



Caring, Learning, Achieving

A slightly shorter Round-Up this week with only one week to report on. I hope you all enjoyed your half-term break and that the children (and you!) were able to relax and focus more on their favourite hobbies and pastimes.

Last year, we introduced an initiative to begin each half-term based on one of the NHS's '[5 Steps to Wellbeing](#)'. On Monday, we focussed on '**KEEP LEARNING**'. As you can see from the pictures in this issue, there were some creative and exciting

activities which allowed the children to experience, learn and enjoy things for the first time. As I mentioned before half-term, this is part of our drive to talk about, understand and improve our school community's mental health and well-being. In addition to the launch days, we have a carefully sequenced personal, social and health education (PSHE) curriculum, a trained mental first aider (Mrs Eddie, Y6) and lots of nurture provision such as Forest School, for children who have been identified as needing some extra support. Our first launch day was a great way to help keep this important topic at the forefront of our minds and help many children ease back into school life gently after some time away. 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 a fact everyone) need to feel safe, well and happy if they are to learn, develop and thrive.

On a completely separate note, last week Mrs Berzins, our fantastic School Business Manager of over 22 years, informed me that she will be hanging up her mouse and keyboard at the end of December, as she intends to focus on something a little more exciting than timesheets and invoices! I am not exaggerating when I say that Mrs Berzins is, and always has been, absolutely essential to the success of Rainow School. I do not know a more expert, efficient and effective member of our team. We will all be extremely sad to see her leave but will make sure Mrs Berzins receives a fitting final term at Rainow. Please see our website [here](#) if you know anyone who might be interested in applying for the position (the deadline is next Wednesday).

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable bonfire weekend.

'KEEP LEARNING,' EVERYBODY!



The focus in Y6 was to learn to play some board games involving tactics and strategy, including a very raucous whole-class session of 'The Pirate Game'.



Y4 spent the day trying out plenty of new things, such as Sudoku puzzles, skipping with a rope and making their own lava lamps.



Year 2 learnt how to make bread. This linked perfectly to their 'Great Fire of London' history focus and allowed us to think about what baking bread would



School Attendance:

School attendance for this week is **97.74%**
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

[CLICK ON ANY BADGE TO LEARN MORE](#)

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 children each week to receive a badge. We also present Reading and Courtesy certificates.

	Badge	Badge	Reading Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Elise (Squirrel) Sam (Raven)	Iris (Bee) Winston (Raven)	Edith	Sophie
Year 1	Freddy (Raven)	Harrison (Badger)	Santi	Daisy
Year 2	William (Owl)	Florence (Owl)	Jasper	Poppy
Year 3	Isla B (Fox)	Alice (Fox)	Angus C	Silvie
Year 4	Joshua (Badger)	Fraser (Squirrel)	Elanor	Gabe
Year 5	Charlie (Raven)	Sienna (Bees)	Greta	Jasmine
Year 6	Sam (Fox)	Ivy (Badger)	Riley	Amaya

Y6 SPECIAL AWARD

Ada: for being intelligent, kind, hard working and quietly determined with a great sense of fun. An outstanding pupil.



Friends of Rainow School—Our School PTA

The Xmas Mini-Fair will run from 3.10pm-5.30pm on Friday the 2nd December.

We'll have all the traditional fun and games, including tombola, lucky dip, teddy raffle and knock the elf off the shelf. Alongside, we'll have an extra special Xmas Cake Sale and light refreshments.

As always, we need your help - and donations - to run this. We are running two collection days:

- **Friday 25th November** - please bring along **bottles and chocolates** for the tombola.
- **Friday 2nd Dec - Xmas jumper day.** As you know we normally ask for donations in 'exchange' for a non-uniform day but, we thought it would be good fun for the children to wear their Christmas jumpers on the day of the Xmas fair instead, to fully get into the festive spirit.

We're also planning to **raffle off a Xmas Dinner** (turkey included!), so if anyone has any foods that could contribute to a hamper, please let your class rep know.

Tickets are still available for **Wreath Making** on 24th November from 7p.m. Tickets are £45 and can be bought at www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool/

Please be reminded that there is a clothes bank in the top car park, a good opportunity to have a clear out before Christmas. Finally, you've got to be in it to win it, so please sign up to the **School Lottery** at www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and search for Rainow Primary School.



Year 3 eased themselves back into school routines with games and colouring with their friends. They learnt how to ask someone their name and to spell their names in British Sign Language.



Reception learnt how to make pumpkin soup. They spent time thinking about and discussing the meaning of 'well-being and how important it is to have a healthy body and healthy mind.

Year 1 took part in some Halloween themed Yoga and looked at celebrating people's differences and how to be kind. The children worked together to construct a tricky jigsaw of our world.



As part of 'keep learning' Year 5 have been learning new things. They learnt to count in Japanese to 100. They then taught each new skills and shared their knowledge.



A look ahead... Rainow Round-Up

20th Oct – 4th Nov 2022

Parents' Evenings...November 2022

Building on the success of our Class Information Evenings in September, over the next two weeks, you will have the opportunity to meet your teacher to talk specifically about your child and how they are developing both socially and academically. **Your teachers should have been in touch to arrange a meeting, either remotely or face-to-face.** We will hold a mid-point parents' evening some time after the February half-term. Watch this space...

Rainow Parent Governor Vacancies...Can you help?

There are currently two vacant Parent governor positions. Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education. What they do need is an interest in the school and in the welfare of our children and the time and willingness to get involved. The skills you have can be very useful to the governing body. At the moment the governing body is lacking governors who have knowledge and experience with respect to the management of buildings, finance and who hold leadership positions in other organisations.

Governors also need what is known as 'soft skills' – the ability to be able to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question, and to make connections between different types of information. All governors are expected to be able to read straightforward budget reports and data on school standards.

Further information can be found [here](#) and an Eligibility Declaration Form [here](#).

November

Mon 14th Anti-Bullying Week commences
Fri 18th Children In Need Fundraiser
Thurs 24th FRS event: Wreath Making

December

Fri 2nd FRS event Xmas Fair
Thur 15th Children's Christmas Lunch and Parties (tbc.)
Fri 16th **School closes for Christmas.**

January 2023

Tues 3rd **School closed for INSET day**
Wed 4th **School reopens for the children.**
Thur 26th Whole School Theatre Trip

February

Tues 14th Safer Internet Day
Fri 17th **School closes for half-term**
Mon 27th **School reopens for children**

March

Thur 2nd World Book Day
Fri 17th Red Nose Day Charity Fundraiser
Fri 31st **School closes for EASTER**

April

Mon 17th **School reopens for the children**

May

Mon 1st **May Bank Holiday, school closed for 1 day**
Mon 8th Key stage 2 SATs week commences for year 6 pupils
Thur 25th **School closes for children**
Fri 26th **School closed for INSET day**

June

Mon 5th **School reopens for children**
Wed 28th Tytherington High School Year 6 Information Evening 5.30–8.30 p.m.

July

Mon 10th Tytherington High School Year 6 Taster Day
Fri 21st **School closes for summer break**

A HANDY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SUMMARY IS [HERE](#)

THERE ARE STILL VARIOUS KEY DATES YET TO BE CONFIRMED SUCH AS XMAS PLAYS etc.



Diary Dates