

The Wychwood Big Society Rainbows Turn 25



This year marks the 25th Anniversary of Rainbows, the youngest of the family of Girl Guides. Rainbows are aged between five and seven years old. Significantly, it is also the fifth anniversary of Rainbows in the Wychwoods.

Look, Learn, Love and Laugh



We have a thriving group of Rainbows meeting every week in Milton Village Hall on a **Wednesday** between **4pm** and **5pm**. 1st Wychwood Rainbows was set up in 2007 by Ella Cox, her sister Leann Marsden and good friend Becky Dore. By 2010 there was such a big waiting - list to join, that 2nd Wychwood Rainbows was created to accommodate the extra young girls. The current leaders are Ella Cox, Alison Faulkner, Paula Grimmett and Debbie Whitehouse. Kirsty Plant is our young leader who has a great rapport with the Rainbows.

Rainbows programme has four key elements; look, learn, love and laugh, but the key is having fun. The Rainbows have had trips to the library, been on nature trails around the village and then made a big picture using the materials that we found, made and sold flapjacks to raise awareness of asthma, tasted food from around the world as well as lots of singing, dancing, glueing and colouring!

That Special Purple Tabard



Like their older sisters in Brownies and Guides, Rainbows work towards badges and our girls are very proud of their purple tabards full of badges demonstrating that they have worked together to learn about the world, tried new things and been kind and helpful. To mark our 25th Anniversary the Rainbows went to a Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Christ Church Meadows in Oxford with magic shows, games, picnics and yummy cakes. To mark the 5th anniversary of Wychwood Rainbows we are planning a series of challenges, starting with 'tying my shoes,' tie-dyeing tee-shirts with our own designs and launching our own website. If you would like to get involved in Rainbows, we are always looking for new people and new ideas. Please contact me on: 01993 831239.

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