



A very warm welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break. The final half term is notoriously busy, exciting and tiring for both children and adults. There are many things to look forward to, such as an Upper Key Stage 2 performance of *The Wizard of Oz*, a Year 2 residential trip to the Catalyst Museum, RainowFest and the children's End-Of-Year reports.

On our first day back, we focused on 'Giving' as part of our commitment to launch each half term with a Well-Being Day linked to the [NHS's 5 Steps to Well-Being](#). The children took part in various lessons to consider the ways in which *giving* can make us feel healthier and happier. Year 6 came up with a massive list, which they shared with us in assembly. Sending someone a message of thanks, or a compliment is a simple yet effective way to *give*. Below are a couple of messages that hopefully will warm your heart as much as they did mine. The key message here is that giving someone something as simple as time can feel amazing for both the recipient and the donor. Why not try giving some extra time, a smile or a compliment to somebody this weekend? Done at the right time and in the right way, it is guaranteed to make someone's day. Please note that inately smiling at strangers for extended periods is not recommended !

Enjoy what looks to be yet another sun-filled weekend!



Dear Mr. Norris,

Thank you for all of the wonderful opportunities you have given me at this school and all of the years you've had to put up with me! Thank you for the jokes and the high fives and when you gave me a sneaky chocolate out of your secret stash!

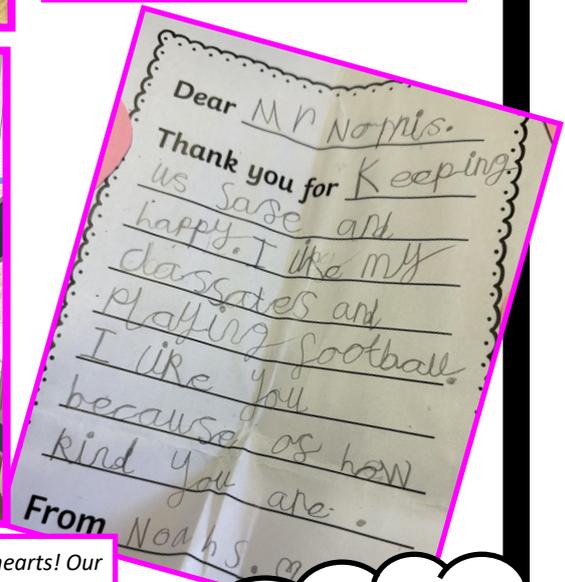
Finally, thank you for being kind to me from the day I walked in to this school.

Thanks again,

Mia



Messages and Pictures sure to warm your hearts! Our children always give their best.



School Attendance

School attendance since the start of Sep 22:

97.2% which is **GREAT**. Our target is 97%!

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.



Awards and Celebrations

Rainow Round-Up

25th May—16th June 2023



Rowan the Raven



Bramble the Badger



Fern the Fox



Speedwell the Squirrel



Oakley the Owl



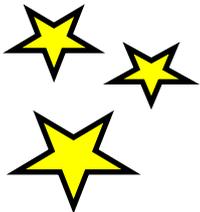
The Busy Bees

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Rainow School Learning and Life Values

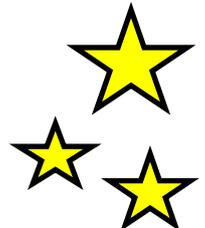
Our Rainow Values underpin all that we do at school. They are desirable traits that we constantly encourage the children to try and display. In addition to the usual reading and courtesy awards, **THIS TERM, WE ARE ALSO FOCUSING ON WRITING PROGRESS WITH OUR NEW WRITING AWARD.**

	Badge	Badge	Reading or Writing Award	Courtesy Award
Rec	Penny (Raven)	Sam (Squirrel)	Arlo (Reading)	Jack
Year 1	Rhea (Raven)	Rowan (Owl)	Wilson (Reading)	Lily
Year 2	Florence (Owl)	William (Owl)	Hugo (Reading)	Seb
Year 3	Elodie (Owl)	Alexis (Raven)	Cara (Writing)	Isla B
Year 4	George (Fox)	Alice (Badger)	Fraser (Reading)	Max
Year 5	Juliet (Badger)	Sophia (Raven)	Ruby (Writing)	Louis
Year 6	Freddie (Bees)	Digby (Fox)	Amaya (Writing)	Harrison



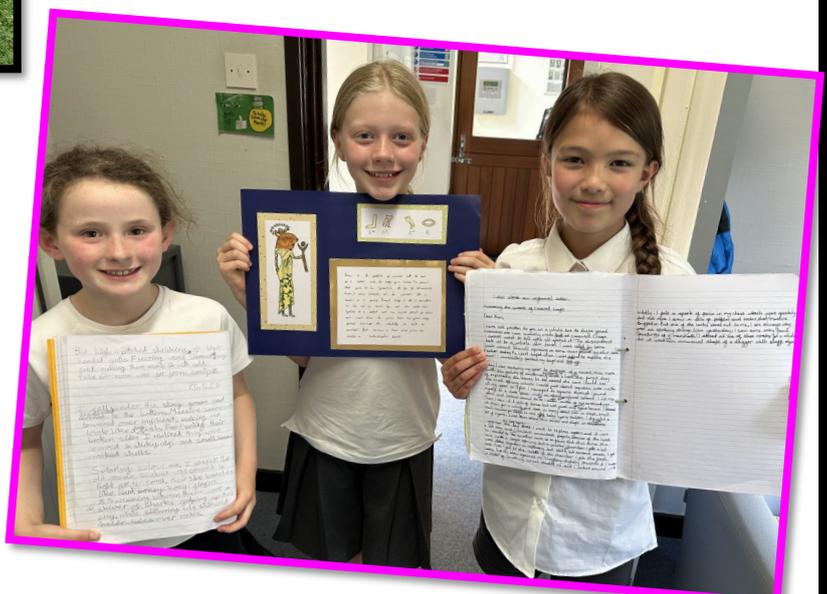
Y6 SPECIAL AWARD

Digby: for being incredibly determined, hardworking and extremely sporty. An amazing athlete and student.



WRITING AWARDS

Writing is one of the most challenging skills the children learn at school with so many different components to think about and apply. We showcase children's work each week in our assembly to encourage accurate and creative work.



Music at Rainow

Music is taught to every year group in primary schools. Read about the music topics in your child's year group [here](#). In addition to our music curriculum, we also have our [Pupil Promise](#) which outlines the extra musical opportunities your child will receive during their time at Rainow. These range from performing in a Christmas and Summer show, to playing alongside over 1000 other children at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester with The Halle orchestra (see below). We also have a variety of peripatetic teachers (guitar, piano, woodwind) who the children can develop their musical talents with.



Left: Jeremy Parr, our guitar teacher, making the most of the weather with Harry in Y5. Above and Right: The Year 5 Children have all learnt to play a woodwind instrument this year and 'Play with the Halle' is their summer treat!

RE at Rainow

Parents often ask us about how we teach Religion. All maintained schools (Local Authority schools) have a statutory duty to teach Religious Education as part of the National Curriculum. In a nutshell, we teach about a variety of religions and beliefs in an age-appropriate way. We teach children to try and understand that everyone is entitled to their own beliefs and that we must try to respect and accept them.

SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) act as the governing body for religious education within Cheshire East. They meet regularly to monitor the provision and quality of religious education and collective worship within the authority. It is the responsibility of the SACRE to determine the religious education taught in authority schools and to publish an agreed syllabus. Their syllabus is [here](#).

It is our job to adapt and refine their planning and make it unique to our school. This week, the Year 1s took a trip to Rainow Church as part of their study of Christianity. They were attempting to answer the question: "What Do Different Christians mean by the word church?" A huge thank you to Rev. Gowler for taking the time out to share his knowledge and to answer the children's numerous questions! See our RE plans by selecting your child's year group planning [here](#).



Safeguarding...Latest Update...Keep Children Safe this Summer

Keeping children safe and well is our main priority. **New** for this week is a really useful poster outlining how you can [Keep Your Children Safe During the Summer Holidays](#). It's an important time when children may have more unsupervised access to the internet.

Please see our [Safeguarding Web Page](#) for detailed information about our all of our school policies and procedures, including links to e-Safety.

Musical Instrument Donations

Have you got a keyboard gathering dust or a recorder 'lost' in a cupboard? Then please consider donating them to school! Please message your class rep if you can help.



Freeze-Pop and Fashion Friday - 16th June...TODAY

FRS are delighted to support the amazing efforts of the school's Planet Protectors, by sorting out good quality clothes from donations for re-sale. The Protectors will be hosting a pre-loved market at the first Freeze-Pop Friday of 2023, with proceeds going towards a charity of their choosing. Put it in the diary!

*****Don't forget your RainowFest After Party Tickets!!!*****

You can still buy tickets right up to the day before the event, just go to www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofrainowschool. Prices are now £26 for a family ticket and £7 for a single ticket.

We still need volunteers to help us run this event - if you can spare any time to help set up or run a stall, please message your rep.

Please contact us if your financial circumstances mean that you will struggle to attend. Just email friendsofrainow@gmail.com or head@rainowpri.cheshire.sch.uk in the strictest confidence.

Summer Snacks

Summer snacks are working well so far and help teach the children an important life skill alongside giving you the flexibility to pick and choose which days to have a school snack. There will always be someone to help the younger ones when they get to the till.

The choices available for sale are as follows:

Monday & Tuesday - Toast, Crumpet or a Bagel: 30p per item.

Wednesday - Toast, Crumpet or a cheesy Oatcake: 30p per item.

Thursday - Toast, Crumpet or a Strawberry Ice Smoothie (Diary free): 30p per item.

Friday - Toast, Bagel 30p, or a Bacon Bap for £1.10.

June

Fri 16th	Freeze Pop / Fashion Friday	Wed 5th	Y1 Trip to Lower Moss Wood
Tue 20th	Choir and Orchestra attend The Cheshire Show	Fri 7th	End of Year Reports sent to families
	Mini-First Aid training (for adults)	Mon 10th	Tytherington High School Year 6 Taster Day
Wed 21st	Y2 Residential Trip to Catalyst Museum departs	Wed 12th	Y6 Summer Show: Wizard of Oz
Thur 22nd	Y2 Residential Trip to Catalyst Museum returns	Thur 13th	Y6 Summer Show: Wizard of Oz
Tue 27th	New Recaption Intake information evening.	Fri 14th	Macclesfield Swimming Gala
Wed 28th	Tytherington High School Year 6 Info. Evening 5.30—8.30 p.m.	Mon 17th	Y5 Visit Silk Museum
Thur 29th	Y6 enjoy RainowFest	Fri 21st	<u>School closes for summer break</u>
Fri 30th	FRS Event: RainowFest, The Afterparty		

**A HANDY TERM DATES SUMMARY FOR 22-23 IS [HERE](#)
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July

Mon 3rd	Y6 pupils set for All Hallows depart for transition residential
	Y6 pupils set for Fallibroome—Taster Day

Diary Dates

