’ lost property after school today!** Children are allowed to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days and class teachers will let you know your PE day via their 1st Class Information letter in September. Further information can be found [here](#).

Please note that all items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.

A reminder that the classes and teachers are as follows from September 2024:

Reception Class: Mrs Daley (Mrs Copeland will teach 2 days to cover Mrs Daley's Deputy Head and SENDCo time)

Class 1: Miss Townley

Class 2: Mr Gratton

Class 3: Mrs Copeland (Mon and Tue) and Mrs Hill (Wed—Fri)

Class 4: Miss Crowther

Class 5: Mr Trueman

Class 6: Mrs Eddie (Mon—Thurs) and Mrs Walker (Fri)

All the teachers have now taught their new classes for at least one lesson as part of our transition programme, and everyone is very excited about September. A [full staff list can be found here](#).

FRS News

We've made it through another year! And what a year it has been - multiple movie nights and cake sales, 4 play bars, one Christmas Fair, a couple of book sales, a fabulous Bingo Night and of course, the Summer Spectacular! We are thrilled to announce that through these efforts and our other income streams, we have managed to raise **an incredible £9500, and counting!**

This money has gone a long way this year - completion of the woodland shelter, installation of a new path to the woods, the new calm space - 'Ridge View', as well as the usual enrichment projects, including the whole school trip to the theatre and STEM and theatre workshops.

We couldn't do it without the hard work and support of the parents who give up their time to run the committee or help run events - please take the time to [read the thank you](#) note that was sent out with this Round Up.

Have a lovely summer and see you in September!

My sincere thanks to Rebecca and her team. The FRS play a significant part in enhancing your child's Rainow experience, from purchasing resources and funding interesting trips and visitors, to organising amazing events to strengthen relationships and a sense of community.

Terrific job, team!



Introducing 'Ridge View' - Our Fantastic New Calm Area

This year the Rainow reps have created the Ridge View - it has been amazing to see our ideas brought to life for the whole school to enjoy. I have loved being a Rainow rep in year 6 - it's brilliant to be part of a group of people who can make a real positive difference for the school

Charlie, Year 6

*To Rainow Reps,
Well done to you and all your helpers, and especially to the Year 6s and Mrs. Eddie. Thank you so much for making the school better with a fantastic quiet space.
Love from, Olivia Year 4.*

I was a bit upset at playtime so I went to the calm area, and settled under a blanket. It really helped me to calm down.

Angus Y4

Let's not forget our amazing Woodland Classroom which the FRS helped fund in the autumn. What a year!



And finally...

Rainow Round-Up 2023-24



Today, another school year draws to a close. Many thanks to the staff and families for your hard work and effort in what has been another incredibly successful year. Congratulations to all the children for their fantastic personal progress and amazing attitude towards school and learning. Rainow really is a wonderful place to teach and learn.

Sadly, we will not be welcoming back our Year 6 pupils in September as they move on to the next stage of their education. This group of children was my second Reception Class as Headteacher at Rainow. They are an incredibly sociable, bubbly, energetic, interesting, and multi-talented class. They are one of the best Year 6s I can remember, and they have made the absolute most of very minute. They have been a delight to teach and get to know over the past 7 years, and we know that they are more than ready for high school. Now go and shine, children!

We also end a long relationship with a number of families whose children are leaving. It has been an extremely positive and active relationship and I would like to offer my sincere thanks for your support over the years—you are welcome back whenever you like, and I hope that you will continue to be part of the Rainow School family in the future.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your generous gifts and kind messages— it really is very much appreciated.

For those parents who cannot attend the Leavers' Service, I trust that you will all have a restful and enjoyable summer holiday. Enjoy the break, and for those returning to school, **we will open for all pupils on Wednesday 4th September 2024.**



THE CLASS OF 2024 - AN UTTERLY AMAZING GROUP!

Growing a community of life-long learners who will **care** for each other, who will work hard to **learn** new things every day, and who will **achieve** more than they thought possible.

This class can safely say: "Vision Fulfilled!"

**Caring,
Learning,
Achieving**

