



# ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



**GOODBYE TO OUR Y7'S WE WILL MISS YOU!**



## Dear Parents

Rowandale Integrated  
Primary School,  
Playgroup &  
Nursery School

Your contribution to the education of your children has been immense. I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation of your support.

The children have worked incredibly hard and have made great progress both educationally and socially.

Staff have worked tirelessly as a coordinated team to ensure that the children's needs come first at all times.

I acknowledge the dedication of our teaching staff who have enabled your children to attain the highest standards in teaching and learning throughout the year.

I wish to thank the office staff, Philly, Siobhan and Fiona, for the efficient administration of school business.

This has been an exceptional year for the School Council. Their fundraising has surpassed even our highest expectations. Your hard work knows no bounds!

The Governors of Rowandale have worked tirelessly behind the scenes. I wish to thank our new chair Brian Mc Fetrige for his guidance and leadership.

I am looking forward to welcoming our new Year 1 children to Rowandale and bidding farewell to our Year 7 children - wishing them every success in their post - primary schools.

We are celebrating the new school build beginning and the news that we have been granted the opportunity to build a nursery.

Thank you for speaking so positively about the school within the community - we have no doubt that this has attributed to school's enrolment numbers growing significantly in the past few years.

Thanking the parents for the joy their children have brought us each day and wishing families a wonderful summer.

Kindest regards

Frances

# SUMMER DISCO FUN



All year groups recently enjoyed our end-of-year discos. Huge thanks to DJ Ade who kept the dance floor jumping all night. Thanks also to Moira Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their hall and to our teachers and parent volunteers for their supervision and excellent tuck duties!



# Y7 RESIDENTIAL TO CORRYMEELA



# Y6 RESIDENTIAL TO KILBRONEY

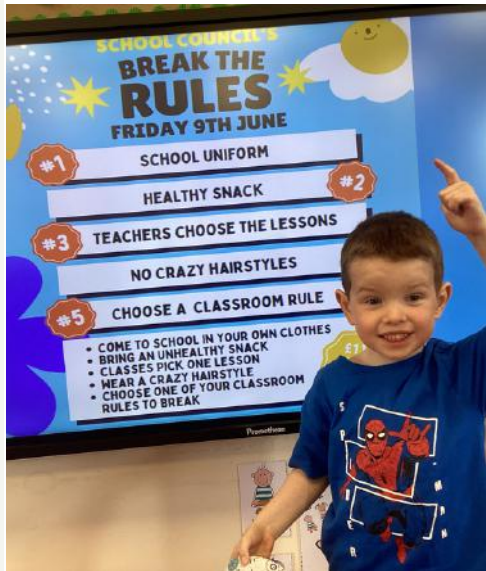


# Y3E - ARMAGH COUNTY MUSEUM TRIP



At the start of June, Y3E went on their trip to the Armagh County Museum. We had a fun day exploring different types of toys from the past and the present.

# Y1H UPDATE



# Y2D TRIP TO TRANSPORT MUSEUM



Year 2 enjoyed their school trip to the Ulster Transport Museum where they encountered amazing feats of engineering. They really enjoyed finding out how we have made our way from past to present and beyond through different modes of transport.





# ROWANDALE BABY BOOM



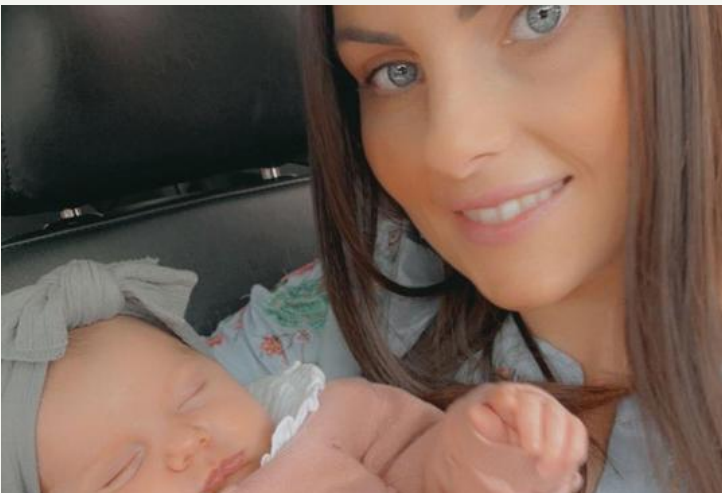
We are wishing Mrs Downey-Barr a very happy maternity leave as she prepares to have her first baby this summer. We look forward to hearing your good news!



Mrs Scott welcomed baby Theo



Mrs McAlister welcomed Baby Senan Sean



Mrs Henry welcomed baby Mia Penelope



Mrs Hanna welcomed baby Fiadh

## GOOGLE DUBLIN



Mrs McCarragher and Mr Mackay were invited to Google in Dublin to share our journey to become a Google Reference School. We were accompanied by other principals and teachers from Northern Ireland as well as representatives from the Education Authority, C2K and Capita.

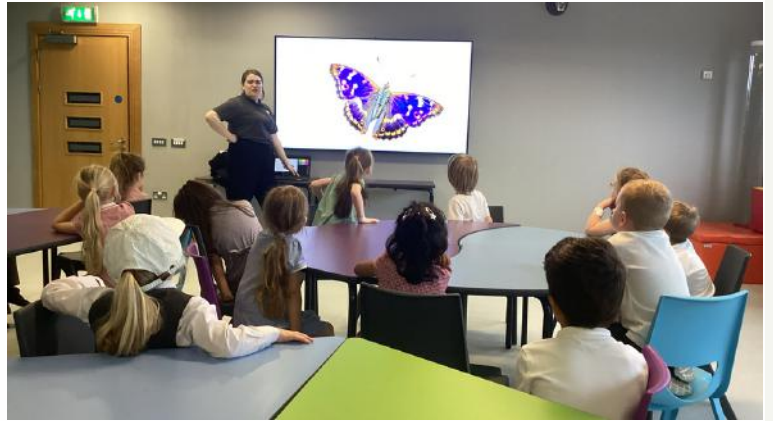


## Y5 PEN LICENCES



Some very happy faces in year 5 after receiving pen licences! These came after months of working hard on their handwriting during spellings and written work, well done!

## Y1H UPDATE



The Year 1 children went to W5 for their school trip. They spent time learning about insects and made some minibeasts. Next, they visited Fairytale Land and did a spot of shopping and lastly, they used the climbing structure, Climblt. We had a fantastic day and the children loved it! Thank you W5!!

## EVIE AND MYA



Evie and Mya are part of the Tiny Talents Musical Theatre group at the Pamela Cassells School of Performance. They have been loving rehearsing for their upcoming performance of Annie at the Civic Centre in Craigavon!

## PAST PUPIL SUCCESS



Success for a former pupil. Jonny has just finished competing in Gymnastics this week at the Special Olympics World Games 2023 in Berlin. He has come away with four Gold Medals, two Silver Medals and a Bronze Medal. This makes him the outright winner in Gymnastics at the highest level in the World Games. Well done Jonny we are so proud of you!

## MRS MCCARAGHER TEACHER IN FOCUS

### How long have you taught in Rowandale?

This is my 9th year teaching at Rowandale. I joined the school in September 2014.

### What is your favourite memory of your time at Rowandale?

When I first started at Rowandale, Key Stage 2 used to do a Christmas play every year. I always loved the buzz and excitement of preparing for those plays and seeing the enjoyment the children had on the day of the performance. Even though school plays bring so much joy to everyone by the time we get to the final performance, it can be stressful getting to that point. Mr McHenry and I still laugh about the day that I got a bit cross with him and Mr Young for messing about during rehearsals!

### What do you enjoy most about teaching Year 5?

I love to see how independent the children become throughout Year 5. Sometimes, children come into Year 5 shocked with how much work we have to get through and the fast pace of Year 5 but they always rise to the challenge.

### What do you enjoy doing outside school?

Most of my time outside of school is spent driving my 3 children to various activities. If I ever have any free time I enjoy meeting up with friends for coffee and playing my piano.

### What is your favourite food?

I would say Italian food is my favourite. I love pasta and enjoy making a variety of pasta dishes at home.

### What is your favourite country?

Canada - I have family members living in Calgary and Toronto. I have visited Canada many times. As a child we spent a few summers in Canada visiting my aunt and uncle. Since then I have been back to Canada to go to my cousin's wedding in Banff and my husband and I spent part of our honeymoon in Vancouver.

### If you could do anything....what would that be?

Invent a robot that could wash, dry and fold clothes and put them away. It would free up so much time from my weekends!



 A graphic for 'Back to School' featuring various school supplies like a calculator, pencils, an apple, and a watercolor palette on a dark background. The text 'Back to School' is written in large, colorful, bubbly letters.
 

**Back to School**

**Friday 1st September 2023**

\*Y1 staggered intake

## Y2S UPDATE



## JACK'S WALK FOR CANCER



Jack Yr 4K is taking part in Business Beats Cancer Belfast's 30X challenge for Cancer Research UK.

He is walking 30 miles in June and raising loads of money for a very worthy cause. If anyone would like to sponsor him, they can use this link and add "Go Jack" to their donation comment!

[Click here to donate](#)

Jack is overwhelmed with all the support he's getting - it's keeping him walking in the evenings after a hard day's work in Miss Killens P4 class!

His final walk will be around the Demesne on 30th June, starting at 2pm. Some of his Yr4 friends are joining him and everyone is welcome. There'll be T-Shirts, pens and wristbands for participants!



# WISHING THE ROWANDALE FAMILIES A RELAXING AND FUN-FILLED SUMMER HOLIDAY.



## SPECIAL THANK YOU



Alison McLorn has volunteered in Year 3E every Wednesday this year. We appreciate all your help. Thank you.



Isla, Annie and Beth's Granny Anne has been doing reading partnership all year. Thank you so much for sharing your time with us.

# Y3E NUMERACY IN THE FOREST



Earlier this month we focused on measurement and using rules to measure in centimetres. The children worked in pairs to complete a scavenger hunt to find different objects in the forest



# PLAYGROUP UPDATE



Playgroup have been super busy over the month of June, finishing with a fantastic Graduation Ceremony in the Church Hall. The children have been learning about Summer with lots of them having been on their Summer holidays already.





## Y2D MADE SEED BOMBS



Victoria from Kindergarden Cooks came into school and showed us how to make seed bombs. We can't wait to see them grow into beautiful flowers in our gardens!



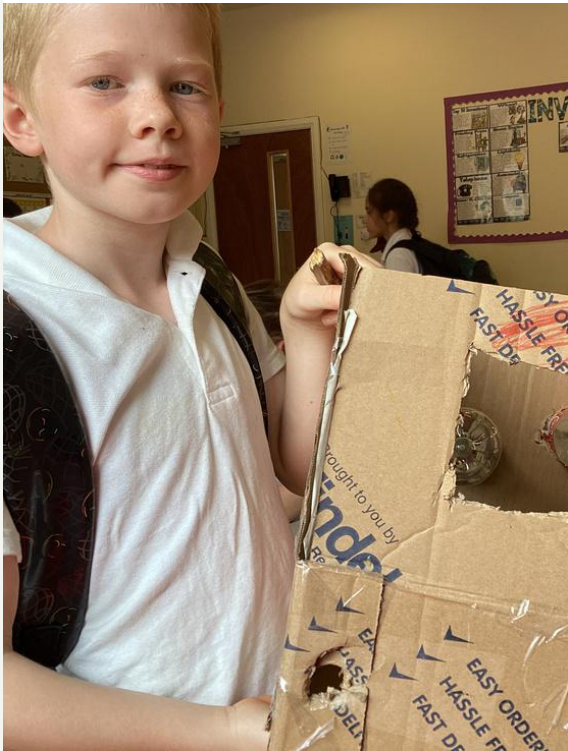
## YR3 - 40TH ANNUAL SCHOOLS' ART COMPETITION



Some Y3 children attended the 40th Annual Schools' Art Competition Gala Awards Ceremony to accept their First Prize Award in the Drama Section for their performance of "You Are Special".

We are so proud of you!

## Y5 INVENTORS



Year 5H brought in some recycling from home and became inventors for the day! They were challenged to make a vehicle (bonus points for working wheels!). We think their creations look pretty cool!



## Y5 SCIENCE



Year 5 have been studying forces in science! We created fidget spinners and looked at the forces of pushing, air resistance and gravity. These were so much fun to make!

## Y5 GAEILIC AND RUGBY



Year 5 enjoyed spending 2 days at local sports clubs having a go at gaelic football and rugby. We went to St Michael's in Magheralin and Lurgan RFC to practice skills for each sport and then play in a mini blitz. We had great fun on both days and it was great that we could try sports that some of us hadn't tried before.



## DIMITRI & NI SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND THEATRE



This is Dimitri in Y4 after he finished his S2 exam with Northern Ireland School of Music and Theatre on the 20/6/23.

Pictured here with Emma and Conor from (NISMAT). Conor is also a year 4 TA! He had to recite two poems and answer questions about the poems. He's awaiting his results.

## JUDE IS OFF TO THE WORLD KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Jude from Y6 is getting ready to fight at the World Kickboxing Championships in England this summer. Jude trains at Fight Club NI and he won WKU Northern Ireland 30kg light contact kickboxing title at the start of this year. If anyone or a local business would like to sponsor Jude to help with the costs of attending this competition, please let us know!

## SWIM STARS



Freddie and Anna rose are proud to show their latest swimming achievements. They attend Keen2Swim in Belfast and are delighted with their latest swimming distances. Callan from Y5 won Swimmer of the Year at Lurgan Athletic Swimming Club where he swims 3 times per week. Well done to our Swim Superstars!

# Y5 LOGAN FOREST



Year 5M spent some time learning in the Logan Forest last week. We had some play time and then spent some time making dens and creating artwork. We ate our lunch and completed the Daily Mile around the athletics track in the forest.



## DARA & CALLAN VISIT TO RFA ARGUS



Dara and Callan enjoyed a tour of RFA ARGUS recently when it was stationed in Belfast. RFA Argus is a Primary Casualty Receiving Ship of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, with a 100-bed medical complex on board, she acts as a floating medical facility during times of crisis or war.



## Y4R BELFAST ZOO





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Juniors (Year 1 - Year 5)  
10.00am - 1.00pm  
Seniors (Year 6 - Year 10)  
2.00pm - 5.00pm

Week 1: 10th - 14th July Juniors - The Little Mermaid & Seniors - The Greatest Showman  
Week 2: 17th - 21st July Juniors - Frozen & Seniors - Grease  
Week 3: 7th - 11th August Pop Week  
Week 4: 14th - 18th August Juniors - Matilda & Seniors - Footloose

Get booking now! Singing, Acting and Dance training -  
Tutors Aoife Hughes and Leah Mc Carron ISTD Trained, Trinity Musical Theatre accredited.

Need school uniforms?

# Hope Uniform Bank



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**ROWANDALE IPS**

# LAST DAY OF TERM

**30th June**

**COLLECTION TIMES**

YEAR 1 & 2: 11:30AM  
YEAR 3 & 4: 11:40AM  
YEAR 5 & 6: 11:50AM  
YEAR 7: 12 NOON

PLEASE USE CHURCH CAR PARK AND WALK IF YOU CAN. IF YOU NEED TO DRIVE, PLEASE DISPLAY YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE PASSENGER WINDOW CLEARLY

## EA Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance

Applications  
**NOW OPEN!**  
click here to apply



The Rowandale Parents Committee would like to thank you all for your support and generous contributions over this last academic year. We wish you a healthy, happy and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming you all back in September 2023!

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