# Rathmore

April 2023

1 – 28 April PTA Smartie Challenge

27 April Nursery & P1 Enrolment Letters

> 27 April Daily Mile 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday

#### <u>Staff News</u>

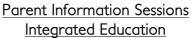
Congratulations to Kirstie Currie and Billie on the birth of their daughter Hallie. We were all delighted to meet Hallie at the Spring Celebration, especially the P2 children.

#### May Closures

We would like to bring to your attention our closure dates for May to help you plan your childcare. Rathmore PS & Nursery will close on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May for Bank Holidays as well as Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May as we are a Polling Station for Elections.

#### Diary Dates – May Closures 1 May – May Day 8 May – Coronation 18 May – Election

29 May – Bank Holiday



As outlined in my March letters, Governors have arranged information sessions for parents and staff in March & April to explore what becoming Integrated means.

Thank you for replying to help us prepare for the following dates. Even if you haven't replied <u>all</u> <u>are welcome</u> to meet EA & IEF team on;

21.04.23	2-3pm Info Session (Childcare & Tea/Coffee)

27.04.23 7-8.30pm Info Session (Childcare & Tea/Coffee) *Please note change of date* 

28.04.23 2-3pm Drop In Session Questions & Answers (Childcare & Tea/Coffee)

Please come and find out more before next month's postal ballot.

#### <u>Uniform</u>

In Term 3 children can wear their summer uniform. This is a family choice and many children continue to wear a combination of Winter and PE uniform. As the weather improves, we will be learning and playing outside.



#### Raffy's Thought for the Month:

#### 'Be content with what you have'

www.rathmoreps.com 'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

#### P2 Spring Celebration

Congratulation to our P2 stars who shone last month in their Spring Celebration. Your songs, dances and colour really brought the joy of Spring to life.



#### P7 Matilda

Our P7 year group wowed audiences before Easter in their musical Matilda. It was a true celebration of talent, teamwork and confidence. Our sincerest thanks to the whole staff team, family and friends who made a show on this scale possible. You are all Superstars!



#### Netball Team

More success with our Girls' Netball team who have been playing in their league during Term 2. We await news of their next stage.



#### Boys' Football Team

Congratulations to our Boys' Team who won the Gerry Armstrong Cup last month. The celebrations are continuing with a special invitation to see Bangor FC in action this month.



#### <u>Girls' Hockey Team</u>

Congratulations to our Girls' Team who played brilliantly at Ards & North Down regionals to represent our Council area at the NI Finals on 31.03.23. We are so proud of you!



#### Forest in Our School

Thank you to NIFSA and Energystore for providing Rathmore Primary School with our very own 'forest'. Our Eco Team has planted over 65 trees in our school grounds.



### PTA News

We are giving you some Smarties to eat, but the empty tube you must keep, 20p or £1 you need to find, ask friends and family they won't mind, fill your tube right to the top, return by 28<sup>th</sup> April for our fundraising pot!

This is a simple but effective way for Rathmore PTA to raise funds for the school, every tube filled will donate at least £12 to the school fund. As we develop our outdoor play structures and iPad purchase every tube will help enhanced our children's learning.



## THIS YEAR WE ARE OFFERING A MOVIE AND POPCORN PARTY TO THE YEAR THAT COLLECTS THE MOST AMOUNT OF MONEY!

To take part in this fun event and WIN a party for your year:

- 1. Receive and enjoy your sweets
- Fill the empty tube with 20p or £1 coins (why not earn them by doing small jobs around the house?)
- 3. Seal it back up and return to your class teacher by FRIDAY  $28^{\rm th}\,{\rm APRIL}$

