



Diary Dates

- 3 & 4 March Nursery Consultations (no classes)
- 3 – 6 March P1 – P6 Parent Consultations (1.10pm finish all week)
- 6 March World Book Day (dress-up day)
- 7 March P1 - P7 finish at 1.10pm
- 17 March St Patrick's Day (closed)
- 18 – 20 March P7 Alice in Wonderland
- 21 March Red Nose Day (accessorise)
- 31 March Community Event (ticketed)



Our Right's Respecting Ambassadors were delighted to receive our UNICEF SILVER BANNER last month. We are one of only 16 schools in Northern Ireland who currently hold the award.



'Article of the Month'

Article 14: Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

March is Integrated Education Month and this year's theme is 'Celebrating Cultural Connections'. Here at Rathmore our children celebrate special times or festivals important to them. Everyone is encouraged to respect each other's viewpoints and our school is an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome. This month at home why don't you try making a new recipe? Food has the remarkable ability to bring people together and create a sense of connection. It offers a unique opportunity to learn about different cultures and broaden our understanding of the world.

Dancing Success



Congratulations to our Dance Team who won first place in their section at Ulster Fusion Dance Competition in February. Thank you to our family members and friends for their support and encouragement. The girls performed with such enthusiasm and energy!

Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Forgiveness is the best form of love'



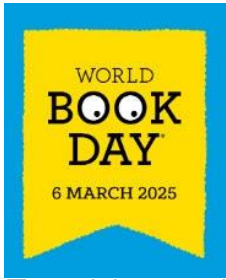
Parent Teacher Consultations

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on 3 – 6 March 2025.

We Remind you that all P1 – P6 classes will finish each day that week (Monday – Friday) at 1.10pm and there will be no after school activities.

P7 Parents – please note that your children will remain in school until 3pm Monday to Thursday and will finish at 1.10pm on Friday with the rest of the school.

World Book Day



At Rathmore Primary School, we are celebrating our love of reading during 'Book Week'. During this week, each class will be enjoying a range of book related activities and storytelling experiences.

To celebrate, children may choose to bring a copy of their favourite book to school to share with their class on Thursday 6 March 2025. Every child will receive a £1 World Book Day Book token which can be spent in-store or online. Please refer to the letter attached for more information on World Book Day.

P7 Alice in Wonderland



Our P7s will be performing their play 'Alice' on Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 March 2025. Good luck to all our P7 performers!

Red Nose Day

Our School Council are leading our support of Red Nose Day on Friday 21 March 2025. Children can accessorise their uniform with Red. The Council are running a 'Best Joke in Class' competition which they will explain to everyone (refer to letter attached).

We suggest a £1 donation for this charity in support of Comic Relief via School Money.



Rathmore Football Teams

The football teams had a great time at Clandeboye Football Ground last week for the next round of the North Down Schools League. The children played with enthusiasm and displayed excellent teamwork. Thank you to the parents for all their support on and off the pitch.



Rathmore Hockey Teams

The boys' hockey teams took part in an Ulster Hockey Blitz at Regent House, alongside 7 other schools from North Down. It is great to see hockey at Rathmore growing in numbers, and therefore, we were able to enter two teams for this tournament. A huge thanks to all our supporters for coming along to cheer us on!



4 Gold Medals for Helena!

Helena, P5 won 1st place in both her individual categories at the Karate Northern Ireland Championships last month and is now the NI Champion (U10) in Kata and Kumite. She also received gold medals for 1st place in two team events.



Ollie, our Northern Ireland Goalkeeper



Ollie, P5 has been selected as a Goalkeeper to represent the NI 2016 Football Team in the Nations Cup Tournament in Barcelona in May 2025. Ollie and his team will compete alongside selected sides from the UK, Ireland and Spain. Ollie was selected in December and trains weekly with the NI team, whilst continuing with his local team.

Head Bump Protocol Review

Following staff refresher training, we have updated our Bumped Head protocols. In light of the 'If in Doubt, Sit it Out' messages, children will be withdrawn from PE lessons and physical after school clubs if a head bump is reported or sustained during the school day. All other action will remain the same including our reporting to home/parents and emailing the concussion leaflet (attached). If we have any concerns regarding any medical need, we will always contact home. Please contact the office to update any changes of contact names or numbers.

PTA Valentine Competition Winners



Lexie, Nursery



Cooper, P1 and Ronnie, P4



Liam, P6



PTA News

Valentine Competition

Thank you for supporting our 'Valentine's Name the Teddy Bear' Competition. The total raised was £515.

Congratulations to the 4 winners who are pictured with their prizes.

Cash for Clobber

Thank you for your support of this event last week.

Community Day

Tickets are now live for our first PTA Community Event on Monday 31 March 4.30pm – 6pm. Each child's ticket includes 5 games, a prize on completion and a drink/snack. Adult tickets include a snack/drink.

We will welcome Rathmore businesses, community groups, pupils, family and friends for an afternoon of fun including:

Games, Activities & Singing
Crafting & Seed Planting
Face Painting & Nail Art
Ice Cream & Dinky Donuts
Nature Rangers & Galactico
The BIG PTA Raffle

Ticket sales will close on Monday 10 March 2025 (or when capacity for the event is reached).

Our thanks to our PTA Committee and to our staff team for their organisation for this fun event. All parent volunteers are welcome and can sign up next week during Consultations.

Thank you for your support.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our PTA events.

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for updates and events this year!!!

Help support us for your children's future!