June 2024

Rathmore

Diary Dates

3, 5 & 7 June	North Down Athletics
6 June	Football Matches
6 June	Musical Evening 7pm
13 June	Sports Celebration 2pm
18 June	New P1 Induction
19 June	New Nursery Induction
24 June	Moving On Day &
	Reports Home
26 June	P7 Leavers' Assembly
27 June	Nursery Leavers' Day
28 June	P1 – P6 Last Day of Term
	(12.15 finish & non-uniform)
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P7 Residential



Our P7s had a fabulous residential trip to Dublin which included; Dublin Zoo, bowling, Emerald Park, cinema and lots of chat and fun. We are delighted to report that the hotel staff said we were all a pleasure to have and look forward to another Rathmore visit.

North Down Sports

Good luck to all of our sporting representatives. A number of our KS2 boys and girls are competing this week at the North Down Athletics Event, our annual inter-school event. There are two days of qualifying heats with finals this Friday 7 June. Go Rathmore!



Our Netball Team have worked hard all year developing their skills and expertise. Their final tournament of the year was at Rockport where they excelled.

Girls' Football



We are so proud of our Girls' Football Team who were runners up last week at the 2024 Galactico Football Tournament. They had a great day at Avoniel and showed outstanding teamwork.

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Be proud of your achievements'

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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

Congratulations Owen



Owen from P7 won Coach's Player of the Year in his '2011 A Team' squad for Castle Juniors on Saturday 18 May 2024. Amazing!



<u>Senior Choir</u>

Congratulations to our winners of the 'Musical Highlights' section at the Bangor International Choir Festival. Here are Oliver and Daysie, both from P7 pictured with adjudicator Darren Day.

Rathmore Music

Good luck to our 26 instrumentalists who will sit their Trinity and ABRSM exams this month. We are grateful to our staff who practise pieces, aurals and accompany each child for their exams.

We look forward to our Musical Evening on Thursday 6 June when the children will showcase their progress and expertise. Thank you to all of our parents who support Rathmore music at home and school.



Fit for Life Week

Our 'Fit for Life' week last month focused on promoting a healthy lifestyle amongst pupils through diet, exercise and being mindful of their feelings. This was a tremendous week for the children and staff.

Our sponsored activity was 'Rathmore Olympics' raising money for Action Mental Health and PTA funds.

This combined our annual sponsored event with exercise and fun. Sincerest thanks to those who have donated so far, donations are still being counted.

Sports' Day

Thank you for your support of our Sports' Days. We enjoyed each year group as they took part in individual, group and class races.



Thank You For Your Support



2024 - 2025 Induction

On 18 & 19 June we welcome the parents of our new P1 and Nursery pupils into the school to begin their introduction to life at Rathmore.

Our current P1 pupils will finish school at 12.30pm on 18 June to facilitate these visits.

Our P1-P6 children will meet their new teacher on Monday 24 June at the 'Moving On' morning to support the children in this transition process.

Annual Reports

Our Nursery – P7 Reports will go home via 'school bag post' on Monday 24 June so please check their bags.

Reports will be posted on the last day of term if your child is not in school.

School & Eco Councils



Our School Council and Eco Council have combined forces to encourage everyone to take part in the Ards & North Down 'Tallest Sunflower Competition'. Please check your child's school bag for details.



Nature Rangers



We are delighted to be the first school in Ards & North Down to host a 'Nature Ranger Club'. The sun shone for our Family Session when children and family had the opportunity to play together. Our thanks to all staff and parents who have supported this venture.



P6 Life in Secondary School

During 'Fit for Life' week our P6s had the opportunity to spend a full day in 'big school.' Our sincerest thanks to Glenlola Collegiate and Bangor Grammar School for hosting this day for our whole year group. We were able to spend time in PE, Science, Music, Drama, Art etc and even used the playground and canteen spaces.



Lost Uniform

As the weather becomes warmer, children often remove outer layers. Please ensure ALL uniform items are named so that your child can be easily reunited with any misplaced uniform items.

Considerate Parking

Sadly, we continue to receive feedback that cars are inconsiderately parked in the neighbourhood. Please respect our neighbours and do not block driveways or pavements.

Staff Car Park

Our barrier remains broken, so we ask that only badge holders enter the car park. We will review this for September as the area is so congested that it is becoming unsafe for our children.

PTA News

Pre-Loved Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has brought 'Pre-Loved' uniform items into school. We have organised and displayed items according to age and are now 'Open' for business.

Please have a look, take what you would like and leave a donation for PTA in our Honesty Box.

Summer Hamper

We are organising a new venture this year, our Summer Hamper. Please find the leaflet attached which explains further.



Thank you for your ongoing support of our PTA events.

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