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## September 2023 Enrolment

Our Nursery and P1 Enrolment letters have been sent to families in our local area, offering them the opportunity to join the Rathmore family in September. Your deadline for returns is this Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Thank you for your continued support.

## Nursery Stage 2

As we have some fully funded places left in our Nursery Afternoon Session (12.20–2.50pm daily), we have now commenced Stage 2 of Nursery Enrolment. If you or your family/friends have a pre-pre school child who would like a fully funded place for 2023-2024 apply online by Friday 9 June 2023:

<https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/>

### School Closures in May

8 May - King's Coronation

18 May - Election Day

29 May - Bank Holiday

## Post Primary Placement Letters

On 20 May our P7 pupils will be receiving their letters indicating their post-primary school placements. It is our hope that all of our children will receive the school of their choice. We still have our Residential Trip and special events to enjoy during their last 2 months at Rathmore. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and contributed to life here at Rathmore.

## Fit for Life Week 15 – 19 May

Rathmore's 'Fit for Life' Week will be taking place from Monday 15 May to Friday 19 May 2023. The aim of this week is to promote a healthy lifestyle amongst pupils through diet, exercise and mindfulness.

Activities will include Mindfulness Monday and Workout Wednesday. All children will take part in a sponsored Fitness Freddy workout which will raise money for Cancer Fund for Children and Rathmore PTA funds. Details and sponsorship form will follow next week.

We are looking forward to a fun and active week and encourage all children who can, to walk, skip, cycle or scoot to school this week. This will be a great start to an active day.



Fit For Life

SPORTS, HEALTH, FITNESS & WELLBEING

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

Work hard.

Don't give up when things are tough.



[www.rathmoreps.co.uk](http://www.rathmoreps.co.uk)

'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

### Integrated Education Ballot

Thank you for your interest and openness during our Information Sessions last month led by the Integrated Council (NICIE) and Integrated Education Fund (IEF).

It is now time for you to have your say.

Your vote is a postal ballot and everyone with parental responsibility should receive it this week. We need at least 51% return for the ballot to be valid so we encourage you to look out for the Rathmore Castle envelope, place your X and pop in the post. Parents alone decide on the future of Rathmore so staff, children and Governors are relying on you to mark the vote sheet and post it back to London this month (Votes must be received in London by 05.06.23).

Our future direction is in your hands.

*Vote to shape our future!*

### Questions About Integrated Status

If you were not able to attend our face to face sessions, do not worry. We will send you a summary of the frequently asked questions with answers for your information. If you still have questions to ask, IEF's Andrew Norrie has created a digital space which you can book now to speak with him on Monday 15 May 9am – 10pm. To book a time that suits you, go online: -

<https://ief.simplybook.it/v2/#book>

### King's Coronation Celebrations

We remind you that school is closed on Monday 8 May to mark King Charles' Coronation this weekend. Our P7 children are hosting a Coffee Morning Celebration on 04.05.23 and the whole school will celebrate on 05.05.23 (details already sent home). We hope the weather is kind!

### Sports' Days

Enjoying your child participate in Sports' Day is always an important 'memory maker' for children and families. Your teacher has Seesawed the details to you and will re-arrange via Seesaw if the weather is poor.

### Group Photographs

On Wednesday 31 May Dougie from 'Cool 4 Schools' will be in school to take group photographs of our Nursery, P1 and P7 classes as well as our various teams and clubs at school.

### Family Works Workshop:

Rathmore hosting

Our final parent workshop led by CEO of Family Works, Edith Bell with our Shared Education partners, Bangor IPC & Ballyholme PS in on 31.05.23. It is titled 'Helping Your Child Deal with School Transitions'. Rathmore will host this evening on Tuesday 31 May at 7pm. All are welcome!

### Cash for Clobber

Thank you for donating bags of clothes for recycling. Our last collection raised £44. Every little helps.

## 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 tough financial time for NI education, so please if you haven't managed to donate yet, then consider this month.

### Smartie Challenge

Thank you for taking part in our Annual Smartie Challenge. Our Committee starts the 'Big Count' this week so please send in any remaining Smartie tubes. Every 20p counts so even if you have a few in a tube, it will help the class total and our funds.



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**Help support us for your children's future**