

May 2024

Newsletter Rathmore



Diary Dates

6 May	Bank Holiday
8–10 May	P7 Residential Trip
13 May	Girls' Netball Match
18 May	Post Primary Place Letters
20 May	SEAG Registration Opens
20–24 May	Fit for Life Week
27 May	Bank Holiday
28 May	Staff Development Day
31 May	Girls' Football Match

P2 Spring Assembly

Congratulations to our P2 stars who shone last week on stage. Your songs, drama, dances and colour really brought the joy of Spring to life. Our whole school, visitors from Oakmount Nursing Home, family and friends just loved it!



Fit for Life Week 20 – 24 May



Rathmore's 'Fit for Life' Week will be taking place from Monday 20 May to Friday 24 May 2024. The aim of this week is to promote a healthy lifestyle amongst pupils through diet, exercise and mindfulness.

Activities will include Mindfulness Monday and Workout Wednesday. All children will take part in a sponsored Rathmore Olympics workout which will raise money for Action Mental Health and Rathmore PTA funds. Details and sponsorship form will follow next Tuesday 7 May 2024.

We are looking forward to a fun and active week and encourage all children who can, to walk, skip, cycle or scoot to school this week. This will be a great start to an active day.

Sports' Days

Enjoying your child participate in Sports' Day is always an important 'memory maker' for children and families. Your teacher has Seesawed the details to you and will re-arrange via Seesaw if the weather is poor.



Raffy's Thought for the Month:

Work hard.

Don't give up when things are tough.



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

September 2024 Enrolment

Our Nursery and P1 Enrolment letters have been sent to families in our local area, offering them the opportunity to join the Rathmore family in September. Your deadline for returns is this Friday 3 May 2024. Thank you for your continued support.

Post Primary Placement Letters

On Saturday 18 May our P7 pupils will be receiving their letters indicating their post-primary school placements. It is our hope that all of our children will receive the school of their choice. We still have our Residential Trip and special events to enjoy during their last 2 months at Rathmore. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and contributed to life here at Rathmore.

Cross Country



Well done to our P6 & P7 Boys and Girls who took part in the North Down Cross Country competition at Londonderry Park. They ran against 18 other primary schools and the Boys' team achieved overall 2nd place! George was placed 3rd, Charlie 7th, Chloe 8th and Ethan 9th. What an amazing achievement! We are so proud of you all!



Girls' Hockey Team

Congratulations to our Girls' Team who played so well at Ards & North Down Regionals. They represented our Council Area at the NI Finals last month. We are so proud of your attitudes and performance.



Boys' Hockey Team

We have achieved 'the double' this year! Our Boys' Hockey Team were also invited to represent Ards & North Down at the NI Finals following an excellent performance at the Regionals. Our sincerest thanks to our parents for your support of our hockey events this season. Congratulations to all!



Boys' Football

The Boys' Football team were out in action at Clondeboye Park as part of the North Down League again last week.

They continue to impress us with their skills and positive team-work.



Young Spring Art Exhibition

We were delighted to take part in Bangor's first Young Spring Art Exhibition which raised funds for our PTA. The judges met and chose 13 finalists from Rathmore whose 'I Love Bangor' artwork is being displayed in Carnegie Library. We had 2 winners and all 15 children were invited to a prize ceremony at Easter.



Winners: P3 Scarlett & P5 Charlie
Finalists: P1 Noellie, Joshua & Adam, P2 Sophia, P3 Cora, Mia & Mila, P4 Tillie & Charlie, P6 Sebastian & Max, P7 Mia & Alysha

Choral Festival Win

Our choir performed at the Bangor International Choral Festival last week in two categories. We were delighted with their energy and skill as they displayed such versatility singing in the musical theatre category (1st place) as well as the formal section (3rd place). Congratulations to everyone involved, you are Winners!



Dance

Congratulations to our Rathmore Dance Team who placed second in the 'Take it to the Floor' championship in Newtownards last month. We are so proud of you all! What a successful year for Rathmore's first ever school Dance Team; two golds and a silver! An impressive debut into the world of school dance competitions. Thank you to family and friends for all their support this year, it has been sincerely appreciated.



Intergenerational Week

P3 enjoyed visiting Oakmont Lodge Care Home.



We supported Global Intergenerational Week 2024 through our 'All Ages' April activity. Using our 'All Ages' April grant we were able to purchase a variety of activities and resources that we explored together to



establish relationships and also have fun! We were also able to purchase some beautiful flowers to plant in the residents' garden



for them to enjoy over the summer. We had a lot of fun and will be visiting again soon.

Safeguarding

We are delighted to support the new ONLINE SAFETY HUB led by the Department of Health as part of their "Keeping Children and Young People Safe: An Online Safety Strategy". The hub is split into two sections, one for adults and one for young people. We encourage both parents and children to avail of this resource.

<https://onlinesafetyhub.safeguardingni.org/>

Integrated School Update

Our Public Development Proposal has now closed. Thank you to everyone who has responded to this part of the process. While we wait for the formal feedback of this Proposal, staff continue to implement our 'Transformation Action Plan'. Staff will be spending time as a team on our Staff Development Day on Tuesday 28 May 2024 to review and reflect on our culture with the support of the Integrated Education Team.

PTA News

Cash for Clobber

Thank you for donating bags of clothes for recycling last week. We will let you know how much this collection has raised.

Young Spring Art Competition

Thank you for supporting this new Bangor initiative. Your entry raised £283 for PTA Funds.

Raffle Hamper

The PTA are planning a Summer Holiday Hamper raffle. This fundraiser will be entirely voluntary. Details will follow at the end of May.

Pre-Loved Uniform Event

This term the PTA will be organising a Pre-Loved Uniform Event. Please see attached leaflet for further information. We will receive your donations during May and will have them on display in the entrance during June with an honesty box for contributions.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

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