

Head's Message

Rainow Round-Up

8th–22nd November 2024



Welcome to a somewhat frosty edition of the Round-Up. For some of you, this will be your first Rainow winter. Earlier this week, I sent home our Severe Weather Guidance and Gritting Plan (I have attached them to your email again in case you missed them). In a nutshell, we will make every effort to keep the school open whatever the weather. In fact, due to the fact that many of our staff are local, we have historically remained open when other local schools have not. And, of course, we have the indomitable Mr. Margerson, who works tirelessly to ensure that the children can come to school and have some safe fun in the snow! As always, we will take a sensible approach and only open if we feel that access to the school and the site itself is safe. The final decision will always lie with you as to whether you feel safe to travel.

In stark contrast to the icy white of the past few days, 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 amazing £417! Thank you so much for your generous donations. I have also included a couple of snaps below from today's playtimes. Despite the challenges of the weather at this time of year, we always make the most of our stunning, snow-covered countryside. We have had brilliant fun learning, building, and playing in the snow, and fingers crossed all should be clear later today for our journeys home—a great day all round.

Have a relaxing weekend, and I look forward to seeing lots of you at our Christmas Fair next Friday from 3.30 p.m. You will find me and the teachers serving up the food and drink.



£417 is a fantastic amount. Thankyou!



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.

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....

School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 24:

96.9% which is **EXCELLENT**

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

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Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Frankie (Raven) Sophie (Raven)	Oliver (Badger) Mylo (Badger) Jack (Raven)	Emmett Frank	Lorenzo Lily
Year 1	Amelia (Raven) Teddy (Bees)	Tilly (Squirrel) Owen (Squirrel)	Stevie Felix	Harriett Lily
Year 2	Silva (Badger) Harriet (Badger)	Silva (Bees) Sophie (Bees)	Lewis (Writing) Charlie (Maths) Safi Lewis	-
Year 3	Santi (Fox) Isla (Raven)	Francis (Raven) Martha (Raven) Skye (Fox)	Ted (Writing) James (Maths)	Edie
Year 4	Libby (Raven) Poppy (Owl)	William (Raven) Coralie (Owl)	Seb (Writing) Noah (Writing)	Heidi Declan
Year 5	Alexis (Bees) Antonia (Badger)	Sylvie (Fox) Gian (Fox)	Olivia Isla B (Writing) Alice	Oliver
Year 6	Edha (Raven) Elanor (Owl)	Gabe (Bees) Cleo (Squirrel)	Gabe (Maths) Ava (Maths)	Fraser Marion



Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Ava: For being incredibly kind, caring, cheerful, hard working and multi-talented. An amazing ambassador for our school.

Daniel: For being incredibly kind, creative, intelligent and multi-talented with a superb sense of fun! A fantastic student.





Planet Protectors...Our Eco Team...Plantober

The Planet Protectors and Gardening Club have been building new bug homes in conjunction with Sussex University who are conducting a research project in to the most efficient design for a Bug House. We will be checking the houses monthly to analyse the contents, record our findings and submit our data to the university.

Ms. Lewis, Planet Protector Lead.



Year 4 Visit Rainow Church

Our Religious Education curriculum is designed to teach children about a variety of religions and beliefs, including secular viewpoints. Last week, our Year 4 students visited Rainow Church to learn more about the significance of the Holy Trinity for Christians. A huge thank you to Reverend Gowler for his engaging and informative lesson.



Year 2 Dazzle with their Dancing

Amy from Silk Dance is one of several specialist coaches who work with our children. Year 2 performed their interpretation of the class book, *The Night Gardener*, in front of an awestruck audience of family and friends.

Friends of Rainow School (FRS)—Our School PTA

XMAS FAIR NEXT WEEK - BOOK YOUR SANTA SLOT!

We can't wait to welcome you to our Christmas Fair after school next **Friday (29th)**. As well as the usual fun and games, we are taking bookings for Santa's Grotto online at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool/

As ever, we need VOLUNTEERS on the day to help set up, run stalls and clear away. Please can you let your class rep or Rachel Gabbott know (07786001336) if you can spare 30 minutes or more.

CAR BOOT SUCCESS!

We held our first ever car boot sale on Sunday 17th, and it was a brilliant event, despite the weather! We raised over £500 from the sale of car spaces and refreshments, which is a fantastic amount. A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who made this event possible.

Other Ways to Support the FRS

Buy a lottery ticket at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk (just search for Rainow Primary School).

Make a donation via Givey - <https://www.givey.com/friendsofrainowschool>



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Snowy Days...A Child's Perspective

Today, we saw around six cm of snow fall onto our playground. Each child had an amazing time, whether it was a spectacular snowman competition or making footprints in the snow, the whole school loves these rare occasions. What fun have you been having? **Elodie and Grace, Year 5**



A look ahead...

Rainow Pre-School...Fundraiser...Fri 6th December

Join Sarah from The Floral Mill for an evening of festive floral fun. Create your own stunning Christmas centerpiece that will beautifully compliment your turkey and crackers on Christmas Day.

Date: Fri 6th December

Time: 7—9 p.m.

Venue: Rainow Institute

Price: £25 incl. all materials, drinks, nibbles and good company. Tickets available from pre-school or come and find Claire or Hazel at ASC.



November

Wed 27th FRS Event : Xmas Wreath Making
Fri 29th FRS Event: Xmas Fair

December

Sun 1st Switch off Fortnight ends
Fri 6th Pre-School Fundraiser ***NEW**
Thurs 12th Cut Your Carbon Month ends
Tues 17th Xmas Plays (matinee) —KS1 and Y3 / Y4
Wed 18th Xmas Plays (Evening) - KS1 and Y3/Y4
Thur 19th Santa Dash—East Cheshire Hospice
Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties
Fri 20th Whole School Church service
School closes for Christmas

January 2025

Mon 6th **School reopens for the children**
Well-Being Launch Day 2—
CONNECT
Wed 15th Whole School Trip to New Vic Theatre

February

Tues 11th Safer Internet Day
Fri 14th **School closes for half-term**
Mon 24th **School reopens for children**
Well-Being Launch Day 3— TAKE NOTICE

March

Mon 3rd Mid-Year Parents' Evenings this week (tbc.)
Tues 4th PE: Whole School Quidditch Day
Thur 6th World Book Day

April

Fri 4th **School closes for EASTER**
Tues 22nd **School reopens for the children**
Well-Being Launch Day 4—STAY ACTIVE

May

Mon 5th **May Bank Holiday, school closed**
Mon 12th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils
Thur 22nd **School closes for children**
Fri 23rd **School closed for staff—INSET day**

June

Mon 2nd **School reopens for children**
Well-Being Launch Day 5—GIVE

July

Fri 18th **School closes for summer break**

Diary Dates

HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMARIES:

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