



Diary Dates

4 November	P1 – P7 Flu Vaccines
5 - 11 November	Poppy Appeal
7 & 8 November	P4 Remembers
11 – 15 November	Anti Bullying week
12 November	Odd Sock Day
15 November	Children in Need

P3 Harvest Celebration – The Little Red Hen
 Congratulations to the pupils and staff in P3. Your Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration was full of colour, music, movement and joy. We are so proud of all our P3 children! Thank you to our audience whose warm appreciation and support was wonderful.



Good Luck to all of our P7 pupils

sitting SEAG Assessments this month.

Storehouse North Down

We thank staff and parents for their generosity on behalf of Storehouse. Your food and toiletry donations during our P3 Harvest Celebrations to support local families are greatly appreciated.



Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to both staff and parents for prioritising and valuing our October Consultations. These conversations are an important element in our partnership with you and crucial at this time of year. We hope you found them informative and supportive.

After School Activities

Our clubs recommence on Monday 4 November. Please note the completion dates for each differ depending on the club. Clubs facilitated by our school staff end on Thursday 14 November while privately paid clubs run until 28 November.

We remind you that if your child is not able to attend their club, that you inform the teacher in charge of the activity. This is how we ensure all children are present.

Raffy's Thought for the Month

'Be Kind in All You Say and Do'

How we treat others says a lot about who we are.



Rathmore Instagram is Live!



In response to parent feedback, we are extending our social media reach to include Instagram. Please like, comment and share to see our latest posts and news.

P4 Remembers

P4 pupils will be on stage on 7 & 8 November performing their play which is linked to their World War 2 Theme. We recognise this is an emotional theme which we approach with sensitivity. The rehearsals are going well, and we are excited to welcome all P4 families into our hall this week. Good luck everyone!

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week is 11 – 15 November. The theme is 'Choose Respect' with Tuesday 12 as the 'Odd Sock Day'.

This is a simple and effective way to celebrate our uniqueness. Each class will focus on the theme in class and in assembly. We encourage every child to wear odd socks as part of their uniform next Tuesday 12 November.

Upcoming Charity Events



P7 will be selling Poppy Merchandise from Tuesday 5 to Monday 11 November 2024. Prices range from 50p - £1.50.



On Friday 15 November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children can accessorise their uniform with bright colours or spots. We will be learning about the work of this charity and request a £1 donation to the 'Make Life Lighter for Children' appeal through School Money.

Celebrating Karate Gold

Congratulations to Helena, P5 for winning gold at the Kanzen Cup International Open held in Dundee and the Cross Border Championships, Donegal.



P5 Intergenerational Day



We were excited to open our doors to welcome our special guests to Rathmore P5's first Intergenerational Celebration. Our P5s served refreshments, outlined their 'Me and My World' theme with words, poetry and songs before inviting everyone to their class.



Thanks to all who were able to attend. Our memory boxes started so many powerful conversations and your positive feedback has been greatly appreciated.



Rathmore Football Update

Both football teams were in action last month in a friendly match with Ballymagee. PS. The children had a great time improving their skills.



School Council



Eco Council



Rights Respecting School Ambassadors



Congratulations to our newly elected members in our School Council, Eco Council and Right's Respecting School Ambassadors.

We are proud of every candidate who prepared their application and presented to their class. Each elected member now has the opportunity to use their voice to shape internal decisions including how PTA funds are spent.

When visiting Rathmore, please take time to read our councils' action plans and minutes on their display boards in the entrance corridor.

This month we will be launching our new Rathmore House System. Every pupil and staff member will be part of a School House. Further details will be shared in our December newsletter.



At Rathmore Primary School, our children's best interests are in the forefront of our minds in every decision we make. We are pleased to announce that this year we are working towards our Silver Award re-accreditation on 20 November 2024. This means that we have adopted a child rights' approach based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and we have embedded this in our policies, practices and culture. We want our pupils to know and respect not just their own rights but, those of others around them. We are starting a featured 'Article of the Month' to help our wider community understand how UNICEF Articles can impact children's lives.



On Monday 21st October four members of the RRS Steering Group, along with other local primary schools, were invited to meet the new Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People: Chris Quinn, to talk about his new exhibition on 'Children's Rights'. #foreverychildeveryright



'Article of the Month'

Article 12: Every child has the right to express their views and their views should be listened to.

In Rathmore we have lots of pupil voice groups (School Council, Eco Council, RRS Ambassadors, P7 Buddies, Digital Leaders, and House Captains) to ensure our pupils are given the opportunity to take on leadership roles, promote the voice of the student body, problem-solve and impact their community in a positive way. At home, talk to your child about matters affecting them and listen to their opinions.

PTA News

Thank you for taking part in our first PTA event of the year; Pumpkin Crafting which raised £570. Our winners were announced at Assembly before the half term break (see photos).

The PTA Committee meets next Monday 11 November 2024 at 7pm. All are welcome to be part of our planning and organising, so please come along if you can.

2023-24

We pledged to build outdoor spaces with the funds we raised last year of £19,000. Please have a look at our new P2 zone constructed during Half Term. We plan to have P3 and KS2 areas in our grounds soon.



School Fund

Thank you to everyone who has paid the School Fund using the school money system. This remains a main source of fund raising for us with £10 payable per term.

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for updates and events this year!!!
Help support us for your children's future!

Pumpkin Crafting Winners



Sophie, Nursery AM



Eva, Nursery PM



Rosie, P1CA



Elsie, P1RMB/RMcD



Adam, P2TF

Amelia, P2JB/KF



Evie, P3WL



Rosie, P3SMcK



Rory, P3JB



Milo, P4RW



Cora, P4PM



Robbie, P4KC



Samuel, P5BA



Ava, P5EG



Thomas, P5JC/HM



Amber, P6PL



Bradley, P6LMcF/EH



Jessica, P6LMcK



Sebastian, P7MM/LG



Erin, P7GL



Katie, P7DD