

## Diary Dates

- 8 & 9 April P2 Spring Concert
- 9 April N & P1 Enrolment Letters
- 11 April PTA Easter Fun Day £2  
Non-Uniform & 12:15pm Finish
- 14 – 25 April Easter Holidays
- 28 April Summer Term Commences

### Advance Notice - May Closures

We would like to bring to your attention our closure dates for May to help you plan your childcare. Rathmore PS & Nursery will close on Monday 5 & 26 May for Bank Holidays.

### Staff News

Congratulations to our P4 teacher Mrs Martin (Trish) and her husband Brian on the safe arrival of their daughter, Sophie. We look forward to a visit from this tiny VIP.



### P7 'Alice in Wonderland'

Our P7 year group wowed audiences in their musical Alice in Wonderland. It was a true celebration of talent, teamwork and confidence. Our sincerest thanks to the whole staff team, family and friends who made a show on this scale possible. You are all Superstars!



### School Council

'We are the School Council and we helped organise some fun in school for Red Nose Day. We enjoyed meeting together to discuss ideas and make posters to share with the classes around the school. We are delighted that we raised £239.00. Thank you for your support!'



Raffy's Thought for the Month:

'Be content with what you have'

### Term 3 – After School Clubs

Our After School's programme will run for 6 weeks this term starting on 28.04.25 and finishing on 05.06.25. Our clubs are provided by external providers only this term. Thanks for your support.

### Uniform

In Term 3 children can wear their summer uniform of shorts and summer dresses. This is a family choice, and many children continue to wear a combination of Winter and PE uniform throughout the term.

Hello  
Sunshine!



### Dancing Success

Congratulations to Rathmore's Dance Team who retained their NICMAC title and won first place in this year's Dance Competition. They also competed in the 'Take It To The Floor' Competition and gained first place in the Primary Lyrical duet category and second place in the Primary Jazz Team category.

Thank you to all of our friends and family for their continued support. The girls danced with such enthusiasm and energy, we are so proud of them all!



### Bangor Speech Festival!



We are very proud of Amber and Erin from P7 who represented Rathmore PS at the Bangor Speech Festival last month. Amber achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in her category and Erin was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> Place for 'My Favourite Poem' performing 'Dear Mum.' Erin was also awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Place for her Prepared Prose and was presented with The Campbell Cup. Thanks to Rachel at Seaside Drama after school club for all her support.

### Swimming Achievements in P6

Well done to Harper & Chloe who swam in the Ulster Primary Schools Competition. Harper came 3<sup>rd</sup> in free style 50 meter and 8<sup>th</sup> in 50m backstroke and has now qualified for the National Primary Schools Competition in Dublin. Chloe swam amazingly in 50m backstroke and narrowly missed out on qualifying for an Irish Schools' place.





## Football Update

Our Boys' & Girls' Football Teams have been playing matches throughout March at Clondeboye Football Ground as part of the North Down Schools' League.

They have played with enthusiasm and skill. We are so proud of these children who represent our school displaying excellent teamwork and attitude.

Thank you to our coaches and to all family and friends for your support at each game.



### 'Article of the Month'

Article 3: The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.

At home and in our school, there are many adults who look out for your child's best interests. We have posters displayed around school which show the children who can help them. This month at home why don't you try to draw round your hand and, on each finger, write the name of a trusted adult you can go to if you feel worried. This will be called your "Trusted 5".

## Peace Proms

Our Senior Choir had a fantastic time in SSE Arena on 09.03.25 when they took part in the Peace Proms Concert with the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. They performed with thousands of children from across Northern Ireland. Our sincerest thanks to our staff who made this possible and to families for your support. It was a truly unforgettable experience.



## PTA News

### Community Day

A massive thanks for your support of our first 'Community Afternoon'. This event brought together local businesses, community groups and Rathmore Primary School pupils, parents and friends for an afternoon of family fun. The sun shone! (Our video on our socials.)

We welcomed our local churches (Bangor Methodist Church, West Church Bangor and St Gall's), the YMCA, Windy Ridge Gift Shop, Curious Candy, Dinky Donuts, Sundaes Ice-Cream, Rathmore Nature Rangers, Galactico Soccer, PSNI, the Integrated Education agencies, Oakmont Nursing Home and Crossroads Care Northern Ireland.

It was a busy afternoon with traditional fair games, Raffy's Raffle, arts and craft activities, face painting, planting, refreshments and sweet treats. The event provided the opportunity for parents, families and friends of all generations to come together to enjoy some relaxed family time together, with the event culminating in shared community signing on the school playground.

The school are grateful to the PTA committee, the parent volunteers and the school staff for their support and help in making Rathmore Primary School's first Community Afternoon such a great success.

### Easter Fun Day

We are organising a non-uniform **Easter Fun Day** in school on Friday 11 April 2025.

Our P1 – P7 children can come to school in their own clothes and will enjoy an Easter Hunt, class games, prizes, a movie, drink and a snack.

Our PTA Party donation is £2 payable via School Money.

*Thank you for your ongoing support of our PTA events.*

