### Rowandale Integrated Primary School

**Christmas Edition 2024** 







Our next Open Morning is coming up.
Put the date in your diary if you have a child starting school in September 2025.
Spread the word about our great school.



# Rowandale Integrated Primary School Newsletter December 2024 Daily Mile Santa Run











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#### **Christmas Grotto**



A big thank you to Duncan who created our Christmas Grotto entrance at the Kiss & Go circle. It created such a festive and magical atmosphere for the children arriving to school every day.





#### Christingle



We held our annual Christingle service at St Patrick's & St Ronan's Church, Magheralin in December. A celebration for our whole school community. With the story of Christmas, read by the children, at the heart of the service, there was beautiful singing by the Senior Choir, flute and piano solos by our children and stunning performances by some of our parents.

A huge thank you to Mr Reynolds for organising the event, preparing the Choir so meticulously and ensuring the evening was an enjoyable one for everyone.

To Mrs McCarragher for accompanying the children so beautifully on the piano and to Mrs Hughes for her lovely violin playing. To the parents who sang - you were amazing and added so much to the service. To our flute and piano soloists - what great talent you have.

To the staff who came along to help and support - your ongoing commitment is so much appreciated. To Fr Maciej Zackerack and the Parish of St Patrick's & St Ronan's for hosting our celebration - thank you for your hospitality. Finally, to our parents and families, for coming to celebrate Christmas with us, thank you.

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#### Feeling Festive





Things got very festive around Rowandale in the weeks before Christmas.

Charlotte and Olly built a book Christmas Tree in the office, Fiona and
Nola both donned Christmas costumes and the staff enjoyed delicious
treats very generously given by Nanny Massey and by Now & Again Bakery



#### Miles For Meals



The amazing Ashley Briggs ran
100 miles in 24 hours in
December to collect money and
food for Moira Foodbank.
Doing a one mile loop of
Magheralin, Ashley was
supported in relays by
members of Jog Moira and by
Miss Whiteway.

Donations of food and money were collected throughout the duration of the challenge. What an amazing achievement

#### Foodbank Collection

Each year, Rowandale staff kindly ask that, in lieu of gifts, donations are brought in for local Foodbank charities. This year, as in previous years, the Rowandale community stepped up to the mark and we were able to donate an amazing forty eight carrier bags of non-perishable foods, treats, toiletries and other products. Thank you all for your generosity and caring at what can be a very difficult time of year for so many.



#### The Big Build



As we head into 2025, and we mark exactly a year since the new school building was started, we can sense the excitement and anticipation of the months ahead. There will be much planning as we make arrangements for The Big Move!! We can't wait to continue the Rowandale journey which began with just 18 children and now is set to continue with our state of the art primary and nursery school





#### Twelve Days of Christmas Draw

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the annual Parents' Council Christmas raffle!!! The winners have been notified - congratulations to you all!

We raised a fantastic £1600 towards the outdoor play equipment target Many thanks again to all the businesses who generously donated prizes to make it so successful.









Watch out for more fundraising happening in the coming months as we prepare to move in to our new school building

#### **Volunteer Shout Out**

Some of our Kiss & Go team got into the festive mood for Christmas. Wearing their hand-knitted elf hats to keep the chills away, they danced and sang their way through the dark mornings in the lead up to the holidays.



### A BIG THANK YOU ...

...to our amazing Kiss & Go team who brave all weathers to help keep the traffic flowing.

Aisling, Alison, Brenda, Bronagh, Caroline, Christina, Christine, Claire, Dana, Deborah, Emma, Janette, Jodie, Julia, Kseniia, Laura C, Laura D, Laura G, Laura K, Lorna, Maria, Michaela, Nicole, Ruth, Sian, Susanne, Ursula, Niall, Frances and Fiona. We are all so grateful for your time.

If you would like to volunteer for Kiss & Go, Reading Partnership or any aspect of school life, please send a WhatsApp to Fiona on 07725 355 899

#### **Volunteer Coffee Morning**

In December, we held a festive Coffee Morning to say thank you to the many people who give their time to make Rowandale the unique and amazing place it is. Parents, Grandparents, Carers and members of the surrounding community who volunteer for Kiss & Go, Reading Partnership, giving lifts to sporting events and rehearsals, part of our regular 'Thursday Club' or volunteer in any way came to enjoy some tea, coffee and festive treats. While not everyone was available to attend, we were delighted to catch up with those who were there and it was great to see new connections being made among our school community.



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