

March 2024

# Newsletter Rathmore



## DIARY DATES

4 & 5 March	Nursery Consultations (no classes)
4 – 8 March	P1 – P6 Parent Consultations (1.10pm finish all week)
7 March	World Book Day (school uniform)
12 – 14 March	P7 Peter Pan
15 March	Red Nose Day (school uniform)
18 March	St Patrick's Day (closed)
21 March	PTA Easter Fun Day (non-uniform)
22 March	Last day of Term - 12.15pm finish (non-uniform)

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on 4 – 7 March 2024.

We Remind you that all 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.

## Mental Health Support

Thank you for supporting Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day. Our School Council met yesterday and have chosen Action Mental Health as our Term 3 Charity.

## Dancing Success



Congratulations to Rathmore's School Dance Team who won first place at Ulster Fusion School Competition in the Primary Plus section during the half-term break.

The girls have worked very hard, and we are so proud of them all!

Sincere thanks to all the family members and friends who have given Rathmore's first ever Dance Team such great support.



Congratulations to Sophia who came first in the 'Bring it On' Primary School Challenge at Ulster Fusion during the half-term holiday. We are so proud of you!



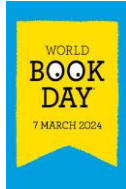
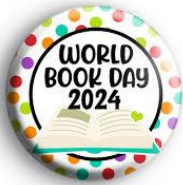
Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Forgiveness is the best form of love'

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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

## World Book Day



At Rathmore Primary School, we are celebrating our love of reading during 'Book Week'. During this week, each class will be enjoying a range of book related activities and storytelling experiences.

To celebrate, children may choose to bring a copy of their favourite book to school to share with their class on Thursday 7 March 2024. Every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book token which can be spent in-store or online. Please refer to the letter attached for more information on World Book Day.

### P7 Peter Pan



Our P7s will be performing their play 'Peter Pan' on Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 March 2024. Good luck to all our P7 performers!

### Red Nose Day



Our School Council are leading our support of Red Nose Day on Friday 15 March 2024. Children can accessorise their uniform with Red.

The Council are running a 'Best Joke in Class' competition which they will explain to everyone (refer to letter attached).

We suggest a £1 donation for this charity support of Comic Relief via School Money.



### Good Luck Helena!

Congratulations and good luck to Helena Stitt from P4, who has been Shortlisted for Sports Person of the Year 2023, Under 15 Award. This Ceremony, hosted by Ards and North Down Borough Council, will celebrate, promote and rewards local sporting achievements within the Borough. The Ceremony takes place tonight, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at Clandeboye Lodge.



## Rathmore Football Teams

Our boys and girls represented Rathmore at the North Down Football League last month. They played brilliantly and showed great teamwork.



### Integration of Rathmore Primary School

Our Case for Change has been published on the EA Website: -

<https://www.eani.org.uk/school-management/area-planning/development-proposals>

This document includes the responses made to EA during the pre-publication phase and it is wonderful to see that they are all positive.

NICIE have been in touch to state they will be submitting a response to this Public Consultation which will be in support of the proposal. In this public consultation, anyone or any organisation can respond, giving their view/opinion, to the email address: [dps@education-ni.gov.uk](mailto:dps@education-ni.gov.uk).

The consultation period is two months, which will take us to 7<sup>th</sup> April as the deadline for responses.



## PTA Valentine Art Competition Winners

### **Foundation Stage Winners**



Frankie P1, Megan P2 and Sophia Nursery

### **Key Stage 1 Winners**



Jack P4 and Harper P3

### **Key Stage 2 Winners**



Annabel P7, Zara P5 and Lana P6

## **PTA News**

### Valentine's Art

Thank you for supporting our Valentine's Art Competition. The total raised, (less prize costs) was £403.

Congratulations to the prize winners whose art is now on display in the entrance corridor.

### 'I Love Bangor' Competition

We are excited to take part in Bangor's first Walking Art Gallery entitled 'I Love Bangor'. This will operate in the same way as our previous PTA art ventures but this time our entrants and winners will be judged by local art experts and displayed in venues across our city.

Please refer to the letter attached for more information. Your child's teacher will send the blank A4 sheet home next week and they must be returned by 11.03.24.

Good Luck everyone!

### Easter Fun Day

Following the success of our Christmas Fun Day, we are organising a non-uniform **Easter Fun Day** in school on Thursday 21 March 2024.

Our P1 – P7 children can come to school in their own clothes and will enjoy an Easter Hunt, class games, prizes, a movie, drink and a snack.

Our PTA Party donation is £3 payable via School Money.

### Cash for Clobber

Thank you for supporting our last collection which raised £88.

Our next Cash for Clobber has been booked for Thursday 25 April 2024.

So, if you are planning a 'Spring Clean' at home, please remember our PTA collection and keep your bags for us on 25 April 2024.

*Thank you for your ongoing support of our PTA events.*

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