

# Newsletter Rathmore



Happy New Year!

January 2024



Happy New Year! We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas. We are looking forward to seeing our pupils back, refreshed for another term. Congratulations to all our children who shone during our Christmas



events. Our Carol Service at Bangor Methodist Church was so well supported. We are very proud of you all.

### Diary Dates

27 Jan:	SEAG Results
5 – 9 Feb:	P7 Parent Transfer Consultations
12 – 16 Feb:	Half Term
4 – 8 Mar:	P1 – P6 Parent Consultations (1.10pm finish all week)

### Nursery and P1 Enrolment

We remind all parents of prospective Nursery and P1 children that the EA Online Application Process will open on Tuesday 9 January for 2024 Enrolment. Visit our website to view our enrolment videos, prospectus and criteria [www.rathmoreps.co.uk](http://www.rathmoreps.co.uk)

[www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions)  
EA Help Desk: 02895 985 595

9 January: Application Procedure opens

26 January: Application facility closes at 12noon

### P1 & Nursery Open Morning

All are welcome to our **Open Morning this Friday 5 January 2024**. We are running two sessions: 9.00am – 10.30am and 12.00noon – 2.00pm.

### Ulster Hall Christmas Concert

We are so proud of our North Down Area String Group pupils who took part in the annual Christmas Concert at the Ulster Hall.



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.'

### Inter-Generational Links

As part of our ongoing community partnership, some of our P5 children visited the residents of Oakmount Nursing Home last month.



Our P7 singers and musicians entertained the residents and spread their Christmas cheer!



We are grateful for parent support in accommodating these short visits as they provide additional opportunities to connect with those of a different generation. They are also great fun!

### After School Clubs

Our After School Club Programme starts next week. Thank you for signing up last term. Please confirm dates and collection arrangements with those picking up your children.

### 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. Information regarding these dates can be found on the relevant school's website or on your class Seesaw page.

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

### Parent Consultations

P7 Parent Transfer Consultations will take place from 5 - 9 February. P1 - P6 Parent Consultations will take place 4 - 8 March. As is usual practice, school will end at 1.10pm for all P1 - P6 children during this week to facilitate these conversations.

### Thank You

A huge Rathmore thanks to Jenni from Signature Schools who presented us with a cheque for £1229.53 from their uniform sales commission over the past year. Every penny will be spent on our enhancement fund for classrooms & outdoor play. 😊



Thank you for your support of our Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £460 for Save the Children.

### Swim Ulster Championship Success

Congratulations to Harper who came 1st in her heat and won Silver in the final. She will represent Rathmore in the freestyle swim at the All Ireland Minor Championships in Dublin in March.

Reuben achieved his Personal Best in both the 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter back stroke.

Duarte achieved his Personal Best in the 50 meter freestyle and 50 meter breaststroke.

We are very proud of them all.

### December Wedding

Congratulations to Nicola Cranston who married Gerard Corrigan during our Christmas break. Our best wishes to them both.



### **PTA News**

Thank you for your support of our December events.

Our PTA Party Day was great fun with every child involved in our games, disco, movie and snack. The profit made through the event was £785 which will go towards our PTA Enhancement Fund.

Thank you to everyone who donated to the School Fund in total or Part 1 last term. Your support means we can enhance our children's learning environment.

We intend to order a further set of iPads for class use and we hope to provide another outdoor covered play area.

We have a Cash for Clobber collection booked in for Thursday 1 February 2024 so if you have unwanted clothing items to donate, please bag them up and leave at our school reception before 9am on 01.02.24

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