

# ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL ROWANDALE



#### **Y3 - THE BEE MUSICAL**







Congratulations to Y3 children on their wonderful performance in The Bee Musical, they worked so hard over the last few months and had lots of fun this week performing for their families. Huge thanks to Moira Presbyterian Church for the use of the hall and facilities, and to our parent volunteers Cat, Ronan and Garvan for their support.





# Y1 UPDATE



Year 1 enjoyed their visit from Mike at World of Owls - they met 3 different types of owl and learned lots of interesting facts from Mike. This month they also made Kandinsky art pieces as part of children's mental health week



















# **Y7 COMMUNITY ART**



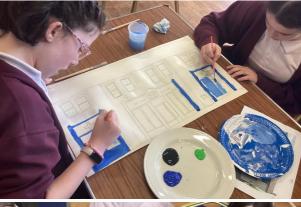
Over the past 5 weeks, Year 7 have been completing an art project in collaboration with Moira Community Association and Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

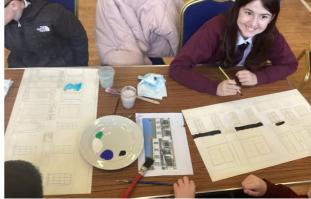
We have been working along with artist, Suzy Swain, to create a piece of art featuring buildings, shops and landmarks in the village. We had a celebration event last week to unveil the final piece.



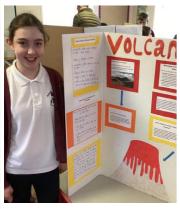


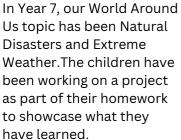






## Y7 NATURAL DISASTERS DISPLAY





They brought their finished projects into school to present to each other. Mrs Hughes and the children from Year 6 also came to visit to look at the amazing projects on display.





















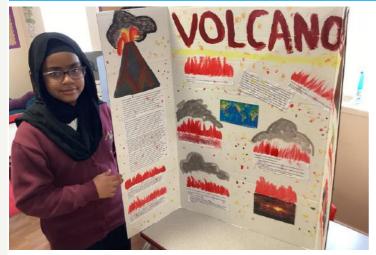








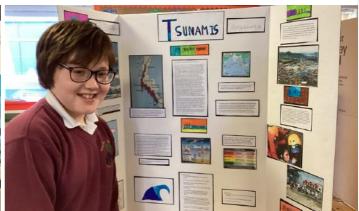
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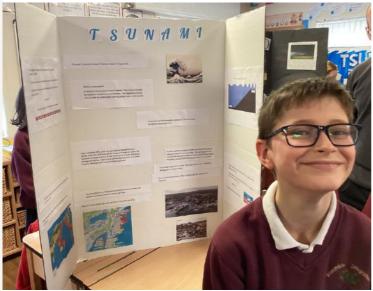






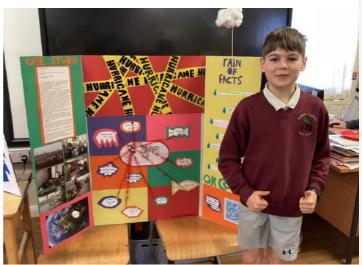




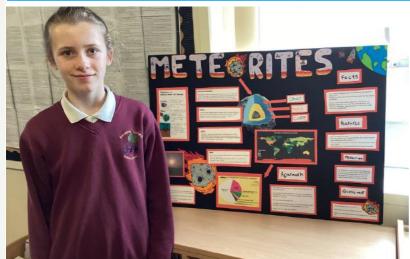


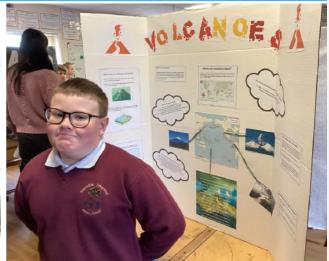


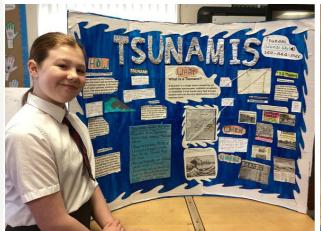




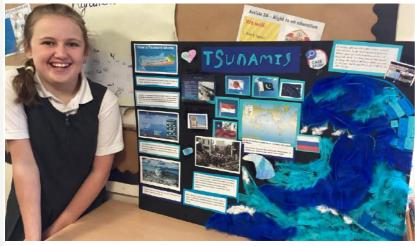
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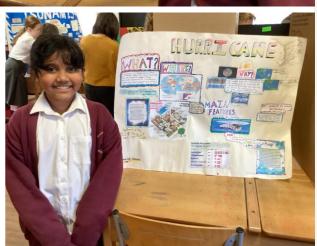




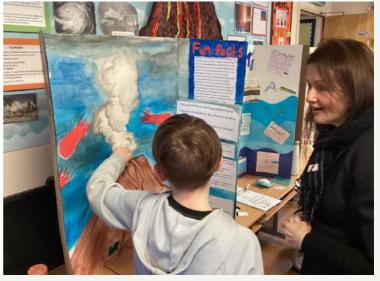












## **Y5 - THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE**



Year 5 have been learning about fiction stories this term and have thoroughly enjoyed reading The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe by C.S Lewis. During an Art lesson, we recreated the famous wardrobe!







## **SWIMMING SUCCESS**



Dara in Y7 came 3rd in the 50m backstroke at the South Lakes Swimming Gala. Over 750 swimmers from all over NI competed over two days last weekend. Dara trains with Lurgan Swimming Club four times a week.



## **BINGO FUN**

BINGO NIGHT... a night of delicious food, unbeatable prizes, cheesy 90s tunes and so so many giggles... as well as plenty of bingo! Thank you so much to everyone who bought a ticket and anyone who donated a prize. The biggest thanks goes to Roy and Andrea in the @Quirky Bird Social Enterprise who hosted us and looked after our every whim until very very late! We are so so lucky to have a community in Rowandale who are always so willing to jump in and do what it takes to build our community even stronger and that is what shone so brightly at our Bingo night... community, friendship and craic!! We raised a fabulous £369 to add to our school funds.



Once again THANK YOU 🤎



















# **BINGO FUN**



















#### Y2 UPDATE





Y2 have had a busy month!

**Lunar New Year** - we enjoyed exploring various activities to celebrate the year of the Dragon. We have written our ages in Mandarin

**Jack and The Beanstalk** - planting beans - As part of our Fairy Tales topic we planted beans, we can't wait to have our own beanstalks.

**Science Magnets** - as part of our Science lessons on Forces, we learnt about magnets. We know that they attract and repel and that even planet Earth has its own magnetic field.

**Clay shoes** - We loved the story of the Elves and the Shoemaker. We designed and made our own shoes using clay.

**Bat visit** - we had a visit from an expert from LCCC who talked to us about bats, their habitat and their diet. She even brought along three bats for us to inspect.

**Money** - the children played a variety of interactive games to develop their understanding of using various coins to pay for items in the shop.

**Reading buddies** - 2S really enjoyed reading with 5W today as they were introduced to their Reading Buddies.









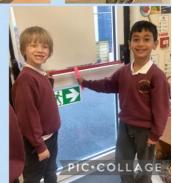


## **Y2 UPDATE**















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



## **ROWANDALES GOT TALENT**





What a night we had at Rowandale's Got Talent. An absolute treat for the ears and eyes - there was singing, dancing, comedy, drama and lots more. Chrislynn was the outright winner after wowing us with her Indian dance routine to Ed Sheeran's Shape of You. A huge well done to all the participants - you are all superstars.

#### **ROWANDALE SUCCESS AT THE PORTADOWN FESTIVAL**







Rowandale pupils have had huge successes at the Portadown festival this month, achieving the top marks in Musical Theatre. Mya in y4 was awarded 2nd place for her solo musical theatre performance of Truly Scrumptious from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Annie & Rafa in year 6 both came away with gold medals for their performances in Willy Russell's Blood Brothers. In the younger category, there were also gold medals for Ruby, Sophia and Mya in Y4, Evie in Y3 and Leah in Y2 for their amazing group performance of Disney's The Little Mermaid. What a talented bunch!





## **PLAYGROUP UPDATE**





Playgroup have been learning about Differences in February. We have been talking about how everyone is different and sharing how things make us feel happy or sad or excited or scared. We also had great fun celebrating the Chinese New Year with a party and tasted some lovely Chinese food.

The children were also thrilled to take part in the Superhero Daily Mile day alongside the school and children made a great effort coming in dressed as their favourite superhero.

We have also been learning about the colour Pink and have made some brilliant shapes out of our a pink play dough.

Don't forget it's our Playgroup Open day on Saturday 2nd March from 10am-12pm!





# **PLAYGROUP UPDATE**











#### **FOOTBALL SUCCESS**



Rowandale beat St Colman's, Lurgan in the Under 10 Cup!

## **TEACHER IN FOUCUS - MRS SILCOCK**

#### How long have you taught in Rowandale?

I began teaching at Rowandale 10 years ago. I joined the school as a Year 4 teacher, and I currently teach in Year 5.

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

There is so much life at Rowandale that it is hard to pick a favourite memory. I love Show and Tell/Me and My World sessions as they give a great insight into the talents and interests that children in my classes have. Hatching chicks and caring for them for a few weeks in Year 4 was always a highlight and Class Trips to the Titanic Dry Dock were something I looked forward to when looking at the topic of Titanic.

#### What do you enjoy doing outside of school?

I enjoy cooking and sharing a meal with family and friends. I love to read a book and drink a coffee. I took up running in the last few years and like to listen to a podcast as I try to run 5k!

#### What is your Favourite food?

A difficult question but if I had to choose it would be an almond croissant alongside my coffee on a Sunday morning.

#### What is your favourite country?

I have been lucky enough to go to France several times on holiday. I love the food, the culture, the French countryside, and the sunshine!

#### If you could do anything, what would it be?

I would love to be able to play an instrument and be part of an Orchestra.





## **MOIRA PLAYERS PANTOMIME 2024 - SNOW WHITE**

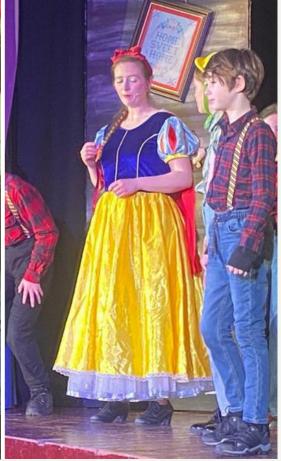


Over 30 Rowandale pupils past and present had an amazing time performing in the Moira Players Annual pantomime in January.

This year, the pantomime was a contemporary take on Snow White and the children involved played lots of different parts including villagers, woodland animals and even statues! The children from P3 up had been rehearsing since October and they all worked so hard throughout the run.

The hard work paid off with their fantastic performances in January. Three current pupils from Rowandale were also chosen to play acting roles as well as being in the children's chorus; Dara (Y7), Annie (Y6) & Rafa (Y6) did a fantastic job at bringing humour and fun to this classic tale as members of the Lyttle family. Rafa said 'it was so much fun being a Lyttle, I basically got to be a silly kid on stage!'







# **CAN YOU HELP?**

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SPONSORING OUR EVENT? COULD YOU DONATE A RAFFLE PRIZE?



**FUNDRAISER EVENT FOR** ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL

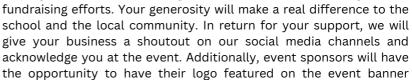




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displayed at the school.



If you're interested in getting involved, please get in touch with us via email at rowandalepc@gmail.com or send us a message at 07842652050 or 07514 621781.

Special Thanks to Rachel Fowler Advisory, SMV Motors and Lowe Rental who have already kindly offered to help with the running costs of the event

Let's make this year's Stars In Their Eyes the best one yet!

#### PARENT VOLUNTEERS



A big thank you to the parent volunteers who come along on Thursdays to help label and cover books for Accelerated Reader. As always, we are forever grateful for the donations of books, which continue to come in. We were delighted to take delivery recently of a supply of Accelerated Reader books which will enhance the reading experience of younger children. We also have a new supply of dyslexia-friendly books. These books were purchased in conjunction with our Parents Council - thank you everyone.





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