



ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



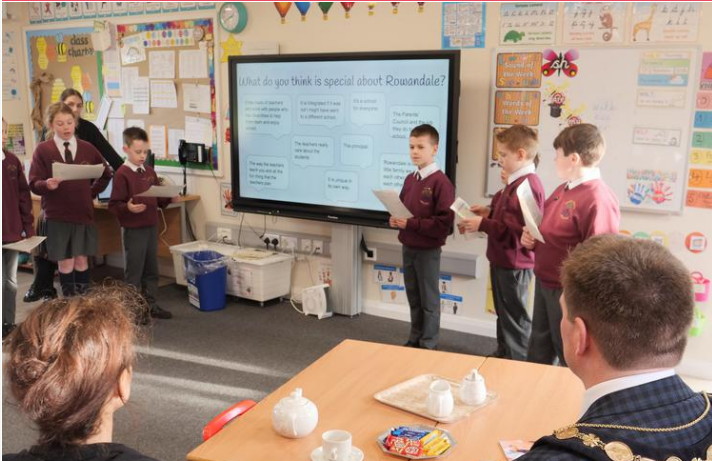
OPEN MORNING

Rowandale Integrated Primary School invite you to our Open Morning for children starting school in September 2023.

Lots of fun activities for the whole family. Come along and find out what Rowandale can offer your child. Bring your wellies!!

**SATURDAY 3RD
DECEMBER
10:00 - 12:00**

MAYOR CARSON VISITS ROWANDALE



Mayor Councillor Scott Carson visited Rowandale recently to see our Forest school and meet our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors and School Council. See more photos of the Mayor's visit on page 3!

Congratulations Mr Reynolds

on the success of Made in Dagenham by the Newcastle Glee's, in which he played Harold Wilson

December Dates

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

- 30th Nov** - 7pm Moira Christmas Lights Switch On
- 1st -12th Dec** - 12 days of Christmas Raffle see Facebook & Instagram
- 1st Dec** - Years 3-5 at The Snow Queen in Lyric Theatre
- 1st Dec** - 7pm Big Quiz Night @ Fat Gherkin
- 2nd Dec** - 1pm-3pm Christmas Jumper Swap @ School
- 3rd Dec** - 10am - 12 noon School Open Day
- 4th Dec** - 3pm Interdenominational Carol Service – St John's Church of Ireland - choir performing
- 5th Dec** - 8:15pm Parents Council Meeting @ School
- 8th Dec** - Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 10th Dec** - 10am - 11.30am Forest School Open Morning
- 13th Dec** - Years 6-7 at The Snow Queen in Lyric Theatre
- 14th Dec** - Return 12 days of Christmas Raffle Ticket Entries
- 14th Dec** - 9.30am - 10.15am, Year 1&2 Nativity in Presbyterian Hall
- 15th Dec** - 7pm - 8pm Christingle (Years 1-7) in St Patrick's & St Ronan's Church, Magheralin
- 16th Dec** - 12 days of Christmas Raffle Draw
- 16th Dec** - Children's Christmas Dinner
- 20th Dec** - 1/2 Day Christmas Holidays!
- 4th Jan** - Back to school

ROWANDALE QUIZ NIGHT

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER
7PM | FAT GHERKIN
BYOB | NIBBLES
BOOK HERE

FOREST SCHOOL OPEN MORNING



We recently held a very successful Forest School Open Morning, where we welcomed local pre-school aged children to explore and play in The Logan Forest. The new mud kitchens were a huge hit and children got an opportunity to make bird feeders, crafts and dens. We hope these open mornings in the forest will become a regular event in our school calendar. Thank you to the Forest School Committee for all your help in making our forest a wonderful place to learn and play in.



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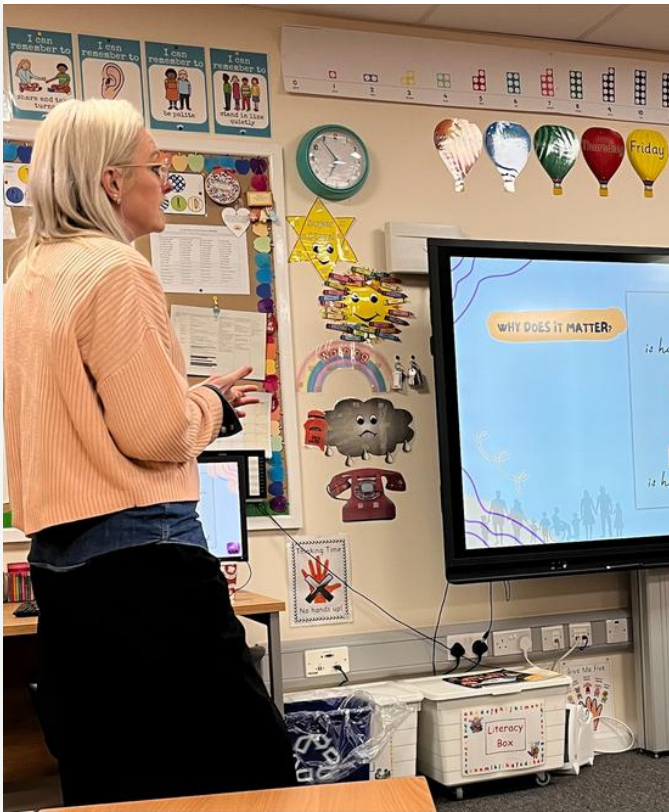
The visit tied in perfectly as it was also Anti-Bullying week in school so Mayor Carson heard about the fantastic Anti-Bullying lessons that had taken place across all key stages. He also heard about the two Diana Award badges that the Ambassadors have worked hard to earn: Wellbeing and Online Safety. He commented on the importance of looking out for each other to ensure that everyone has a positive school experience. Our Ambassadors wear their badges with pride so they thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to share their hard work, effort and experiences with Mayor Carson.

Mayor Carson then met the new School Council and learnt about the ethos of Rowandale, and what it truly means to go to an Integrated school. The School Council delivered a fantastic presentation about their plans for the future of the school and how they plan to put them into practice.

The Mayor also put on his wellies to visit the Forest School and see the brilliant effort from parents and residents of Moira to help expand The Logan Forest.



DIVERSITY WORKSHOPS



Mrs Downey Barr, Rowandale's Integration Coordinator, was delighted to welcome grown-ups into school for two diversity workshops. The workshops were delivered by Orla McKeating from Still I Rise - Diversity Storytelling. Over the two workshops we explored various aspects of diversity including: racial understanding; family stereotyping; gender; LGBTQ+; ageism; religion; immigration and cultural identity; ability and disability. As a school community we always want to create and promote a diverse and inclusive environment which ensures 'Equality for All'.

Danni Sinclair (parent of children in Year 5 and Year 7) commented, "I feel so privileged to have been able to take part in the Diversity workshop. It was a safe space for us to explore identity and difference, and to encourage our own curiosity and awareness of bias. I loved meeting other parents and carers, and the school staff who took part. Orla was an excellent presenter and facilitator, and Mrs Downey Barr a warm and welcoming host. Check out Orla's TedTALK and you too will be inspired! I have done similar things before but this was a very special opportunity to not only reflect on myself but to understand how Rowandale genuinely and wholeheartedly lives out Excellence in Integration in our children's learning. It made my heart sing! Thank you Team Rowandale!"



Staggered finishing times for Tuesday 20th December
(Christmas jumpers/non-uniform day & school dinners served):

- Year 1 & 2 @ 12 noon
- Year 3 & 4 @ 12.10pm
- Year 5 & 6 @ 12.20pm
- Year 7 @ 12.30pm

Breakfast club is open but there is no after-school care



TEMPORARY CLEANER REQUIRED

2pm - 5.15pm
Monday - Friday
phone the school office
02892613946

YR1 FOUNDATION STAGE PLAY



Year 1 are enjoying their new 'water wall', they can choose their own routes, exploring how to pour accurately and it allows them to catch the flowing water at the end.

Foundation stage children playing with their new mud kitchen, baking cakes and serving to their friends.






CHRISTMAS TOY & PYJAMAS APPEAL 2022

SPREAD A LITTLE CHRISTMAS JOY THIS YEAR!

The Quirky Bird Toy Appeal is now in its third year and has been set up to help local families in Moira & the surrounding villages who are struggling to afford food and other bills due to the current economic climate. Some of these families would struggle to buy any Christmas presents for their children.

The Toy Appeal encourages local people, families, schools, businesses, and churches to give something to help local children at Christmas. We are focusing on new toys, pyjamas and selection boxes this year.

We are working with **GAP Ministries (Moira Food Bank)** and other local bodies to identify local families who need help, and those families will receive a present to give to their children on Christmas morning.

This year we aim to bring the joy of Christmas to more disadvantaged children in Moira and the greater area with the help of GAP Ministries (Moira Food Bank) & other local bodies. All the toys and gifts donated will be distributed to families in the greater Moira area. Together, we will help spread the joy of Christmas to families in need in our local area.

Please drop off all toys, pyjamas & selection boxes to The Quirky Bird by **Monday 11th of December**. GAP Ministries have requested the following sizes of pyjamas to meet the initial demand; 3 x 10 to 11 year old girls / 2 x 8 to 10 year old boys / 2 x 4 to 5 year old boys / 2 x 2 year old girls / 1 x under 1 boy / 1 x under 1 girl / 10 adult sizes.

With my greatest thanks and warm wishes- Stephen Coulter and my team at The Quirky Bird Social Enterprise Cafe

WHERE DO OUR Y7S GO AFTER ROWANDALE?

At Rowandale children choose which school they wish to attend for post-primary... these are the choices children made last year.

- 3 Banbridge Academy
- 1 Banbridge High
- 1 Brownlow Integrated College
- 1 Dromore High School
- 4 Forthill Integrated College
- 8 Friends' School
- 1 Hunterhouse
- 1 Lurgan Junior High
- 3 Lisnagarvey High School
- 2 Methodist College
- 8 New - Bridge Integrated College
- 1 Rathmore Grammar School
- 1 Slemish Integrated Primary School
- 1 St. Patrick's Academy Lisburn
- 4 St Ronan's College
- 5 Wallace High School



ROWANDALE PLAYGROUP NEWS



The playgroup children have really enjoyed their topic of “fantasy and fairytales” this month. We started it off with our annual Prince and Princess Day and the children all had the opportunity to dress up for the day and make some yummy rice crispy buns with unicorn sprinkles.

We began the second half of the month learning about pirates, with the children showing great imagination in our building area through building pirate ships, they sailed all the way to pirate rock!!

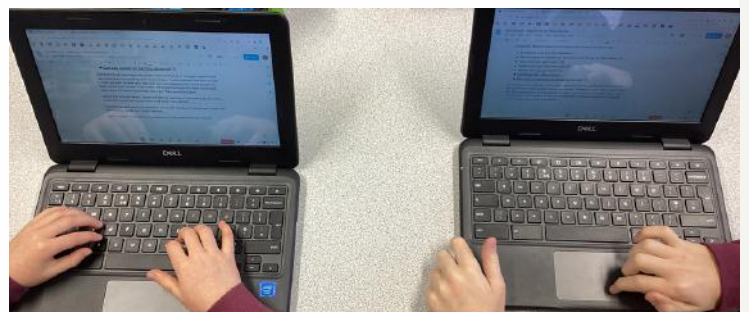
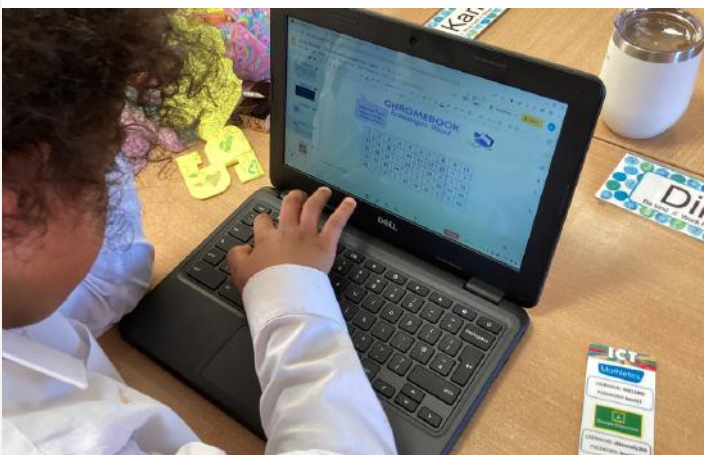
Emma returned from her maternity leave this month also, and we would like to thank Jayne for being a fantastic leader in her absence!



GOOGLE CHROME BOOKS



The children have been enjoying using our new set of Google Chromebooks to complete a range of activities in class. A big thank you to all those who donated money in order for us to purchase these.



GEORGE AND MILDRED



In September, Year 3E welcomed two Horsefield tortoises, George and Mildred, into our classroom. George and Mildred were kindly gifted to us by the McNeill family. We have loved having them in our class! The children have been completing various research activities into how to care for them and what a healthy diet looks like for them. The tortoises have had a calming effect on the class and caring for George and Mildred has been used as a reward. Keep an eye out on social media for more about the adventures of George and Mildred.

MISS MCCORMACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT!



How long have you taught in Rowandale?

I started in Rowandale in August 2021. Before that, I worked in a primary school in Liverpool for 2 years and taught Year 6.

What is your favourite memory of Year 7?

Last year was my first year in Year 7 and my favourite memory is our residential trip to Corrymeela in Ballycastle. It was lovely for the whole year group to relax and spend time together before leaving Rowandale. One activity that springs to mind involved the children walking a trail whilst blindfolded, which was quite comical!

What do you enjoy most about teaching Year 7?

By Year 7 the children have really developed their unique personalities and senses of humour- I love getting to know them all. The children also begin to better understand the world around them and I love the in-depth discussions we can have about social issues and stories in the news.

What do you enjoy doing outside school?

On the weekends, I love to go out for walks with friends and family. My current favourite is the Ridge Walk at Divis and Black Mountain- the views are amazing!

What is your favourite food?

I love any Asian or Middle Eastern cuisine, but sushi is probably my favourite dish.

What is your favourite country?

I'd have to say it's a tie between America and Croatia.

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

Travel around the Americas is at the top of my bucket list.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER WITH US?

COULD YOU BECOME A ROWANDALE READING PARTNER?

Calling all mums, dads,
grandparents and friends!

If you can spare half an hour, three
days a week, we'd love to hear from
you.

Reading partnership is proven to
improve a child's reading by up to
two years as well as increasing
confidence and self-esteem.

Contact Fiona Maree
via School Office

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A very special thank
you to all our
November Kiss & Go
Volunteers!

The weather is getting
wetter and colder and
we really appreciate all
that you do to ensure
our children get into
school safely!

Christina, Deborah, Judy,
Laura C, Laura G, Michaela,
Dana, Aisling, Sharon,
Leanne, Niall, Angie, Sarah,
Bronagh, Maria, Claire,
Susanne, Ursula, Sian &
Sarah B

THANK
You! 😊

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOLUNTEER?

One of our incredibly generous parents
recently donated £820 to the
Rowandale Parents Committee through
an employer volunteer scheme that
recognises the positive impact
volunteering makes to our school
community.

This money will be used to purchase
classroom resources for our children.

Thank you so much!



Volunteers needed Walk Home Safe

Pupils in Years 5-7 have recently commenced walking to carparks at the top of the hill.

To further support this, the School would ideally want 3 - 4 parents everyday, to volunteer to station themselves strategically on the hill to encourage safe behaviour during this walk.

For example stations maybe 1 person at church car park; 1 at 40 speed sign; 1 at 20 speed sign near Limestown Meadows.

This would ideally be for 20 minutes from 3pm, everyday.

Please contact Laura 078 547 58066 if you can help



**PARENTS COUNCIL
NEXT MEETING**



**MONDAY
5TH
DECEMBER
@8:15PM
IN SCHOOL**

ALL WELCOME



JOIN THE ROWANDALE BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We're keen for parents, carers, and grandparents to let us know if they run a business or offer a local service.

Send us your details and we will add your name to our directory and promote to our community.

email rowandalepc@outlook.com

YR4 TITANIC TRIP



TRANSLINK & PSNI VISIT



Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed a visit from both Translink and Road Safety Education, PSNI. The children learnt about getting on and off a bus safely, waiting at a bus stop and how to get the bus drivers attention. They also learnt about the importance of visibility when out, staying on the footpath and wearing a seatbelt.

A big thank you to Noel Teeney for organising the important talks for Key Stage Two. Year 6 and 7 are looking forward to their talks in the coming weeks!



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sales!**

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SPORTING EVENTS



Why not seek some sponsorship for your next race, skydive, cycle or walk that you do? Or, why not join our Staff/Parent Relay Team each year to raise money for ICT equipment? We can help you organise sponsor forms

Username **Rowandale**
Password **MVkyd9Hm**

EVENTS COMING UP



Christmas Jumper Swap

DONATE PRELOVED JUMPERS AND PICK A NEW ONE!
FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2022
1PM-3PM @ROWANDALE



The Quirky Bird Social Enterprise Cafe

 *New* **TOY** UNTIL 11TH DECEMBER
 **& PYJAMAS** *In conjunction with*
APPEAL 

We are working with **GAP Ministries (Moira Food Bank)** and other local bodies to identify local families who need help, and those families will receive a present to give to their children on Christmas morning.

If you know of any family, charity or local group in need of support please refer them to us by emailing:
catering@thequirkybirdtearooms.com

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ROWANDALE PARENTS COUNCIL
PRESENTS

STARS IN THEIR EYES

SATURDAY, 1ST APRIL AT 7:00PM

THE BALLROOM
THE SEAGOE HOTEL
PORTADOWN

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW
WITH EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rowandale-parents-council>



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