



## Diary Dates

- 16 April Boys' Hockey NI Finals
- 19 April Girls' Hockey NI Finals
- 19 April Dance Team Competition
- 23 & 24 April P2 Spring Concert
- 25 April N & P1 Enrolment Letters
- 25 April PTA Cash for Clobber
- 25 & 26 April Bangor Choral Festival

### Advance Notice - May Closures

We would like to bring to your attention our closure dates for May to help you plan your childcare. Rathmore PS & Nursery will close on Monday 6 & Monday 27 May for Bank Holidays and Tuesday 28 May for a Staff Development Day.

### Term 3 – After School Clubs

Our After School's programme will run for 7 weeks this term starting on 08.04.24 and finishing on 23.05.24. Our clubs are provided by external providers only this term. Thanks for your support.

### Uniform

In Term 3 children can wear their summer uniform of shorts and summer dresses. This is a family choice, and many children continue to wear a combination of Winter and PE uniform throughout the term.

Hello  
Sunshine!



### P7 Peter Pan

Our P7 year group wowed audiences before Easter in their musical Peter Pan. It was a true celebration of talent, teamwork and confidence. Our sincerest thanks to the whole staff team, family and friends who made a show on this scale possible. You are all Superstars!



### School Council

'We are the School Council and we helped organise some fun in school for Red Nose Day. We enjoyed meeting together to discuss ideas and make posters to share with the classes around the school. We are delighted that we raised £449.00. Thank you for your support!'



Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Be content with what you have'

### Eco Council

'We were successful in our application for the Orchard for School programme. We received 5 fruit trees which we planted in our school grounds.'



### Gold & Silver Medals for Erin!

We are very proud of Erin from P6 who represented Rathmore PS at the Bangor Speech Festival last month. Erin won Gold and Silver Medals for Verse Speaking and reciting her 'Favourite Poem.' Well done Erin!



### Safeguarding

It is important that we all work together to keep our children safe online. If you allow your child access to social media, please ensure they are supervised and note the age limit guidance below;

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### Boys' Hockey

Well done to the boys who had a great day at the Ards and North Down Pearson Cup tournament. They came in 3rd place out of 16 teams and have qualified for the Northern Ireland Finals on Tuesday 16 April. Thanks to all the parents for their huge support. A special mention to the Clarke Family for their very generous donation of new shorts for the boys. Your support is very much appreciated.



### Football Update

Fabulous play from our Boys' Football Team who were semi-finalists in the Gerry Armstrong Cup 2024. We are so proud of your teamwork and skill in every game.



Before Easter the Boys' and Girls' Football Teams took part in the North Down League. They enjoyed representing the school.



### Girls' Hockey

Congratulations to our Silver Medalists at the Ards & North Down McCloy Cup and NI Finalists for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year running! The girls played with skill and energy as a true team. Thank you to all parents for your support and to the Clarke family whose donation bought new skorts for the team. Good Luck in the finals next Friday 19 April.



### NICMAC Schools' Competition Champions!



Congratulations to Rathmore's Dance Team who won first place at NICMAC with their dance routine 'Wonderland'.

The Dance Team also won a special prize for best costumes.

Thank you so much to all the parents, families and friends for their continued support, it is much appreciated.

## PTA News

### PTA School Fund

Our final term's £10 School Fund donation is live on School Money for those who are in a position to support the school in this way. Our sincerest thanks to everyone who has already donated.

### Cash for Clobber

Reminder; our next Cash for Clobber collection is Thursday 25 April 2024.

Please leave your unwanted clothing bagged at the front foyer before 9am on Thursday.

### Easter Fun Day

Thanks to everyone who supported our Easter Fun Day activities. The staff team organised the games, hunts, treats and films and as you can see from the photographs on Facebook, everyone was able to enjoy the fun in school. The event raised £1635. Thank you.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our PTA events.