

December 2024



Newsletter Rathmore



Diary Dates

4 December	Carol Service
4&5 December	P1 Nativities
6 December	Daily Mile Santa Run
10 December	P1 & N Information Evening
12 December	Christmas Jumper Day
19 December	PTA Party Day non uniform
20 December	Last Day of Term non uniform 12.15pm finish
7 January	Open Day
8 January	School Commences

Enrolment Information for Nursery & P1

To keep up to date with information and videos, please check our Website, Facebook, Instagram & Twitter accounts. Feel free share this with friends, family & neighbours who have little ones ready to join us next September. Our Information Session and Open Morning will be held on:

Information Session

Tuesday 10 December 2024
5.30pm – 6.30pm

Open Morning

Tuesday 7 January 2025
10.00am - 12.00noon

EA Applications Portal Opens

10 – 24 January 2025

Rockin' Reindeer 2024



Our colourful and glittering Christmas reindeer is now on display at Bloomfields Shopping Centre. Every pupil contributed to our entry so please pop in to see your child's artwork and remember to vote for us (scan the QR code). The school with the most entries wins £1000 so we would really appreciate all your support. All proceeds go towards YEN! (Young Enterprise NI) and Down Syndrome UK.



Congratulations...



...to the budding actors and actresses of P4 for their two fabulous afternoons of 'P4 Remembers'. Plenty of stars shone across both performances as they entertained the audiences with songs, stories and information from WWII. A big thank you to all our parents, grandparents and friends who supported the P4s not just on the days, but in all the preparation as well.

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Be empathetic, think of others'.

Realise that the feelings of others are important.



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'Caring, learning, excelling together.'

House System Launch

Rathmore now has a House System! We launched on Wednesday 13 November 2024 with a bang. Every child and adult now know which House they are in, and the House Captains have been elected by their peers.

Red House - Respect

We respect all people, property and the environment. (Respect)

We keep ourselves and others safe. (Self-respect)



Captains: Katie & Jack

Green House - Kindness

We are honest, kind and always use good manners. (Honesty)



Captains: Ethan & Chloe

Yellow House - Purpose

We work well together, treating everyone as equals. (Teamwork)

We are determined and resilient – embracing all challenges. (Determination)



Captains: Emily & Sebastian

Blue House - Courage

We believe in ourselves, and value learning. (Self-Belief)

We work hard to be the best that we can be. (Passion)

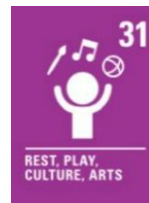


Captains: Rachel & Oliver

Children are already receiving House Points for their participation in school life. Ask your child/ren about their house, their mascot and how they receive a token. Our first House Competition is in December and linked to our Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day'.

Current House Points:

Red	247
Green	169
Yellow	249
Blue	296



UNICEF 'Article of the Month'

Article 31: Every child has the right to rest, relax and play.

In Rathmore we know the value and importance of play. As a family think about how do you like to spend your free time? What would your ideal weekend look like? What would you do? What rights would you enjoy? At home this month, why don't you spend time with a family member or friend playing board games, going for a walk or drawing. Making time in our busy schedules to enjoy our hobbies and interests is important for our wellbeing and emotional health.

Reminder: Severe Food Allergies

Due to a number of severe food allergies within school, we are unable to accept homemade goodies or share food in class. If you wish to send in treats for special occasions, please stick to bagged Haribo which we will send home at the end of school. Thank you for understanding.

Congratulations!



On 20 November 2024 we welcomed UNICEF'S Katelyn Farrenson to assess our Right's Respecting School culture. She met with our RRS Ambassadors P4 – P7, staff, parents, governor and a grandparent to ask everyone about our knowledge, experience and impact of the programme in our school. Katelyn's assessment is that Rathmore is a clear Silver Winner, and she encourages us to celebrate, then start our journey towards Gold. Thank you to all of our children, staff and community who played a part in this great success.

Rathmore's Digital Leaders



Congratulations to our Digital Leaders who are now well-established within their role. We are so proud of everything they have achieved so far. They have completed training in specific areas of ICT and used their expertise to support other children in their learning. They now have the opportunity to use their voice to further the development of ICT in school and become Dream Space Ambassadors with Microsoft.

[Article 13 - The right to be heard.](#)

[Article 17 - The right to access reliable information.](#)

[Article 29 - The right to develop their talents and abilities.](#)

Karate Gold Success

We are very proud of Helena, P5 and Tyler, P4 and who travelled to Waterford to compete in the Karate Ireland National Championship.



Helena won 2 gold medals and Tyler won 1 gold and 1 bronze. Amazing!



Charity Update

We greatly appreciate your support of the charity events at Rathmore.



£401



£257.66

PTA News

Asda's 'Cashpot for Schools'

Thanks for your support over the last three months. Our grand total is £342.80.

Christmas Jumper Day

'Save the Children' are having a **Christmas Jumper Day** on Thursday 12 December 2024. No need for a shiny new jumper, use your imagination and decorate an old one or just wear festive colours. A donation of £1 can be made via the School Money App.

PTA Christmas Party Day

We have our **PTA Party Day** on Thursday 19 December 2024 when P1 – P7 children can come to school in their Christmas party clothes and will enjoy a movie, snack, disco and Christmas party activities including Pass the Parcel. Our PTA Party Day donation is £3 payable via School Money.

Community Day

We are excitedly planning a Community Day for 2025. This will take place on Monday 31 March 4 – 6pm. More information about how you can support and get involved with this new event will follow early 2025.

School Fund

Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated to School Fund. This is very much appreciated and is needed even more than ever given our current financial circumstances. From all at the PTA, have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to 2025!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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for updates and events this year!!!

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