



Thank you for taking the time to read this latest edition of the Round-Up.

With all the talk around our [fantastic OFSTED report](#), we neglected to pass on the amazing news that we were also awarded a Quality Mark with Distinction, the highest award, from the association for Physical Education (afPE) at the beginning of January.



Miss Crowther, our PE Subject Leader who submitted our application, had this to say:

*“We are excited to announce that that we have successfully achieved the **Association for Physical Education Quality Mark at distinction level!** This is a prestigious award that involves an application process to evidence the high-quality PE we offer at our school. We are delighted to have our efforts acknowledged and will continue offering a wide range of experiences in school sport and physical activity for our pupils to experience. By clicking [here](#), you can find us on the ‘Roll of Honour’ list and learn more about the afPE Quality Mark.”*

PE, sport, and physical activity are fully embedded at Rainow, starting with our exceptional curriculum that provides two hours of sport, gymnastics, or dance each week. Expert coaches—Amy (Sylk Dance), Alick (Rugbytots), John (ASM Sports), and Milly (Just Gymnastics)—enrich the experience. Beyond lessons, we offer extra-curricular clubs and participate in festivals and competitions such as Schools’ Gotta Dance, football, and athletics. Lunchtimes also feature fun and energetic activities led by our Year 6 Play Leaders and coaches. It is all brilliantly exhausting!

Physical activity at primary school fosters teamwork, resilience, and confidence while improving fitness and motor skills. It promotes a healthy lifestyle and strengthens both mental and physical well-being.

A huge thank you to Miss Crowther, the staff, coaches, and parent volunteers for their dedication to achieving the highest PE award! I wish you all an enjoyable weekend, however active that may be!



Top: Sports Day and Lunchtime Fun!
Bottom: Our Girls’ and Boys football teams.



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 24:

97.1% 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

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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, **Well done to all the recipients!**

	Badge	Badge	Other Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Isaac (Owl) Poppy (Raven)	Eleanor (Raven) Frankie (Badger)	Isabelle Ted	Rowan Lily
Year 1	Gwen (Raven) Ella (Raven)	Pru (Squirrel) Martha (Badger)	Remi Reuben	George Finlay
Year 2	Arlo (Owl) Edith (Raven)	Ben (Badger) Eli (Raven)	Silva Oonagh	Harriet Ernie
Year 3	Jamie (Badger) Santi (Owl)	Edie (Badger) Jacob (Owl)	Harrison Florence	Rhea Noah
Year 4	Beatrix (Badger) Olive (Badger)	Miles (Owl) Martha (Bees)	Jasper Florence	Eva Oliver
Year 5	Ava (Badger) Angus C (Fox)	Jenson (Badger) Martha (Badger)	Alex Henry B	Isla S Leo
Year 6	Max (Fox) Harrison (Fox)	Fraser (Fox) Scarlett (Raven) Lincoln (Raven)	Charlotte Lily George	All (theatre trip)



Y6 SPECIAL AWARD—
OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Fraser: for being incredibly hard working, kind, intelligent and multi-talented.

A fantastic ambassador for our school.

Cleo: for being incredibly kind, caring, thoughtful, intelligent and multi-talented.

An exceptional Year 6.



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Top: School's Gotta Dance
Right: Alick is one of our amazing and expert coaches.
Left: Plamen and Antony make sure playtimes are extra un an active.

Friends of Rainow School (FRS)—Our School PTA

Movie Night...6 p.m.—8 p.m.

We look forward to seeing lots of the children later on in the school hall to watch Wonka. Come dressed in your PJs and bring your favourite teddy!

Coming Up...FRS Meeting...Tues 4th Feb...7 p.m.....School Hall

We would love you to come along and join us at our next committee meeting. The more the merrier!

FRS WhatsApp Group

If you wish to be added to the FRS WhatsApp Group (announcements only) to ensure you don't miss any messages, please message Rachel Gabbott on 07786 001336

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>



A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

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Brimstone Butterflies...Parent Power Needed!

This spring we are taking part in an exciting conservation project with Macc Wild Network. In March, they will be coming into school to tell us all about the beautiful Brimstone butterfly and how we can help to provide a habitat for them and the children will be getting involved in planting lots of trees. **During the February half term holidays we are looking to get a team of people together on Wednesday (19th) am and Thursday (20th) am between 9 am and 12 noon to clear the land in preparation for this. Please see the email attachment for details of how to get involved.**

Midday Vacancy...Come and Work with Our Lovely Children!

We are currently looking to employ a Midday Assistant to work with our lovely children for at least 2 lunchtimes per week, likely to be Wednesday and Thursday (tbc.), 11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Please see the application form on our website [here](#) and return to sbm@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk or drop it in at the school office.

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 years' evenings are Tuesday 4th and Wed 5th March. **We will send you further information about how to book your appointment (s) next week.**

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.

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

Tues 4th FRS meeting—school hall ***NEW**
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

Tues 4th Mid-Year Parents' Evenings 1 of 2 ***NEW**
PE: Whole School Quidditch Day
Wed 5th Mid-Year Parents' Evening 2 of 2 ***NEW**
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



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