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School Events

From Swamp to Stage: Students Shine in Shrek the Musical

The school production of Shrek the Musical was a huge success, showcasing just how brilliant, talented, and hilarious our students are. From the moment the curtain rose, the cast brought the swamp to life with confident performances, fantastic comic timing, and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments that delighted the audience.

Every student shone on stage, whether through expressive acting, strong vocals, or energetic dance numbers. The humour, heart, and teamwork on display made it clear how much dedication and creativity went into the production. Shrek the Musical was not only entertaining but a wonderful reminder of the incredible talent within our school community.

Shrek was brought to life by our wonderful Sasha Giblin - who brought such heart and dedication to the role. Donkey was played by

the brilliant George Haggarty - who's fabulous comic timing kept the audience in stitches. Princess Fiona was brought to life by the wonderful Esme and Natasha. We cannot forget the immense presence brought to a small man by the super talented Charlotte Grange who's hilarious portrayal of Lord Farquaad kept the audience laughing throughout.

A massive thanks also goes to the talented tech crew working behind the scenes on sound and lighting. Their skill and hard work helped create the perfect atmosphere for each scene, the tech team's professionalism and attention to detail played a vital role in bringing Shrek the Musical to life on stage.

The Performing Arts Department have once again demonstrated

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Inset Day

Friday 27th March - Staff inset. We close for Easter Holidays. Students last day Thursday 26th March

National Careers Week

Monday 2nd March - A week full of careers encounters and support for all year groups.

Parents' Evenings

Thursday 19th March. Year 10 online.

Year 11

Everyone Succeeds parents event. Thursday 5th March 6-8PM.

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their skills and talent to put a show together. Director Mrs Abbott's vision was supported by the wonderful choreography by Miss Medlock who both have worked tirelessly for weeks to bring the show together. We also cannot forget the brilliant live music provided by the talented Ms. Bocker, Mrs McFadden, Mr Ashcroft,

Mr Makay and Sean Roberts who helped bring the musical numbers to life. Our biggest thanks goes to Ms. Smith who not only creates the stages, costumes and props, but supports all the technical elements of the show - we could not put on such wonderful productions without her hard work and dedication.

Geography Comes Alive in Iceland



Our geography students have experienced the trip of a lifetime on an unforgettable adventure in Iceland. From Day 1, the experiences were nothing short of extraordinary, bringing classroom learning vividly to life in one of the world's most dynamic landscapes.

Students started the day at the Bridge Between Continents, where they stood astride the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates a powerful reminder of the Earth's constantly changing surface. They then witnessed a lava flow from the most recent 2023 eruption in Grindavík, offering a rare and awe-inspiring insight into active volcanic processes. The day continued with a visit to a geothermal hot spring area, where bubbling pools and steaming vents showcased

Iceland's incredible geothermal energy.

As if that wasn't enough, the group rounded off an incredible first day with a visit to the beach, enjoying stunning sunsets and the chance to spot seals along the shoreline. It was the perfect end to an action-packed day and a memorable start to what promises to be an amazing trip.

A massive thank you to the team of teachers who arranged and supervised this trip - it's a trip that the students will never forget!



House Competitions



Rainford's 2026 Chess Competition was a fantastic showcase of strategic thinking and sporting spirit, with a record 36 contestants from all Year groups and houses creating a vibrant, highly competitive atmosphere. After several intense rounds, the final—played in front of a packed classroom, saw Callum (House Compassion) face Thomas (House Determination) in a gripping, closely fought match, with Callum ultimately emerging victorious through exceptional composure and skill. Congratulations to both finalists and to all players who took part in another outstanding chess competition, we're already looking forward to the next one!



We had so many brilliant Posters submitted for the Shrek the Musical Competition. The winning poster above - blew the judges away with its creativity and secured another win for Integrity.

We also ran a guess the teacher baby picture competition that was won by Endeavour .

Letter from Mr Young

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we reach the end of another vibrant and hardworking half term at Rainford High, I want to take a moment to reflect with pride on the many achievements across our school community. Our ethos –Everyone Matters, Everyone Helps, Everyone Succeeds, has been lived out in full over the past six weeks, not only through the accomplishments showcased in this newsletter, but through the daily actions, efforts and kindness of our students and staff.

This half term has been filled with exceptional opportunities and unforgettable experiences. Our stunning production of Shrek the Musical highlighted the depth of talent within our Performing Arts community. From the outstanding performances of our cast, to the creativity of our tech crew, musicians and staff, the production reminded us of the joy that comes from teamwork, perseverance and believing in one another.

Students have also excelled beyond the stage. From the awe-inspiring Geography trip to Iceland, to the strategic brilliance on display in our Chess Competition, to the impressive resilience shown in the UK Maths Challenge, our young people have demonstrated curiosity, commitment and a genuine desire to grow. Sporting success has flourished too, with remarkable performances across football, rugby and athletics. These achievements reflect not only skill, but the dedication and support that students offer one another every day.

At Rainford High, we believe deeply that Everyone Matters. As Mahatma Gandhi once said, “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.” This spirit of care, respect and community is woven throughout our school. Whether on trips, in classrooms, on stage or on the pitch, our students continue to show that when we look after each other, we all thrive.

Equally important is the belief that Everyone Succeeds. The words of Malala Yousafzai capture this perfectly: “We were scared, but our fear was not as strong as our courage.” Success doesn’t come from perfection, it comes from courage, from trying, from learning, and from supporting one another to be the best we can be. This half term, our students have shown remarkable courage in embracing challenge and celebrating one another’s successes.

As we break for half term, I want to thank our parents, carers and families for your ongoing support. Your partnership is vital, and deeply appreciated. I would recommend that our Year 11 and Year 13 as well as having a well deserved break continue to lay foundations for their up coming public exams in the not too distant future.

I wish you all a happy, restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

Yours Sincerely

Ian Young
Principal

This term in Pictures



English Trip to Edge Hill- Sixth form students accessed the state of the art library and facilities at the university to support them in their English coursework.



North West Apprenticeship Show - Sixth form students got the chance to engage with a range of employers at the event. Thinking about their next steps after college.



Police Assemblies- Students had the opportunity to learn about policing issues that affect them and their local communities.



Employability Day- It was a brilliant opportunity for Sixth formers to talk to professionals about their jobs and how they got into their careers.



Bebras Success- So many of our students succeeded in the Bebras logic and coding challenges that we celebrated with a fun lunchtime get together!



History Trip to the Theatre - Year 11 got to experience Shakespeare in an Elizabethan Theatre understanding historic environments as part of their course.

UK Maths Challenge



On Wednesday 28th January, over 100 Rainford students from Years 9 and 10 took part in the UK Mathematics Trust's Intermediate Mathematical Challenge, joining thousands of students across the country in tackling this nationally recognised competition. The challenge paper is designed to stretch students' problem-solving skills and mathematical thinking, and our students rose to the

occasion with impressive resilience, creativity and determination. They approached the questions thoughtfully and with great enthusiasm, and we could not be more proud of the effort they showed throughout the competition. For those curious about the style of questions students faced, here is an example problem from a recent Intermediate Mathematical Challenge:

Two white roses and a yellow rose cost £5.
Two white roses and three red roses cost £10.50.
Three yellow roses and two red roses cost £11.

What is the total cost of one red rose, one white rose and one yellow rose?

- A) £5
- B) £5.50
- C) £6
- D) £6.50
- E) £7

Answer can be found at the bottom of page 5.

Well done to all students who took part – we look forward to celebrating their results and continuing to encourage a love of mathematical challenge across the school.

Sports



Football - Year 9/10 girls football played West Kirkby Grammar on a cold Friday afternoon on the Wirral. It was a dominant performance from our girls with an impressive 9-1 win. A hat trick from Georgie, a brace each from Bella and Darcey and goals from Eva and Ruby. On to the next one for the 'ford!!



Football - Year 7 boys football progress to the St. Helens Cup final after a nervy 4-3 win over Hope Academy. Two goals from Sam and one each from Will and Flynn secured the win for the boys!!



Athletics - Year 7 and 8 took part in an indoor athletics competition. Year 7 and 8 girls both took 1st, year 7 boys came in 2nd and Year 8 boys 3rd. The girls and Year 7 boys are now through to the Merseyside indoor athletics competition after half term. Well done everyone!!



Rugby - Year 8 rugby boys tried their hand at rugby union. After just one training session, the jury was out on how they would do, but they gave it a go against the North West Grammar schools. Victory in the group stages against Kirkham, Stoneyhurst, Lytham St. Anne's, and St. Mary's set up a final against Lancaster. The boys dug deep and added another trophy to their ever growing cabinet! Lancashire Cup RU winners!!



Football - Year 7 boys won 2-0 against Range High in round one of the Merseyside Cup. Goals from Sam and Luke! Well done team!



Rugby - Year 7 boys Rugby Union played Preston Grasshoppers in the Lancashire (category C) festival. With six wins out of six it was a brilliant performance from the whole team.



Football - Year 11 football boys won 5-3 on penalties after a 3-3 draw with St. Hildas in the Merseyside Cup. Goals from Zac, Charlie and Levi with Zac slotting home the winning penalty leading to scenes!! well done lads.



Football - Year 8 boys made Rainford history to reach the last 6 of the ESFA National football cup. They beat Ponyton High 5-3 after extra time with goals from Oscar, Joey, Tom and two from Georgie. They now meet the current champions Ribbleside High in the next round. Good luck boys!!

Football - Year 9/10 girls football beat Whitby 6-1 in the English Schools National round 1. With goals scored by Eva, Darcey, Bella, Ruby and Cara! But it was too cold to stop for a picture! Best of luck for round 2 girls.