



# ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



## ROWANDALE RUN THE BELFAST MARATHON!



On Sunday 30th April 2023, Staff and Parents took part in the Belfast City Marathon Relay.

Team 1 - Zoe McCormack, Lorraine Whiteway, Catherine Hamill and Mark McHenry.

Team 2 - Lucy Hanna, Ben Whiteway, Louise Watson, Jack Evans and Garth Mackay.

The team raised an amazing £1665 to support the development of ICT within the school. Thank you so much for all our generous donations, it is appreciated.





THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR RECENT STARS IN THEIR EYES AT THE SEAGOE HOTEL.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR "STARS" AND OUR SPONSORS. WITH YOUR HELP WE RAISED A WHOPPING ...

£7100

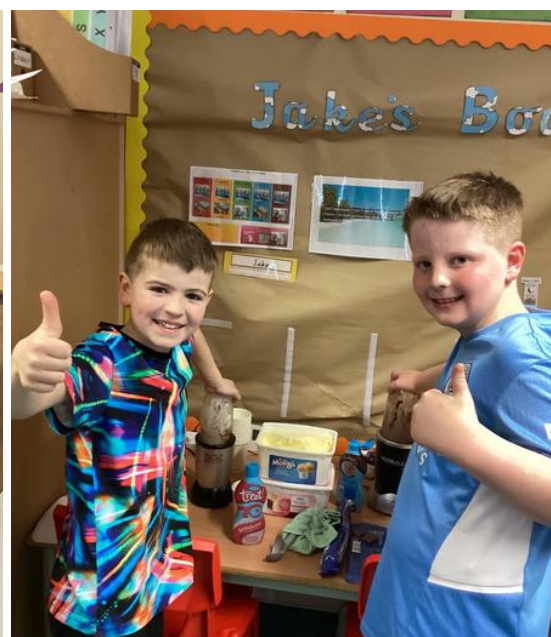
CHECK OUT OUR NEWSLETTER NEXT MONTH FOR A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF HOW THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO IMPROVE THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OUR KIDS!



# Y1- LIFECYCLE OF A FROG



# AR CELEBRATIONS



Congratulations to all of the boys and girls in 4K, 4R, 5M, 5H and 6McA who reached their term 2 Accelerated Reader targets. We were delighted to provide them with a wonderful treat of their choice.

Amazing work everyone!

# CHOIR



# GOOGLE CERTIFIED EDUCATORS

Google for Education



We're taking part in the

## NI Google Certified Educator Programme

Rowandale Integrated Primary School



This year our staff have worked hard to continue to implement the Google for Education tools into our classrooms. This is a journey that we have been on for the past number of years. Throughout this year we have had a number of members of staff who have availed of the Northern Ireland Google Educator programme that has been run by Fiona Law from Canopy Education in partnership with the Education Authority.

As a whole staff we have also completed a number of training sessions throughout the year which have been led by Mrs McCarragher who is a Google Certified Trainer and Coach. We are delighted that all of our teaching staff are now Level 1 Google Certified Educators and 75% have gone on to complete their Level 2. This is a great achievement and we are grateful for the time and dedication shown by our staff.



## Y3 - KINDERGARDEN COOKS



Victoria from Kindergarten cooks came along to teach Year 3 all about how plants are pollinated. We then we had the chance to plant our own flowers in the flower beds outside our classroom. We now have to make sure that we water them regularly and we are looking forward to watching them grow and bloom.

## ST MICHAEL'S UNDER 10 GIRLS TEAM



The newly formed St Michael's Girls U10 team recently played their first league match, they played brilliantly even though the rain didn't stop. All players are Rowandale pupils! All new players are welcome.

**ST. MICHAEL'S  
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**GIRL PLAYERS  
NEEDED FOR  
U10 & U12  
TEAMS**

St. Michaels are developing Girls Underage Gaelic Football Teams. All ages and all abilities are very welcome and in particular girls under 10 and under 12. All past players also very welcome.

FOR DETAILS OF TRAINING CONTACT  
CLARE 07786 013919 or  
TRIONA 07305 537927

## U11 LISBURN RUGBY TEAM



On the weekend of April 14th, James Morrow and 22 other boys from the U11 Lisburn Rugby team travelled to Bognor Regis to take part in the Leicester Tigers Challenge. Over 350 teams ranging from U7 to U13 and from all over the UK arrived in Butlins for a full weekend of rugby and fun. The boys had an amazing experience, playing 6 games over Saturday and Sunday. They even brought home a runners-up cup after winning all their games on Sunday. The Butlins amusements also saw a lot of action!

## Y4 - KINDERGARDEN COOKS



Victoria from Kindergarden Cooks taught us about how plants are pollinated, and then we had the chance to plant our own flowers outside our classroom.

# GLOBAL INTERGENERATIONAL WEEK



On Friday 28 April, the School celebrated Global Intergenerational Week with an All Ages Tea Party at the Presbyterian Church Hall.

A fabulous time was had by all with performances from our talented pupils. A huge thank you to Frances Hughes and Fiona Maree for co-ordinating everything on the day, along with all the parent helpers and the Quirky Bird for supplying the tasty treats.

The event raised £300 for the School.





# GLOBAL INTERGENERATIONAL WEEK



## PLAYGROUP UPDATE



Playgroup started April with making some lovely Easter Bunny cards and having our annual Easter Bonnet party. Thanks to everyone for your hard work making the children's hats- they looked brilliant!!

We learnt all about the farm and farmyard animals this month, with the children enjoying spotting any animals or tractors while out and about with their family!



# Y7 LEAVERS HOODIES



# Y7 ROOTS OF EMPATHY



Last week, Year 7 had their first baby visit as part of their Roots of Empathy programme. This programme usually takes place in Year 5, but as the children missed out due to Covid, they are enjoying this opportunity now. It is also extra special for our class, as Poppy was a Roots of Empathy baby and our special visitors were Mrs Hanna and baby Fiadh. All the children loved meeting Fiadh and enjoyed learning about what babies can do and understand at different growth stages. Everyone is very much looking forward to our next session.



## SPELLING BEE



During April our hall was buzzing with excitement for our Rowandale Spelling Bee. Competition was fierce, with the top spellers all competing to be the Spelling Bee Champion. Pupils were required to spell a word in front of a large audience of teachers and pupils. Despite the tremendous pressure of the final round, Connie Irvine and Scarlett Best succeeded as the KS1 and KS2 Spelling Bee Champion. Well done girls!

## JOSHUA & FLYNN



Joshua & Flynn of Year 2 attend Taekwondo at the weekends in Hillsborough & love it, they have both recently been moved up from Little Tigers to Taekwondo gaining lots of confidence & self-esteem.

[Check out their club here if you are interested!](#)

# YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Last week, Year 7 took part in an online Zoom session with the team from Young Enterprise, along with a few other Primary 7 classes from other schools.

The session introduced our Young Enterprise topic- Business Beginnings. The children took part in a series of quizzes, testing their knowledge of well-known logos, slogans and entrepreneurs.

We then took part in a sustainability challenge, the children worked in groups to create an animal from household rubbish, such as crisp packets, newspaper and plastic bottles.

Take a look at our creations!



## MRS BENNETT TEACHER IN FOCUS

### How long have you taught at Rowandale?

I have been teaching at Rowandale for over 13 years. I first taught at the school in 2008 and returned as the Year 2 teacher in 2010. I have been in my current role as the Learning Support Teacher & SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) for almost 6 years. It has been wonderful to see the school grow and flourish over the years.

### What is your favourite memory?

I have so many wonderful memories of my time teaching at Rowandale. I loved being part of the Beauty And The Beast production the school put on to celebrate 10 years of Rowandale; the children were amazing! Another highlight was having the opportunity to travel to Sri Lanka with Mrs Auten, to visit our link school through a project with the British Council. It was an incredible experience and a trip I will treasure forever. However, if you were to ask my husband this question, I think he would say when the Premier League trophy visited the school.

### What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The thing I enjoy most about teaching is working with the children, they bring so much joy to the school. Teaching for me is about making a difference in the lives of our children. I love having the opportunity to play an important role in their development and want every child to believe in themselves and reach their full potential. Some of the most special moments are when children grasp new concepts, learn new skills and their faces light up with pride.

### What do you enjoy doing outside school?

Outside of school, I love spending time with my family. We enjoy travelling abroad, heading away in our touring caravan, going on long walks and cycles and playing board games. I also enjoy singing, crafts and baking.

### What is your favourite food?

This is a very difficult question to answer as I love foods from all around the world but if I had to pick, I would say Indian cuisine...and chocolate.

### What is your favourite country?

I have always loved to travel and this is another difficult question; up there in my favourites would be, Canada, Sri Lanka and Malta.

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

I would love the ability to pause or slow down time so that I could treasure those special and priceless moments with my family for just a little bit longer.



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

**It's great to see brighter drier mornings!**

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

## JACOB MEETS CHRIS SKELLEY MBE



Jacob from Y3 got to meet Chris Skelley MBE. Chris won Gold in the Tokyo Paralympics for our country. This was a very special day that meant so much to Jacob, doing what he loves most - participating in Judo.

Jacob trains at Simply Judo in Maghaberry. He regularly takes part in competitions and in a recent competition he was placed second overall in his age category. The sport has helped to grow his confidence and it is a hobby he really enjoys. The judo teachers are Mark, Brian and Peggy who are fantastic.

## LURGAN TOWN IN BARCELONA



Eoin Galway, Patrick Mullan and Finn Hamill from Year 7 all got the opportunity to represent Lurgan Town Football Club at the recent Barcelona Cup 2023 Tournament. A fantastic achievement and opportunity for three boys, something they will always remember.



## WARINGSTOWN BROWNIES



Elsie in Y6 attends Brownies in Waringstown every Wednesday night, she had great fun at the recent camp in Gosford.

## LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST



Year 4R loved celebrating with Dimitri following his amazing decision to donate his previously uncut hair to Little Princess Trust to make wigs for children who have been affected by hair loss due to cancer and alopecia. Dimitri also raised an amazing £1485 for the trust. Absolutely incredible, we are very proud of you!

May

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28	29	30	31			

- Mon 1st May:** SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri 5th May:** Coronation Party in school for Y1 - 7
- Mon 8th May:** SCHOOL CLOSED
- Tue 9th – Thur 11th May:** School photographer Y1 – 7
- Sat 20th May:** Y7 Post Primary notification
- Sat 20th May:** First Holy Communion
- Tue 23rd May:** Year 7 Leaver Photos
- Tue 23rd May:** Year 4 @ Belfast Zoo
- Wed 24th May:** Y1 – 3 Sports Day @ school
- Thur 25th May:** SCHOOL CLOSED
- Fri 26th May:** SCHOOL CLOSED
- Mon 29th May:** SCHOOL CLOSED
- Wed 31st May:** Y4 – 7 Sports Day



# EVOLVE BY SAMARA STYLE EVENT



Thank you to everyone who joined us for a fabulous night with Samara where she discussed, how to build your confidence & dress for your body shape, how to dress for your lifestyle and the power of wearing colours that complement you.

Special thanks go to McGarry's Fine Wines who treated us to a refreshing glass of prosecco on arrival, the lovely ladies from BTY Cosmetics Moira who gave us an excellent makeup demonstration and Samara showcased some stock from Lily Rose Boutique.



# SATURDAY MORNING FUN



Saturday 20 May

11am-12 noon  
story and song

12-1pm free play  
outside

all pre-school age  
welcome



Free  
No need to book

Rowandale Integrated Primary School  
Clarehill Road, Moira

### Saturday Morning Fun!

Calling all Bluey fans, **13th May** will be a [G'Day kiddos!] as we welcome B L U E Y to our Saturday story/song/crafts session. **Saturday 20th May** will have a Duggee theme!

Free fun aimed at preschool age.

Free tea and coffee for grown ups. No need to book.

## 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.

Thank you to our 4 volunteers so far, but we still need more help!

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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## PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE

YEARS 1-3 SPORTS DAY  
WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY

AND

YEARS 4-7 SPORTS DAY  
WEDNESDAY 31ST MAY

(DEPENDENT ON REMAINING STOCK LEVELS)

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