

May 2025

# Newsletter Rathmore



## Diary Dates

5 May	Bank Holiday
7–9 May	P7 Residential Trip
10 May	Post Primary Place Letters
12 May	Netball Tournament
19 May	SEAG Registration Opens
19-23 May	Fit for Life Week
26 May	Bank Holiday
30 May	Girls' Football Tournament

## P2 Spring Celebration

Congratulations to our P2 stars who shone 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 19 – 23 May

Rathmore's 'Fit4Life' Week will be taking place from Monday 19 May to Friday 23 May 2025. The aim of this week is to help promote a healthy lifestyle amongst pupils through diet, exercise and being mindful of their feelings. We are encouraging all children who can, to walk, skip, cycle or scoot to school this week. There is a bike/scooter parking area behind the Learning Support mobile classroom in the Senior playground.

Each child will take part in a Sports' Day event as part of their House team. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their House colour T-shirt (red, blue, yellow, green) on the day of their Sports' Day (and Dance-a-thon day), Black Rathmore shorts and suitable trainers.

This year our chosen charity for Fit for Life Week is Cancer Fund for Children. The funds raised by our Dance-a-thon event will be divided between the charity and PTA Funds. Please check your child's schoolbag for the detailed letter and sponsorship form.

## 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 2025 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 2 May 2025. Thank you for your continued support.

### Post Primary Placement Letters

On Saturday 10 May 2025 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.

### P5 Litter Pick and Tidy Up



Thanks to our P5s, our field and hedges are looking tidier. Our Eco Council are an active group who encourage us to take responsibility of our school. They will have much to discuss with our Minister for Environment & Agriculture on 02.05.2025 when he comes to meet with them.

### Netball NI Blitz Success!



On Tuesday 29 April, our netball team took part in the Netball NI Blitz at Ards Blair Mayne. This marked a special milestone as it was the first time many of our Primary 6 pupils represented Rathmore in a competitive tournament. The girls showed fantastic team spirit, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day, making us all incredibly proud. They were superb ambassadors for our school, and we're excited to see what the future holds for this talented group!

### Karate Success

Huge congratulations to Helena, P5 who competed at the 17th UKF Invitation Karate Tournament in Donegal, bringing home a GOLD and a SILVER!

During the Easter break Helena also competed in two Karate competitions - Southwest International Irish Open, County Kerry and won Kata GOLD, Kumite GOLD and Siblings Kata with her brother Harrison, SILVER and the Northern Ireland OPEN karate Championships 2025. NI Champion in Kata (GOLD) and Kumite (GOLD).





## Intergenerational Week



P6 enjoyed visiting Oakmont Lodge Care Home before Easter as they supported Global Intergenerational Week 2025 through an 'All Ages' April activity.

We worked together to purchase and plant beautiful flowerpots to place in the residents' garden. We had a lot of fun and hope the flowers will brighten up their home.



## PTA News

### PTA Update

Sincerest thanks for your support of our PTA Community Day and Easter Fun Day before Easter. We are delighted to report that they raised (after expenditure) £1380 & £488 respectively.

We are so appreciative of all fundraising which enhances Rathmore's learning environment for our children. You may notice our new shed which has just been purchased. This marks the start of our KS2 Outdoor Enhancement project which is very exciting.



### Pre-Loved Uniform Event

Thanks to the success of our PTA 'Preloved Uniform Event' last year, we will be hosting the event again.

Please see the attached leaflet for further details. We will receive your uniform donations during May and will have them on display in the entrance during June with an honesty box for any contributions.

We thank you in anticipation of your support.

### School Fund

Reminder Term 3 school fund is available to pay if you are in a position to do so and have not already.

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