



ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



Rowandale: The Big Build

A birds eye view of what's going on with the new build. There has been a lot of heavy lifting done by the crane - the children love seeing the machinery in action.



THE BIG BUILD



Rowandale Integrated Primary School The Big Build - be part of it!



Are you a Past Pupil, Parent or Governor
of Rowandale Integrated PS?

If so, we want to hear from you!

Click on the link and we'll be in touch

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Can you help?

If you can spare half an hour a day, two or three days a week, we'd love to have you on our Reading Partnership Team. Contact Fiona on fmaree245@c2kni.net for more info.



PORTADOWN FESTIVAL SUCCESS



Our Senior Choir had great success at the Portadown Festival, achieving second place in the school choir competition. The children sang two songs - 'Singing all over the World' and 'Wild Mountain Thyme'. Adjudicator Richard Yarr commented positively on the choir's 'infectious enthusiasm'! Well done everyone - a fantastic achievement!

We would like to thank Mr Reynolds and Mrs McCarragher for all the work they have put into preparing the Senior Choir for this event.



Congratulations to our Junior Choir who came third in their category at the Portadown Festival. This was the first festival experience for the year 3 and 4 children - wow!!! did they rise to the occasion, they gave it their all - we are so proud of them!

A big thank you to Miss Watson and to Miss Rutter for all their hard work in preparing the choir.

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CHOIR RECOGNITION



Members of the school choir were presented with gold star pins in recognition of their hard work as part of the choir



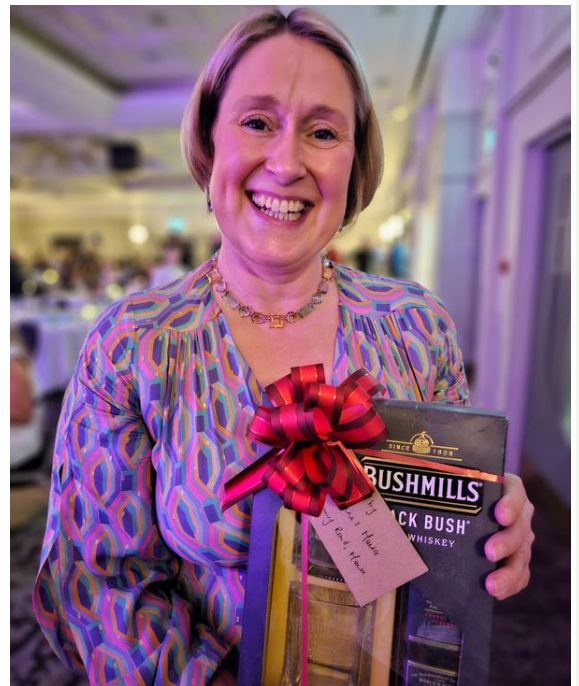
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STARS IN THEIR EYES



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What an amazing night out we had at Stars In Their Eyes 2024. After weeks of preparation, rehearsals, printing, promoting and clandestine meetings the whole night came together seamlessly. The talent on display was absolutely fantastic, with an array of acts. Not to mention the interval entertainment, provided by Rowandale Staff and Others! A huge thank you to Aisling Turkington and Charlene Turkington who once again pulled the whole night together - no mean feat. Thank you also to the amazing businesses who sponsored the event and gave prizes for the raffle on the night. The money made now stands at in excess of £10,000! This will go towards play equipment for the new school. Thank you all so much for your support. A special word of thanks to the main sponsors of the event: Lowe Rentals, Lisburn; SMV Motors, Ballinderry and Rachel Fowler Financial Advisory. And thank you to all those who donated prizes for the raffle: Brogans, Lisburn; Renegade Kings; Bedeck; Grl Ladies Gym; Maria Gibson; Flawless Beauty; Bronagh Kelly; Eithne Brogan; Aisling Turkington; The Gordon Family; Edenmore Golf Club; Fine Wines Moira; McGarry Fine Wines.

STARS IN THEIR EYES



YEAR 6 TRIP - ARMAGH PALACE STABLES

Year 6 had a wonderful trip to the Armagh Palace Stables to learn all about what it was like to live in Victorian times. We had a fun packed day, learning about many different aspects of what life would have been like back then. First, we experienced what school would have been like back then, sitting in an old style classroom and writing on slates, using chalk. Not everyone was impressed with how strict the rules and punishments were back in those days! We also learned about the people who worked in palaces then and got to walk along the tunnel that servants used to get into the palace.

FOUNDATION STAGE UPDATE

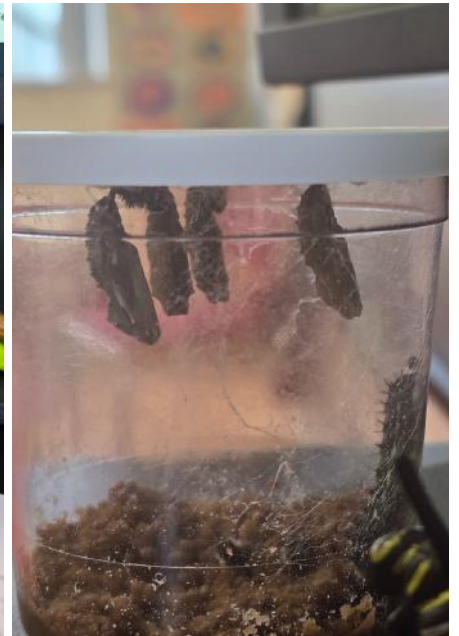
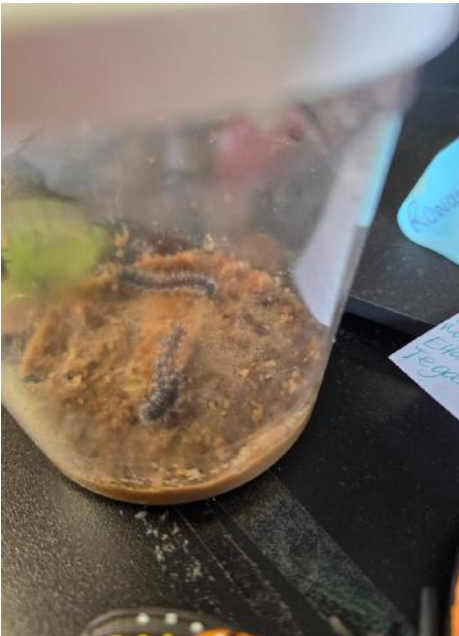
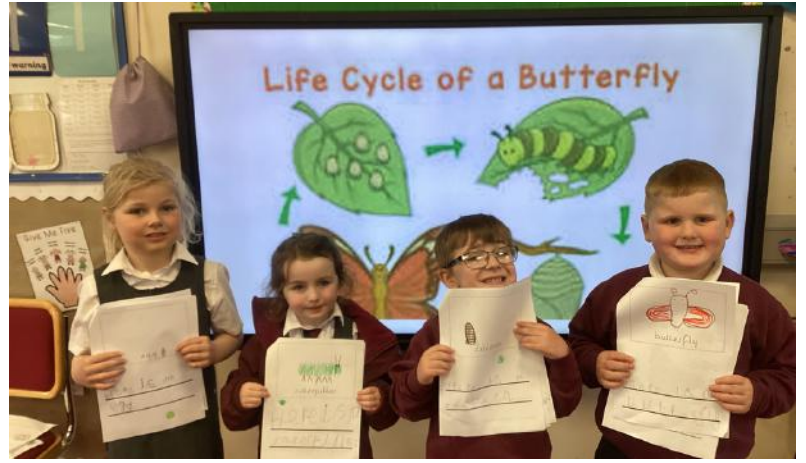


Year 1D have been learning about Forces and Magnetism in Science. They found out that magnets can pull some objects but not others and that this is called attraction.

FOUNDATION STAGE UPDATE

Year 1B enjoyed learning all about Lifecycles to finish their green fingers topic. First they learned about the lifecycle of a frog and then they learned about the lifecycle of a butterfly.

They currently have 5 little caterpillars in their classroom and are eagerly awaiting them to chrysalide into cocoons so they can transform into butterflies!



YEAR 7 CONFIRMATION



Children from Rowandale , Maghaberry PS, Waringstown PS and Meadow Bridge Primary School, prepared by Mr McHenry and Children from Moira PS prepared by Mary Wallace, were also made their Confirmation.

The ceremony was lovely, with singing by Courtney, Eva and Emer. Readings and Prayers of the Faithful were shared among children from all the schools taking part.

The children and their families all went across to the Parish Hall for refreshments, kindly provided by the parents of Rowandale. We would like to thank Mr McHenry for his work in preparing the children, Mrs McCarragher for the excellent musical accompaniment at the ceremony, Claire Douglas for her work on the Mass booklets, Jordan Galway-McAteer for her work on the individual Confirmation cards, the ever generous parents of Rowandale for providing the donations for the refreshments, the wonderful team who helped by setting up the hall, serving refreshments and clearing up afterwards. Thank you.



YEAR 7 CONFIRMATION



ACCELERATED READER TREATS



Congratulations to Years 5H and 7McC who achieved their AR targets last term. After a couple of false starts due to bad weather, each class was able to go to Moira for the traditional treat. Year 5H went to the Quirky Bird and Year 7McC went to Cairo Cafe. The children had ice-creams - what a lovely way to reward all that reading!

ACCELERATED READER TREATS



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Catherine Coffey, who has completed the London Marathon. Catherine ran the marathon in aid of JDRF - a charity that funds research to cure, prevent and treat Type 1 Diabetes. Catherine will also be taking part in the Belfast Marathon on May 5th - what an amazing accomplishment.


**We need
YOU!**


Many hands make light work!

We appreciate every house is busy, but if you can spare any time or talents it would be much appreciated.

⚡ How Can You Help?

- Events Planning
- Fundraising Wizards
- DIY Enthusiasts



email us at rowandalepc@gmail.com
or speak to one of the committee team 

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Some girls from Yrs 1 and 2 took part in the Rainbows sponsored walk in Lurgan Park

Boys Brigade Winners

Abel in Yr 1B and Hugh (Playgroup) were awarded for their attendance at their Boys Brigade display. Abel won Best Boy shield for P1 Anchor Boys. Well done to you both!



Kick-boxing Success
Jude in Year 7 has won an All Ireland kick-boxing title at the ISKA Open in Derry. Congratulations, Jude



Portadown Festival

Congratulations to Charlotte and Eva who won second place at the Portadown Festival. We are very proud of all our children who took part in the competition.

WE NEED YOU!



The Parents Council is overseen by a committee of seven roles, who are elected every year at the AGM, but many others volunteer. With their support, we are able to promote the school and playgroup within our community, strengthening links and developing relationships while raising vital funds which are used to enrich our children's learning experience at Rowandale Integrated Primary School and Community Playgroup.

We are a registered charity and our main objectives are to:

- Engage in activities or promote events within the school which will enable us to provide facilities and equipment that will advance the education and social-wellbeing of our children.

Develop and strengthen relationships between staff, parents and others associated with the education of our children.

How can you help?

All seven committee roles are now up for grabs, please see more details on the next page.

Many hands make light work! Parents Council needs support from our whole school community to work at its best.

The roles available won't take up a huge amount of your time. The current committee all work full time and manage it around family commitments.

By sharing the load we can make amazing things happen!

If you are interested in a role please email rowandalepc@gmail.com



PARENTS COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 13th June 2024

@ 7:30pm

In School and Online

All Welcome!



Parent Committee Roles



CHAIR PERSON

Are you....
Calm, friendly and approachable?

Could you guide our Parents Council to ensure the views of everyone are considered?

WE NEED YOU!



VICE-CHAIR PERSON

Are you....
Enthusiastic and organised

Could you support the Chairperson of our Parents Council to ensure events and activities run smoothly?

WE NEED YOU!



PUBLIC RELATIONS

Are you....
Creative and a social media whiz?

Can you help promote our school on social media?

WE NEED YOU!



TREASURER

Are you...
Organised and mathematical?

Could you help keep our finances in check?

WE NEED YOU!



SECRETARY

Are you...
Organised, efficient and a good listener?

We need someone that can identify discussion points, actions and agreements from meetings and accurately record in minutes.

WE NEED YOU!



VOLUNTEER LEAD

Are you...
Engaging and enthusiastic?

Could you inspire, motivate and lead a large army of volunteers?

WE NEED YOU!

ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Mr Wilson's class were thrilled to have a visit from baby Lucie - their Roots of Empathy baby. They spent some time playing with her and reading to her. The visit was made all the more special when she decided to crawl for the first time! What a treat!



ROOTS OF EMPATHY

Year 5H have absolutely loved watching Baby Senán grow and develop this year. They have thoroughly enjoyed the Roots of Empathy programme, delivered by Miss Whiteway and have developed their understanding of a baby's needs. This year has been even more special as Mrs McAlister in Year 6 is Baby Senán's Mum! We have only a few visits left and we know we will really miss this very special opportunity.



MUSIC TEACHER IN FOCUS - RUTH GRAHAM

- What instrument/s do you play?

Primarily piano and flute which I love. I also enjoy playing recorder and used to play 1st descant in a recorder quintet:). I've had a go at the organ and accordion at various times and am a very basic guitarist!

- What do you enjoy most about teaching?

I really enjoy sharing my love of music with others. It's a joy to see a total beginner get so excited playing their first tune and reading music for themselves, to see them develop and grow in confidence, and eventually playing for their own pleasure. It is special to have a part in this..

- If you had the chance to perform with anyone..who would that be?

I'd love to do a duet with James Galway ...I can always dream!!

- Desert Island Discs.....list 3 songs/ pieces of music that you couldn't do without and why?

Oh dear, this is hard, I like so many different types of music and songs!

I love the New world symphony by Dvorak...my parents had a record of it when I was a child so it has lots of happy memories attached to it. Also Bruch's Scottish fantasia for violin and orchestra , I heard it as a student visiting Glasgow and fell in love with it.

Anything by the 60's group The Seekers(feeling old here!!) And love the hymn" Be still my soul". I have a lovely version of it with "The Priests " singing it.. Oops I think I've given 4!!

- Why do you think music is so important?

Music is so varied, it is something everyone can enjoy in some shape or form, it is a great way to make friends and gives so much enjoyment , there is a real buzz being part of anything musical!

Playing an instrument helps develop hand eye coordination , rhythm, counting skills, confidence, a real sense of achievement, pleasure., friendships etc etc..I could go on ! 😊



TEACHER IN FOCUS - MRS ASHE



How long have you taught in Rowandale?

· I have been teaching at Rowandale, on and off as a substitute teacher, for 3 years. I started as during covid as a Learning Support teacher, then general cover and now maternity cover in Year 2.

· What is your favourite memory of Year 2?

· It's a tough choice, there's so much to choose from! But I'd have to say the school trip to Slieve Gullion. The children were just in their element, we learned so much from our guide Dandelion Dee and we had so much fun!

· What do you enjoy most about teaching Year 2?

· I enjoy the wonder and curiosity that the children bring to their learning. Every day brings something new and to watch the children make such super progress in their learning is fantastic.

What do you enjoy doing outside school?

· I have two, very active, young boys. So, come rain or shine, our weekends are generally spent seeking adventures through forests or going on road trips to explore the coastline and beaches! In my spare time I'm also trying to learn the art of calligraphy, which as a left-handed person, is proving tricky (and messy!) I also love to read, so when I can I'll have a good cup of coffee and try to get a few chapters in.

· What is your favourite food?

· Hmm...definitely curry. Or is it Italian? Oh I don't think I can choose just one! But definitely curry or Italian haha. I definitely enjoy savoury foods more and have been known to order a starter in place of a dessert.

· What is your favourite country?

· I've been lucky enough to travel around a few beautiful countries, but I've just fallen in love with Italy. I've been to a few of the regions, and I just adore the culture, food and the amazing architecture. Take me back to the Amalfi Coast please!



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

-Somehow extend the day? Squeeze a few more hours in while everyone else is frozen in 'real time'. Or, be able to go back in time. I'd definitely like to go back and visit a few periods throughout history.

Calling all Parents, Carers & Staff

Come climb with us!

Some of us are climbing Slieve Doan in the Mournes on Sunday May 5th.

Why not join us?

Meet at Rowandale at 8.45am to car pool - climb starts at 10am and will end at approximately 2.30pm.

Walking boots are recommended.

If you would like to meet us there, we will be meeting at the OTT car park, Slievenaman Rd, Newry BT34 5XL

Any queries, message Fiona on 07725 355 899



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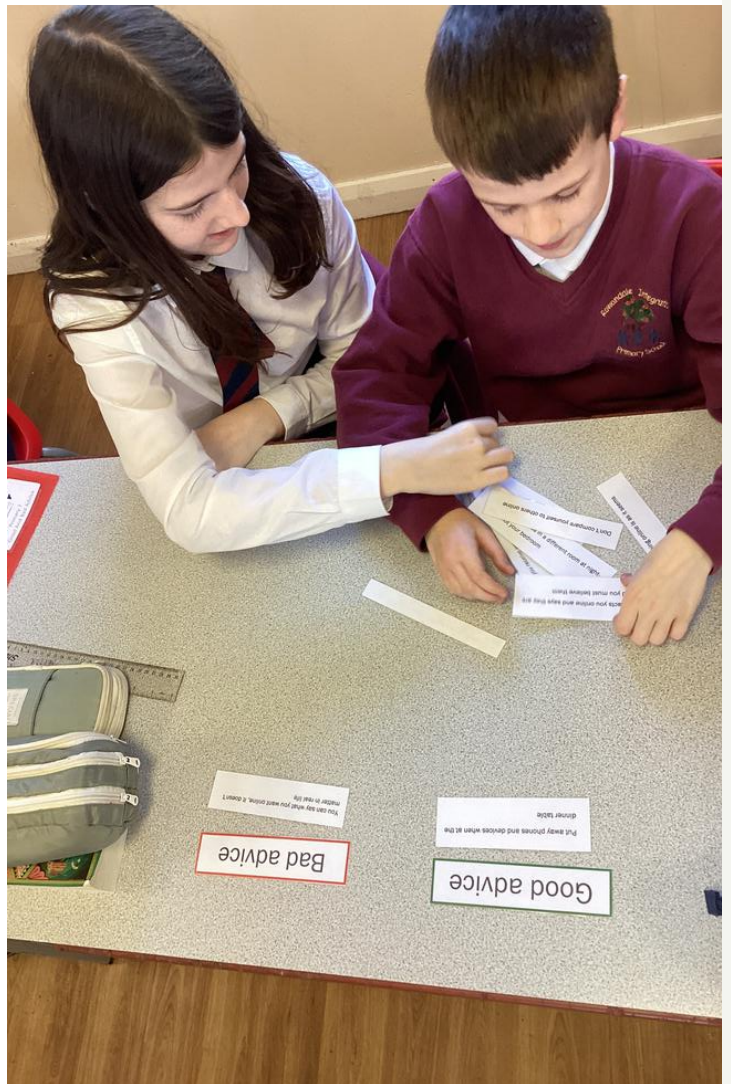
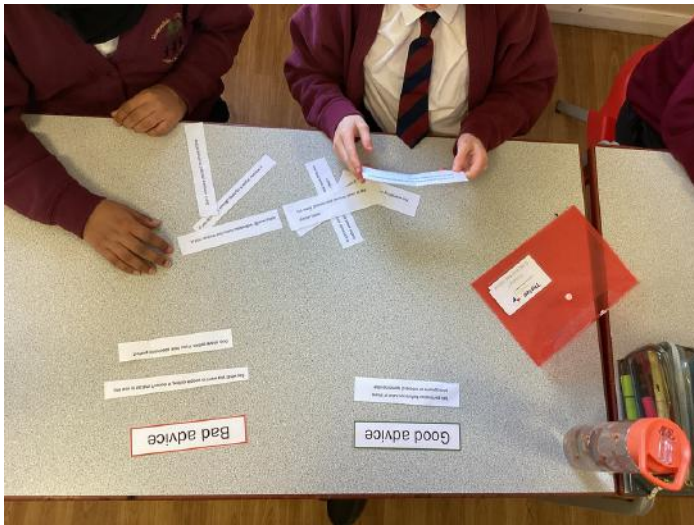
**VOTE IN STORE
FROM NOW TO THE
END OF JUNE**



PICK UP A TOKEN WHEN PAYING & VOTE FOR US
TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO DO THE SAME!

YEAR 7 -THRIVE ACADEMY WORKSHOP

Year 7 were delighted to welcome Deborah from Thrive Academy to deliver a workshop on Digital Resilience. It was great to be able to have a conversation together about how we should be responsible using our devices and how it is important to protect our mental health when using online platforms.



PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

A big Thank You to all of our parent/carer volunteers who continue to give their free time to help out at Rowandale. To our Kiss & Go team who turn up in all weathers to help bring the children safely into school each morning, the Reading Partners who give their time to read one-to-one with children - you will never know the difference you are making, the Thursday Morning Club - thank you for giving your time to help label, sort and cover reading books for the children. You are all awesome and we are very grateful for your support.



6.05 - SCHOOL CLOSED
 7.05 - SCHOOL PHOTOS
 14.05 - Y7 LEAVER PHOTOS
 15.05 - ROWANDALE INTEGRATED FOOTBALL CUP
 22.05 - Y7 SHOW, ALADDIN
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 24.05 - SCHOOL CLOSED
 27.05 - SCHOOL CLOSED
 28.05 - Y1-3 SPORTS DAY (MOIRA DEMESNE)
 29.05 - Y4-7 SPORTS DAY (MOIRA DEMESNE)

MAY

2024

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