

# Newsletter Rathmore



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P6 Share Centre

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11/04

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12/04

School Finishes 12:15



## Hockey

Our hockey teams both played magnificently at the Ards and North Down Area Championship held in Regent House last month. Well done!

## P2 Spring Celebration

Our P2s are practising for their Spring Celebration for P2 parents and friends on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am. Tickets are on sale with all funds raised being spent on P2 Play Equipment.

## Staff News

This month we say goodbye and thank you to Kerry Flannigan (P7) and Katy McCarey (P4) who leave us to start new jobs. We welcome Kelly McAdams to P7 and Sophie Moore to P4 until the end of the year. We also welcome back Ruth Wood (P6) from her maternity leave. We wish all ladies well as they change roles over the next few days.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to our P7s who put on three breath taking shows of Aladdin. There were many comments on the night and on social media about the standard of performance from our P7s. This reflects the amount of work and energy they put into rehearsals. Some budding stars for the future for sure! The photos themselves speak of the sheer amount of work that went into costumes and makeup. For those of you who want to relive the magic, the DVDs are nearly ready. Please note that all funds raised are reinvested into lights, mics and performance licensing. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Be content with what you have'



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

## P6 & P7 Residential

Our P6 pupils are heading off tomorrow to the Share Centre in Fermanagh for four days. From 30<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May, our P7s will be travelling to Edinburgh for four days. We remain committed to providing opportunities for our P6 & P7 pupils to spend time away from home on these extended residential trips. Our sincerest thanks to parents and staff who support these trips.

## May Closures

There are a few dates we would like to bring to your attention, to help you plan childcare. Rathmore will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May due to Local Government Elections. School will close for Bank Holiday May Day on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Children have a further three-day break at the end of May (27-29), due to another Bank Holiday and two staff development days (Exceptional Closures).

## Reminders

Sick/absent children are recorded by the class teacher. We require a written note on the first day of return. Only parents of children with additional adult assistance for Special Needs need to phone the office to inform us. Staff contact requests should be made in writing or phoned through to the office. All teachers are classroom based full-time and therefore unable to respond to requests immediately. We aim to respond to your requests within two days when a meeting or time to phone will be arranged. Contact details Please contact the office if your phone/address has changed.

## Diary Dates:

2-5/04	P6 Share Centre Residential
11&12/04	P2 Spring Celebration – 9:30am
12/04	School finishes @ 12:15pm
29/04	School recommences
30/04 –3/05	P7 Edinburgh Residential
2/05	Polling Day – School Closed
27/05	Bank Holiday
28&29/05	Exceptional Closures

## PTA News:

### School Fund

Thanks to all those who have kindly already donated to school fund. These donations are crucial for the future of our school in a really tough financial time for NI education, so please if you haven't managed to donate yet then please consider it this month.

### Book Fair

Thanks to all those who showed their support with our Book Fair this year. We sold an amazing £2143.30 worth of books which the Travelling Book People will give the school 60% of the commission to spend on books for our children! They are much needed and provide an excellent tool for teaching and learning.

### Brown Money Week

Brown money week will take place the week starting 29<sup>th</sup> April so we would appreciate if you would start to collect all those loose coins over the next month and see if we can beat last year's donations. There will be some prizes for those classes donating the most!

### Cash for Cobbler – 11<sup>th</sup> April

We will once again be asking you to donate bags of unwanted clothes so we can convert these into much needed cash for the school. With Marie Kondos tidying up series sweeping the nation we hope to see more donations than ever!!!! Drop off before 9am.

### Smarties Challenge

You have all received a letter about this fab fundraiser so please return your forms to school and get your Smarties tube! Closing date for filled tubes to be returned will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. Please send in any tubes even if they aren't completely full!! Good luck!



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