

February 2024

Newsletter Rathmore



Diary Dates

- 1 February ~ Cash for Clobber Collection
- 2 February ~ Number Day
- 5-9 February ~ Children's Mental Health Week
- 6 February ~ Safer Internet Day
- 9 February ~ Happy Friday (non-uniform)
(Wear a colour or something that makes you feel happy for Children's Mental Health Week)
- 12-16 February ~ Half Term
- P1-P6 Parent ~ 4-8 March (1.10pm Finish all week)
Consultations Letters home 19 February

P7 Transfer Consultations

The EA Transfer portal is open from noon Tuesday 30 January – noon Thursday 22 February for parents to complete online applications for their secondary schools choices.

eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide

Please refer to the Seesaw Information Pack. We are here to help you with this process so please keep in touch with us throughout the month.

Go GoRathmore Sports

Congratulations to our Netball and Football Teams who were in action last week. Representing Rathmore outside school is a great honour and we are proud of your attitudes, behaviour and presentation both on and off the sports' field.

Clandeboyne Football Ground for the North Down League.



Aurora North Down & Ards Netball Festival, supported by Netball NI



Raffy's Thought for the Month:

Honesty is the best policy.

So always tell the truth.

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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'



Good Luck to our Dance Team who are currently putting the shine to their routines for the Ulster Fusion Championship. Their final practice and event is during our Half Term break. Enjoy the experience and 'Good Luck!'



P1 – P6 Parent Teacher Consultations

We are looking forward to our Parent Teacher Consultations next month 4 – 7 March 2024 and the opportunity to meet with you again.

Arrangements will be sent home via school bags on Monday 19 February. Please return the reply slip to your child's teacher by Thursday 22 February 2024.

P1 – P6 classes will finish each day that week (Monday – Friday) at 1.10pm and there will be no after school activities.

P7 Parents – please note that 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.



We will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week from the 5 – 9 February 2024 in school.

The children will take part in different activities during the week to support their mental health.

The theme is 'My Voice Matters' and is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

*On Friday 9 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

Safer Internet Day is on 6 February this year and the theme is "Inspiring change? Making a difference, Managing Influence and Navigating Change Online".

We are celebrating by placing our children's voices at the heart of the day and encouraging them to shape the online safety support they receive.

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

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

Rockin' Reindeer Update

Bloomfield Shopping Centre has thanked us for taking part in their Christmas Rockin' Reindeer event. A total of £3,503.46 was raised and is split evenly between TinyLife and One Great Day charities. Congratulations to the winners who were Towerview Primary School.

Parent Safety Reminders



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

PTA News

Valentine Art Competition

Following children's feedback we are excited to announce an Art Competition. The children will be sent home with their very own HEART to personalise.

We ask for the completed hearts to be returned to their class teacher before Wednesday 7th February 2024.

Each year group winner will be announced in Assembly on Friday 9th February 2024 with prizes to be won.

A £1 donation will be added to your school money account.

Follow us on Facebook to see your winners and their amazing efforts!

GOOD LUCK!



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 clicking on School Money to donate this month.

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

Cash for Clobber

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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for updates and events this year!!!

Help support us for your children's future!