



Newsletter Rathmore



January 2022

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to Rathmore. We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas. It is so good to see our pupils back, refreshed for another term. Congratulations to all of our children who shone during our Christmas events; P1 Nativities, Nursery Nativities and Sing Out Celebration - we are very proud of you all.

Thanks to your generosity in December, we donated 23 hampers to Storehouse and our Save the Children Jumper Day raised £456.

We remind parents to provide extra layers and warm coats for the children during this term. While heating is on and outside doors are closed during learning times, we still need window ventilation. Please ensure your child has extra layers to keep warm. We appreciate your understanding.

Diary Dates

P1 – P7 Parent Consultations
7 – 10 February
1.10pm Finish all week

AQE & GL Results
5 February

Half Term
14 – 18 February

Nursery and P1 Enrolment

We remind all parents of prospective Nursery and P1 children that EA Online Applications will open on Monday 10 January for 2022 Enrolment. Visit our website to view our enrolment videos, prospectus and criteria.

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Please contact our office if we can assist in any way.

Important Dates:

10.01.22

Application Procedure opens at 12 noon on EA Digital Online Resource Hub

28.01.22 - 04.02.22

Supporting documentation must be provided to first preference school in support of application (birth certificate and proof of address).

29.01.21

Online Application facility closes at 12 noon.

EA Hub: www.eani.org.uk

EA Help Desk: 02895 985 595



Raffy's Thought for the Month:
'Think before you act'

Once words are out, they can't be put back.

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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

January - Well-Bring Month

This month we will be focusing on our Well-Being. We will be continuing our work with Family Works, Reach Programme and Mental Health NI.

We have launched Neuronimo in each class this week and encourage you to support this at home through the parent log-in details which will be sent via Seesaw from your class teacher shortly.

We have also organised 'Well-Being Wednesdays' with class sessions from Sports Cool, Electric Ireland Shooting Stars and Supreme Sports for January. The children will have taster sessions with football, yoga and mindfulness to add an extra burst of fun into January!

Post-Primary Open Days & Evenings

Over the next number of weeks, the Post-Primary schools will be hosting their open days and open evenings for prospective students online or by appointment. Information regarding these dates can be found on the relevant school's website.

We encourage both P6 & P7 parents to use this opportunity to think about the next stage for your child.

Parent Consultations

P1-P7 Parent Consultations will take place from 7 - 10 February. As is usual practice, school will end at 1.10pm for all children during this week to facilitate these conversations. Details will follow.

Safer Schools NI

Rathmore is a member of Safer Schools NI which is an online support for navigating the digital world which we live in.

We use it as a teaching tool alongside our existing curriculum.

The organisation has introduced a parent hub to support parents also. We encourage you to click the links to have a look at the site. Even if it may not be relevant to you now, it will be in the future.

Staffing

This term we have 4 new members of staff joining our Special Needs Assistant Team after last terms formal recruitment. We say welcome to:



Amanda Rainey



Catherine Nelson



Lynne Oettinger



Sarah Snoddy

PTA News

Thank you for supporting our Festive Film & Fun event. The money raised will go towards outdoor play funds.

Cash for Clobber: Thursday 27 January, collection from 8.45 – 9.15 am at school reception area. If you are having a post-Christmas clear out, please keep all unwanted clothes, shoes, curtains and bedding.

School Fund: Our second instalment to school fund is £10 and will be requested in February.

Book Fair: We plan to hold a book fair over World Book Day in March.

Smartie Tube Collection: We also plan our annual Tube collection with 20ps over the Easter holidays.