



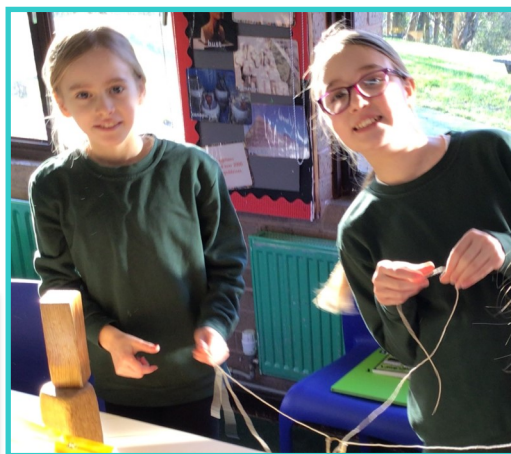
Caring, Learning, Achieving

It has been an exciting and busy start to the new year. As I have mentioned before, understanding and learning how to improve our mental health and general well-being continues to be a major focus in school. With this in mind, we have pledged to dedicate the first day of each half term to one of the recognised [‘5 Steps to Well-Being’](#).

To kick off 2022, we chose ‘CONNECT’ which is all about building, strengthening, and maintaining positive relationships. The pictures below show year 6 constructing jigsaws, highlighting and celebrating each others’ similarities and differences. There are also pictures of our year 5 and year 2 children working and playing together to solve problems and have fun. It turned out to be a lovely way to reintroduce children back into school life after a lengthy break; a day with a little less pressure to help make that transition from home to school that bit easier.

The other pictures below are of our whole-school trip to the New Vic Theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast. One pledge we make to the children as they move through school is to watch professional actors perform at a theatre. It was a wonderful show and the children loved the experience. Those who have visited the New Vic theatre will understand what an amazing opportunity it is for our children. You can read all of our Pupil Promises [here](#).

My thanks go to the FRS for helping to subsidise the cost of this amazing annual theatre trip.



School Vision

*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.*



Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



The Busy Bees

Rainow School Learning Values

Our Rainow Learning Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. The teachers pick at least two children per week to receive a badge. We also present Reading and Courtesy certificates.

Well done to all the recipients!

	Badge	Badge	Reading Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Jack (Raven)	Molly (Raven)	Francis	Fred
Year 1	Miles (Badger)	Noah (Badger)	Seb	Coralie
Year 2	Kyra (Raven)	Alexis (Badger)	Ava	William
Year 3	Cas (Raven)	Gabe (Raven)	Max	Fraser
Year 4	Brodie (Owl)	Greta (Raven)	Theo	Louis
Year 5	Jess (Squirrel)	Freddie (Raven)	Riley	Frank
Year 6	Raf (Bees)	Lucy (Bees)	Daizy-Lou	Poppy

Y6 SPECIAL AWARD

Jacob C: Mature, hard working and multi-talented.

A superstar



Friends of Rainow School



We would like to invite you to our next Friends of Rainow School committee meeting. It will be held on Tuesday 1st February at 7 p.m. at The school hall (assuming no further COVID restrictions come into play).

We have kicked off the new year with our annual £1000 pledge to the New Vic Theatre trip, bringing down the cost per child by over £5, which certainly helps ensure this event remains inclusive to everyone, especially those families with multiple children! Judging by the children's reactions this trip, as ever, was a great success.

For those who haven't attended before, the FRS meetings are the platform for deciding how the funds we raise are spent at school, they are an opportunity to share opinions on the running and management of events throughout the school year, if you have any suggestions about any of the events we hold and would like to share your opinions and have an input on the decisions we make, then this is the perfect time and place to do so.

Some of the items we will be discussing will include, a spring event, the summer fair, allocation of funds raised to projects within school, and cake sales. The roles of chairperson and secretary will be available in September, if anyone is interested in either role we would look to start showing you the ropes throughout the Spring and summer terms so please get in touch if you wish to put yourself forward. If there are any items you wish to add to the agenda please let me know on the email address below.

Everyone is welcome, but to manage numbers please email chloebirch1986@yahoo.co.uk to confirm if you will be attending.

We look forward to seeing old and new faces as we head into 2022.

Finally, as always, you can sign up to the **School Lottery** at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/rainow-primary-school>

A look ahead...

Weather Watch...Bad Weather Gritting Plan

At this time of year, it is useful to remind yourself of our Severe Weather guidance, which you can read [here](#). It is also worth looking at our Bad Weather Gritting Plan, which you can look at [here](#) and which is also pinned to the school notice board.

A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

16th Dec 2021– 14th January 2022

COVID UPDATE...LATEST GUIDANCE

There have been a few changes to the guidance since our return to school. Here is a useful summary:

Close Contacts

- Cheshire East have removed the requirement for close contacts of a person with COVID to isolate for 5 days. To clarify, if a member of your household is positive but your child is not, and displays no symptoms, they should attend school as normal and take daily rapid tests for at least 7 days.

Positive Cases

- People who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test. Symptomatic people should book a PCR test.
- Pupils may return to school from day 6 of their isolation subject to 2 negative lateral flow tests, (LFT), taken at least 24 hrs apart (testing on the 5th and 6th day as long as they are 24 hrs apart). In theory, if a child tests negative on the 5th day, and then then 24 hrs later they are still negative, they can attend school that day (day 6). Tests would need to be taken before school starts to avoid disruptions to the school day.

Parents /carers should ensure that:

- Children are well and symptom free.
- They have had 2 negative LFD tests, at least 24 hours apart.
- They do not return before 7th day after their symptoms started, or they took a positive test, e.g. if symptoms started on Mon 1st (this is classed as Day 0) then the earliest date of return would be Mon 8th.
- This also applies to children under 5, with LFD testing at parental or guardian discretion.

Other

- All staff will wear face masks in communal areas of school. I will wear a face mask at drop-off and pick-up times and I would appreciate it if you would too.
- Classrooms will be well-ventilated.
- Enhanced hygiene routines will remain in place.
- Enhanced cleaning routines will remain in place.
- Where possible, classes will not mix indoors for prolonged periods.

January 2022

Fri 28th Rock Steady Music Assembly ***New**

February

Tues 1st FRS Meeting, 7pm

Mon 7th Y5/Y6 Indoor Athletics ***New**

Fri 18th **School closes for half-term**

Mon 28th **School reopens for children**

Well-Being Launch Day— 'TAKE NOTICE'

March

Tues 1st Y5 / Y6 Residential Trip to Whitby
Commences

Fri 4th Y5 / Y6 Residential Trip to Whitby
Finishes

April

Fri 1st **School Closes for Easter**

Tue 19th **School Reopens for summer term**

Well-Being Launch Day— 'STAY ACTIVE'

May

Mon 2nd **School closes for May Bank Holiday**

Tue 3rd **School reopens for children**

Mon 9th KS2 SATS commence

Thur 12th KS2 SATS finish

Thur 26th **School closes for half-term**

Fri 27th **INSET for teachers**

June

Tue 7th **School reopens for children**

Well-Being Launch Day— 'GIVE'

July

Thur 21st **School closes for summer**

Fri 22nd **INSET for teachers**

WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED WITH ALL ADDITIONAL DATES OR ANY CHANGES AS THE YEAR PROGRESSES. TERM/HOLIDAY DATES ARE [HERE](#). (NOW WITH PROVISIONAL 22-23 DATES)



Diary Dates