



February 2023

Diary Dates

Number Day ~ 3 February

AQE & GL Results ~ 4 February

Safer Internet Day ~ 7 February

Happy Friday ~ 10 February
(Wear a colour or something that makes you
feel happy for Mental Health Week)

Half Term ~ 13 – 17 February

Peace Proms ~ 26 February

P1 – P6 Parent Consultations
27 February – 3 March
(1.10pm Finish all week)

World Book Day ~ 2 March

P1 – P6 Parent Teacher Consultations

We are looking forward to our Parent Teacher Consultations this month and the opportunity to meet together face to face once again.

Arrangements were sent home via school bags last Wednesday. Please return the reply slip to your child's teacher by Friday 3 February 2023.

The teachers in the P1 to P6 classes will be hosting their Parent Teacher Consultations during the afternoons of Monday 27 February to Thursday 2 March 2023.

P1 – P6 classes will finish each day that week (Monday – Friday) at 1.10pm and there will be no after school activities. The Friday afternoon is being used for year group planning and strategic meetings.

P7 Parents – please note your children will remain in school until 3pm Monday to Thursday and will finish at 1.10pm on Friday with the rest of the school.

P7 Transfer Consultations

The EA Transfer portal opens today until 4pm on 23 February for parents to complete online applications for their secondary schools.

Please refer to the Seesaw Information Pack we sent home on Monday.

Consultations started today and we remind AQE/GL parents that their child's results will be posted on Saturday 4 February. We are here to help you with this process so please keep in touch with us throughout the month.

Additional May Closures

Our 'Holiday List' already includes Bank Holiday Mondays 1 & 29 May. We confirm that School will also close on Monday 8 May for the King's Coronation Holiday and Thursday 18 May for Local Election Polling station.

Rathmore PS will be closed 1, 8, 18 & 29 May 2023.

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

Honesty is the best policy.

So always tell the truth.



School Attendance

At this mid-point of our year, we remind parents that excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child to achieve their potential. If any issue arises regarding the health or well-being of your child our first step is to discuss how we can best support you. Department of Education monitor each school's attendance and promote the Miss School/Miss Out messages.

Safety Reminders

We remind you to park with courtesy and care when dropping off or collecting your child from school.



Rathmore PS is situated in a busy, residential area so respectful and safe parking is of utmost importance.

We are fortunate to have two staff members assisting with crossing the road. Please reinforce the importance of waiting on the pavement until Mrs Andrews or Mr Hodgen indicate that it is safe to cross.

When in our car park, please walk on the pavements to keep well away from drivers. Drivers should drive slowly and keep to the turning circle area.



We will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week from the 6 – 10 February 2023. The children will take part in different activities during the week to support their mental health.

The theme for this year is 'Let's Connect.' It focuses on encouraging children to make meaningful connections to help them develop supportive healthy relationships.

*On Friday 10 February we would like the children to come to school in an outfit or colour that makes them feel **HAPPY!***

Please keep an eye on Seesaw and Facebook to see what we have been up to during the week.

Safer Internet Day

Internet Safety Day is on 7 February this year and the theme is 'Want To Talk About It?' which is intended to make space for conversations about life online.

This is a really important area to discuss with all age groups and the class teachers will lead lessons and activities on this day.



9th March 2023

Family Works NI Parent Workshop
Promoting Positive Behaviour
Bangor Central Integrated Primary School at 7.00pm

PTA News

School Fund 2nd Instalment £10

Thanks to all those who have kindly 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.

With Term 1's donations we have bought a set of iPads for class use and a lockable chargeable locker - in use from today!

Cash for Clobber

Thank you for your clothes collections for Cash for Clobber last month – we will let you know the total raised next month.