

Newsletter Rathmore



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YMCA School Launch

20-24/05

'Fit for Life' Week

School Closed

27-29/05

Summer Term

Welcome to the summer term and the last 9 weeks of this academic year. As always, there will be a number of events in the summer term including our Sports' Day, Sponsored Run, Musical Evening, Enrolment and Leaving Events. More information will be given to relevant year groups closer to the time.

Please take note of our May Closures for Bank Holidays, Polling (2 & 23/05) and Staff Training.

Our best wishes to Rachel McDougall (P4) who leaves next Friday to commence her maternity leave. We will welcome back Miss Sophie Moore who will teach the class until the end of term.

YMCA After School Launch

We are delighted to invite all interested parents to Rathmore on 20.5.19 for our launch evening at 6:30pm when we will outline the partnership between Rathmore, YMCA and West Church as well as informing you of provision and registration details.

We will then walk to West Church where you will be invited to meet the staff, sample the play opportunities and facilities on offer through the YMCA:West Church link. We have designed the After School alongside our school calendar so there will be provision for every early closure and holiday throughout the year.

Rathmore parents will be able to book for the whole calendar year in advance and avail of this provision from July 2019. This is a significant addition to our provision and so we look forward to welcoming parents on 20.5.19 at 6:30pm.

Top Singers

Congratulations to the Rathmore Choir who took part in the Bangor International Choral Festival before Easter.

They came first in the 'Musical Highlights' section with their Aladdin medley. As the adjudicator said "Just magical!"

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Work hard – don't give up when things are tough'



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

P6 & P7 Residentials

Our P6 pupils enjoyed their residential trip last month. They spent four days at the Share Discovery Village in Lisnaskea, where they explored the outdoors and a number of activities. These included bouldering, abseiling, rock climbing, kayaking and banana boating. This week, our P7 pupils are in Scotland. The pupils will have the opportunity to visit many of Edinburgh's attractions. We are hoping for great weather and know time will be spent making many happy memories for the pupils.

Like the exemplary behaviour of our P6 pupils in Lisnaskea, we have no doubt that there will be plenty of people remarking on the excellent manners of our pupils.

We are as always, grateful to the large numbers of willing staff who give up family time to ensure this valuable opportunity is available for our P6 & P7 pupils.

September Enrolment

Next week, we post our Nursery and P1 Enrolment letters to families in our local area, offering them the opportunity to join the Rathmore family in September. Year after year, our excellent reputation and popularity in the Bangor area means we are inundated with requests. Thank you for your continued support.

Post Primary Placement Letters

On 1st June our P7 pupils will be receiving their letters indicating their post-primary school Placements. It is our hope that all our children will receive the school of their choice. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and contributed to life here at Rathmore.

Diary Dates:

2/05 & 23/05	Polling Days
6/05	May Day Bank Holiday
20/05	YMCA Afterschool @6:30pm
20/05 - 24/05	Fit for Life Week
22/05	P1-P2 Sports' Day @ 9:30am
	P3-P4 Sports' Day @ 11.00am
	P5- P7 Sports' Day @ 1.15pm
27/05	May Bank Holiday
28/05 - 29/05	Exceptional Closure Days
3/06	Nursery & P1 Induction @ 7pm

PTA News

Rathmore PTA May Events

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.

Smarties

Thank you to all those who purchased a Smarties tube to be part of the challenge. The PTA hope you all had a lovely Easter break and had plenty of time to fill those empty tubes up, filled tubes can still be handed into class or the office until Friday 10th May. Dig deep and find those 20ps as the school needs all they can get. Thanks to those who have already returned theirs. Great work!!!

Brown Money Week

Brown money week will take place 29th April – 3rd May this year so we would appreciate if you would start to collect all those loose brown coins and hand them into school. Let's see if we can beat last year's donations. There will be some prizes for those classes donating the most!

May Movie Night

Can we ask that you return your permission slip and money to school by 3rd May to receive your ticket for this year's summer movie night!!

Nursery and P1 will be having their showing of The Highway Rat in school on the 16th May @ 5pm-5.45pm with the movie starting sharp at 5.15pm. For those parents wishing to stay refreshments will be available for a small fee.

P2 and P3 will be having their showing of Sherlock Gnomes in school on the 16th May @ 6.15pm-8pm with the movie starting at 6.30 pm sharp.

A snack and drink will be provided for each child.

Sports' Day

Sports' day is fast approaching on the 22nd May. The PTA will be on hand with a variety of refreshments and snacks for a small charge for all those competing and spectating, so call past our stall to replenish your energy!!!

Thanks for all your support moving forward in 2019!



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