

Newsletter



We hope that
you all enjoy
your Spring
break.

Thank you for
the support
that you give
to the children
in your
Rainbows
groups.

Rainbows GB is on the
Web for news and
updates and you can
download any forms
etc that you may need

<http://www.rainbowsgb.org>

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Crowdfunding Update

Thanks to the amazing support of 219 new and old Rainbow supporters we're proud to announce that the final crowdfunding total as at 5th January 2022 is £12,776.25. This includes gift aid of £1505.25 and £2118 donated by Aviva employees.

This means the crowdfunding initiative is now closed but the work just begins! We can now definitely support 21 new schools across Great Britain, offering free training and resources to identified schools.

Regional Development workers in the North West, Humber and The Tees and Plymouth are currently identifying appropriate schools in their areas. We are starting in these areas because of the high number COVID deaths that have sadly happened and Plymouth had to deal with COVID and a tragic shooting incident in 2021. The next areas of focus will be in the East Midlands, London and the Southwest

Although our crowdfunding initiative is closed we aim to keep working towards helping 25 schools in total and possibly up to 30 schools to celebrate 30 years of Rainbows in Great Britain this year. If you are interested in helping us please do get in touch or to make a donation go to our "**Support Our Work**" page on our RainbowsGB Website. You can read this article in full, and other articles relating to our crowdfunding initiative at rainbowsgb.org under the News heading.

Our Rainbows programmes are regularly updated and added to, and include:

When Somebody Dies which provides schools with policy documents and procedures to follow in such a sad and difficult event

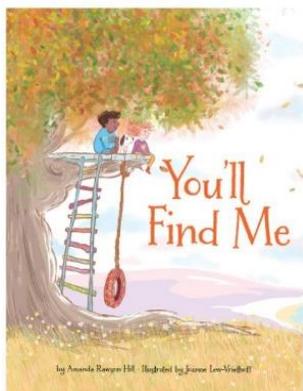
Sunbeams which is aimed at pupils in the Foundation Stage

Rainbows 1, 2, 3 are used to support groups of children in KS1 and KS2

Spectrum provides support materials for KS 3 and 4 pupils

Sunrise has recently been revised and piloted successfully in several Special Schools.

Silver Linings is for use in a community where a sudden death has occurred.



Book Review

You'll Find me

A book on bereavement by Amanda Rawson Hill

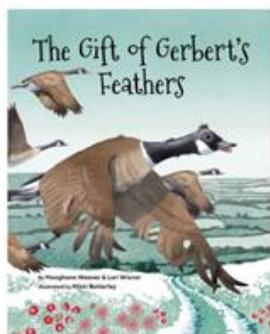
Absence becomes remembrance in this soothing book that offers tender ways to pay tribute throughout daily life to a loved one who is not around. Be it friends, family, pets, or others, memories can carry us beyond the precious moments we have together

to keep the ones we love in mind always.



For more in-depth reviews on these books, please visit the RainbowsGB website. Maybe you know of a book that you could recommend? If so, please send us details and we'll include it in a future newsletter

Providing the Rainbows Programme to as many children and young people as possible requires the dedicated input of many volunteers and supporters. Rainbows Bereavement Support GB can only continue to support grieving children and young people with the help of people like you! The cost of providing the various Rainbows programmes is partly covered by the schools themselves. The remainder of the costs are met by Donations and Legacies. If you would like to help support Rainbows any donation/Legacy, large or small, would be greatly appreciated.



Book Review

The Gift of Gerbert's Feathers

Written by Meaghann Weaver and Lori Wiener

Gerbert the gosling is strong and brave and has fun times with his family and friends but knows that, one day soon, he won't be able to keep up with them anymore. As Gerbert prepares for his final migration, he finds a way to show his flock that he will always be with them.

A warm welcome to your new Regional Development Worker, Sue Wass

In Humber and The Tees, Sue Wass has been appointed as the new Development worker for the area. Her role is to support schools in their work with children and young people through the use of the full Rainbows packages.

She will be contacting you very shortly to arrange an introductory meeting and to look at your current or future needs.

Some schools have already contacted us because changes in staffing have left the school with few, if any, trained Rainbows staff.

If this is the situation that you find yourselves in, please do get in touch and we will work with you to re-train as many staff as you would wish to become Rainbows facilitators.

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