

Newsletter Rathmore



November 2023



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6-10 November: Poppy Appeal

9&10 November: P4 Remembers

13 November: Odd Sock Day

17 November: Children in Need
(Non-Uniform)

Storehouse North Down

We thank staff and parents for their generosity on behalf of Storehouse. Your food and toiletry donations during our P3 Harvest Celebrations to support local families are greatly appreciated.



*Good Luck to all of our P7 pupils sitting
SEAG Assessments this month.*

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to both staff and parents for prioritising and valuing our October Consultations. These conversations are an important element in our partnership with you and crucial at this time of year. We hope you found them informative and supportive.

After School Activities

Our clubs recommence on Monday 6 November. Please note the completion dates for each differ depending on the club. Clubs facilitated by our school staff end on Thursday 16 November while privately paid clubs run until 7 December 2023.

We remind you that if your child is not able to attend their club, that you inform the teacher in charge of the activity. This is how we ensure all children are present.

P3 Harvest Celebration

Congratulations to the pupils and staff in P3. Your Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration was full of colour, music, movement and joy. We are so proud of all our P3 children! Thank you to our audience whose warm appreciation and support was wonderful.



Raffy's Thought for the Month

'Be Kind in All You Say and Do'

How we treat others says a lot about who we are.



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'



Charity Events

P7 will be selling Poppies from Monday 6 to Friday 10. Poppy Merchandise is on sale in the foyer. Prices from 50p - £1.50.



This year our non-uniform Children in Need theme is 'Spotacular'. Children can wear spotty clothes, accessories, or their own thing! On Friday 17 November, we will be learning about the work of this charity and request a £1 donation to the appeal through School Money.

P4 Remembers

P4 pupils will be on stage on 9 & 10 November performing their play which is linked to their World War 2 Theme. We recognise this is an emotional theme which we approach with sensitivity. The rehearsals are going well, and we are excited to welcome all P4 families into our hall this week. Good luck everyone!

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is 13 – 17 November with the theme 'Make a Noise About Bullying' with Monday 13 as the 'Odd Sock Day'. This is a simple and effective way to celebrate our uniqueness. Each class will focus on the theme in class and in assembly. We encourage every child to wear odd socks as part of their uniform next Monday 13 November.



Safer Schools NI App

Northern Ireland now has an App which provides age-appropriate safeguarding information and advice for parents and schools. It is a UK wide partnership aimed to inform us to help keep our young people safe. If this is of interest to you, follow the four steps below;

1. Download the Safer Schools NI App
2. Create an account with Safer Schools
3. Search and select Rathmore Primary
4. Enter the code 3954

Good Community Relations

We have had a number of complaints from the local residents regarding school traffic. Please drive and park safely keeping driveways and double yellow lines clear. Thank you.

Rathmore Football Update

Both football teams were in action last month in a friendly match with Ballymagee. PS. The children had a great time improving their skills.



Rathmore's Forest School

We are delighted to be awarded Forest School status 'Oak' following a full year of collaborative learning with the Northern Ireland Forest School Association (NIFSA). Congratulations to our 16 staff who have now qualified at Level 3 to lead Forest School lessons and to Dr Mitchell-Barrett who has completed Level 4.

You may wish to become involved with the NIFSA Forest School Family Programme at home. NIFSA have created a free resource to encourage family members to spend quality time together in the garden or local green space, for further information visit:

www.forestschooolsni.com/families



PTA News

At our PTA Annual General Meeting on Friday 6 October, the parent body elected their PTA Committee for 2023/24 as:

Chair	Lynsey Whiteside
Vice Chair	Julie Hardy
Hon Secretary	Bronwen Stewart
Hon Treasurer	Linda Bone
Members	Clare Alexander
	Victoria Crooks
	Laura Kaur
	Terri McKee
	Alexa McLean
	Lee Milligan
	Rhonda Mitchell-Barrett

We were delighted to use funds raised last year to build a KS1 Outdoor Classroom, establish a 'Calm Corner' in each classroom and purchase an iPad class set with chargeable cabinet. Thank you! Funds raised were:

Events Total:	£2018
Sponsored Event:	£1668
School Fund Total:	£8372
Total Profit 2022-23	£12058

The Committee met on 16.10.23 to plan for 2023-24 events and fundraising opportunities for the school. We hope to be able to support an Enhancement Fund for our playground, classroom thematic resources and support of trips and visitors, as well as a further set of class iPads and a P2 Area with a covered canopy.

School Fund:

Thank you to everyone who has paid the School Fund using the school money system. This remains a main source of fund raising for us with £10 payable per term.

2023-24 Plans so far...

- Art Competitions
- Christmas School Disco
- Summer Sponsored Event
- Collecting Cash for Clobber

We also provide support at school events so encourage volunteers to step forward to help serve tea/coffee and assist the Committee in practical ways.

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for updates and events this year!!!
Help support us for your children's future!

Pumpkin Art Winners

Thank you for your enthusiasm for our first PTA Art Competition which has raised £402. Our winners were announced at Assembly before the half term break:



Olivia, Nursery



Hugo, P1



William, P2



Daniel, P3



Sienna, P4



Tobias, P5



Katy, P6



Amelia, P7