



Annual report 2024

Chesterton Rainbows are now 18 years old, looking back over 150 girls have been through the unit. I am not sure where that time has gone but the unit is still as popular and as usual, we have had another busy year.

The girls' complete badges on a regular basis and a lot of the Rainbows leave with their Gold Section Award.

Last year we celebrated the King's Coronation by doing crafts and finding out what happens at a Coronation. We learnt about Blue Plaques and where they can be found. We also learnt about the different traditions that we have.

In June we joined around 120 Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides in the Division at Cineworld to watch the Little Mermaid. It was a great film and enjoyed by all.

Our numbers have gradually grown from 18 to now 24 girls, we are lucky to have 2 leaders, 1 Young Leader who was previously a Rainbow at the unit and 4 unit helpers, one of those is Emma who is starting the Leadership Development Programme and Tracey who as well as a Unit Helper is also the Unit Administrator and I am not sure what we would do without her.

In September we completed the Take Action Theme award, planting seeds to give as 'Cups of Kindness'. We did lots of Christmas crafts and our Christmas party was a Pizza Party and games.

After Christmas we completed the Take Action Challenge. One of the meetings we went to Tesco's, each Rainbow bought a £1 and the challenge was in groups to buy as much as you can with the money you have. The items we bought were donated to the food bank. As it was a leap year we completed the LeapFrog Challenge all about Frogs and we took part in the OXTrail Challenge created by Oxfordshire Girlguiding raising money for Sobell House where we have 4 mini Ox we have decorated and will be displayed around Oxford in the Summer. We finished the term with Easter crafts and the gift of an Easter Egg.

We have lots more exciting activities planned - keep an eye on the planter on the green by the Red Cow, a challenge for Earth Day.

Helen Hayes Unit Leader

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