

Rowandale Integrated Primary School

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Open Morning - save the date!



A fun morning for
all the family!

ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL
MOIRA



Is your child due to start Year 1 in September 2025?

OPEN MORNING



SATURDAY 11th JANUARY, 2025
10.00 – 12.00



18, CLAREHILL RD, MOIRA, BT67 0PB 028 92613946

BREAKFAST CLUB
&
WRAPAROUND CARE
7.30AM - 6.00PM

NURSERY OPENING
SEPTEMBER 2025



Our next Open Morning is coming up.
Put the date in your diary if you have a
child starting school in September 2025.
Spread the word about our great school.

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Year 1 Nursery Rhymes Topic

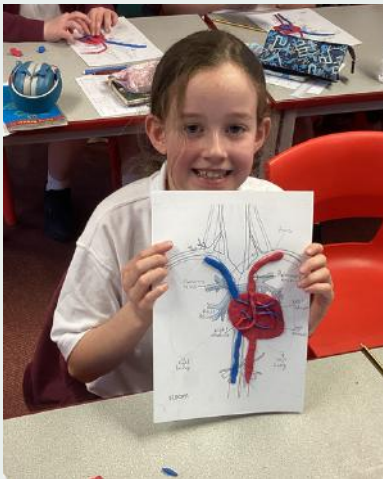
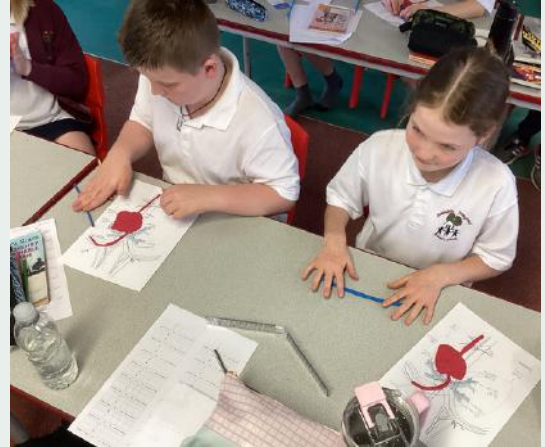
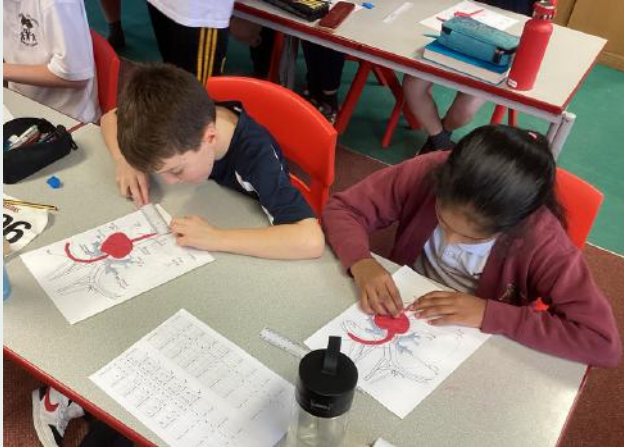
Year 1 enjoyed making get well soon cards for Jack and Jill, as part of their Nursery Rhyme topic



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Yr 6w - The Respiratory System



Mr Wilson's Yr 6 class have been learning about the Respiratory System. They really enjoyed making their own lungs, using balloons and straws, and demonstrating how lungs work.

**ROWANDALE INTEGRATED NURSERY
MOIRA**



**New School Nursery Opening
September 2025
26 Funded Places**



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Children In Need and Odd Sock Day



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Children In Need and Odd Sock Day



The children enjoyed a Pyjama Day in November to raise funds for BBC Children In Need



Over £400 was raised for this amazing and deserving charity.

Each year, we mark Anti-Bullying Week by having Odd Sock Day. It's our way of celebrating the things that make us all different and unique. It's also a great way to highlight that our differences should never make us the target of bullying or unkindness.



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Yr 7 trip to Moira Library



Year 7 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Moira Library. We loved looking through the vast array of books available to borrow. Eimear gave a great talk about the library and the many services and resources that it has to offer. After the library, as it was a nice day, we went to Moira Demesne for some fresh air and exercise, before walking back to school.

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Yr 7 Trip to Ulster Aviation Society

As part of our WW2 World Around Us topic, we went for a visit to the Ulster Aviation Society. We had a great morning having a go on the flight simulators and seeing around some of the different planes on display.

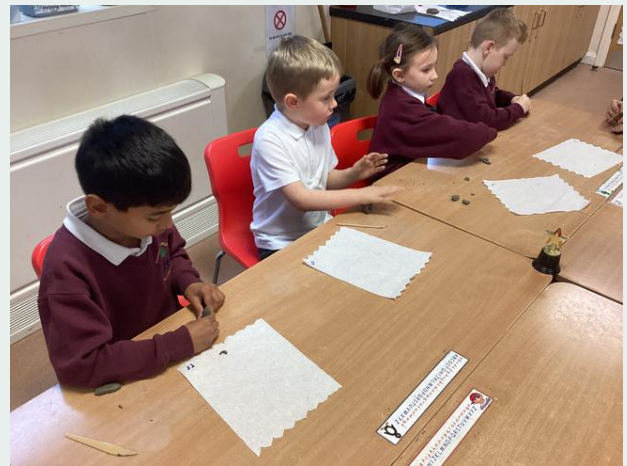


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Yr 3E Clay Modelling

Year 3E have been using clay to create their own Giant's Causeway basalt columns



Yr 5 Watercolour Art

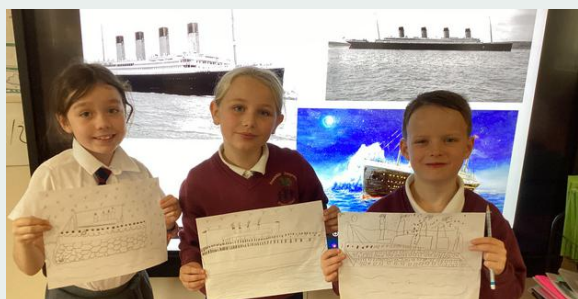
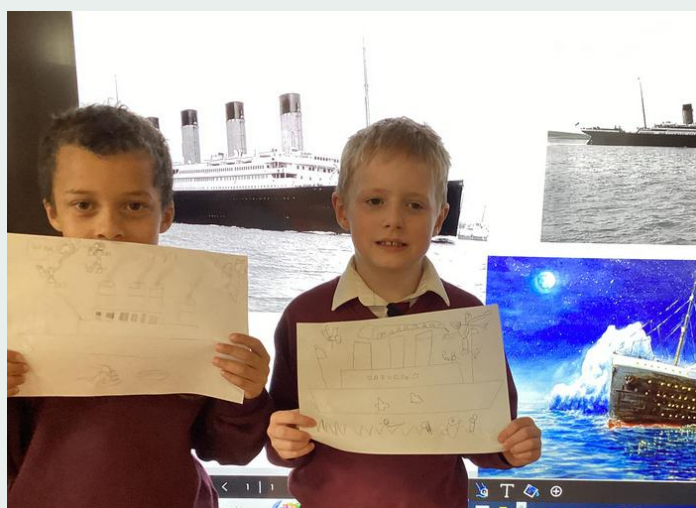
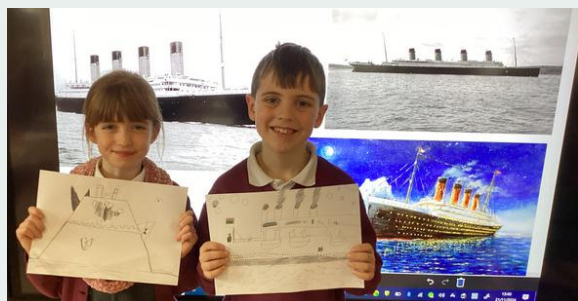
Year 5 loved using watercolours to recreate Hazell's Wood from our class novel, Danny, Champion of the World. Year 5 have been enjoying our class novel, Danny Champion of the World. This week, we used watercolours to paint Hazell's Wood where Danny's Dad goes poaching. Their Artwork is fantastic!



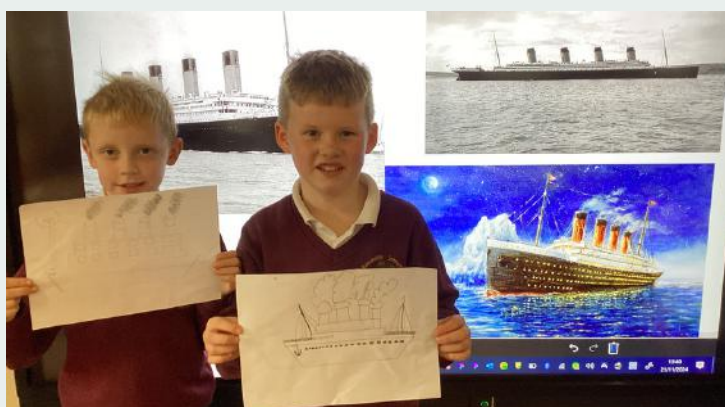
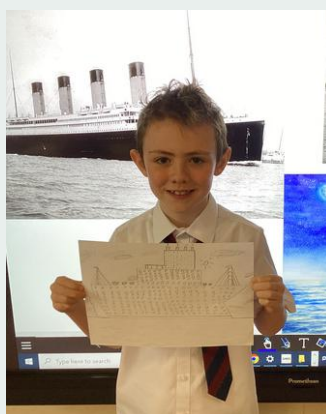
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Yr 4ES Titanic Art



As part of their Titanic topic, Year 4ES have been doing some Titanic themed artwork. These pencil drawings are amazing and have so much detail in them!



Saturday Clubs - free fun for pre-schoolers



Free family fun
for pre-school
aged children

ENJOY

CBEEBIES FAVOURITES

- SUPERTATO
- BLUEY
- HEY DUGGEE



SATURDAY

14

DECEMBER

11:00AM

1 HOUR

INDOORS

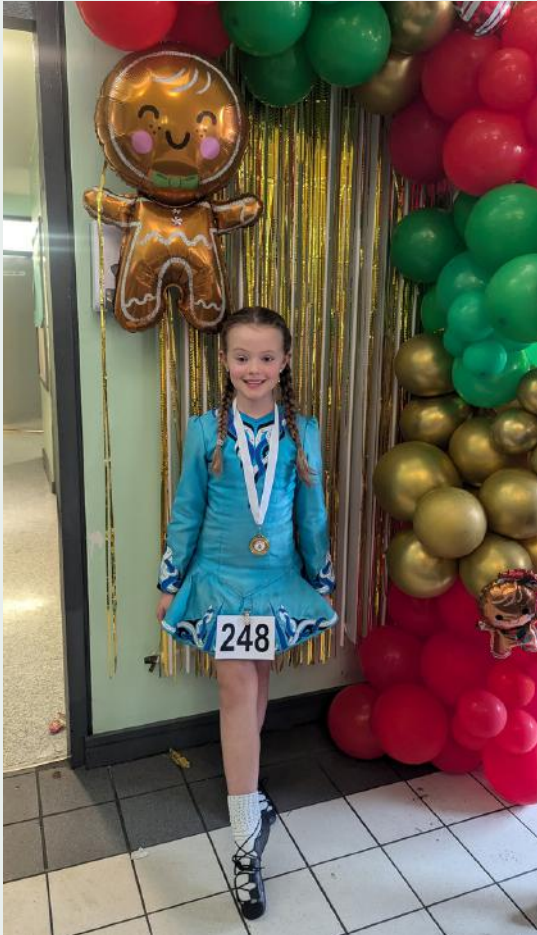
12-1PM

PLAY OUTSIDE

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Extra Curricular Activities & Achievements



Anna Rose in Year 4 has taken part in a Festive Feis.



Ruby and Sophia (both Yr 5F) have taken part in Junior ELF in The MAC, Belfast.



Luke in Yr 2DBA visited Paddington Bear after coming second place in his Judo competition.



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Alex attends a Martial Arts Club in the Brownlow Hub.

Called 'Savage Martial Arts', he goes to the class on a Wednesday from 7:30-8. Alex won the student of the class and a Gold star for doing his martial arts 'homework' by studying the word of the week which was 'gratitude'.

Once the children achieve ten of these certificates they can get a prize from a mystery box or a pizza party!

Click below for all the info.



Fun martial arts training for children & all age groups

UK and Ireland's leading martial arts organisation

savagemartialarts.co.uk



Rafa plays orchestral percussion in the EA Music Belfast Junior Winds Ensemble.

He plays timpani, conga, triangle, cymbals and other tuned percussion!

They rehearse every Saturday in Belfast and Rafa has first concert performance with them next week!



Jacob in Yr 5f completed a Harry Potter Lego set for 18 year olds in 6 hours. Lego sent him a message to say it was record time and impressive for 9years old

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James in Yr 7 won most improved player of the year for his Gaelic club and was presented with an award by the County Down captain. Congratulations, James!



Abigail in Yr 6 has had a busy few weeks. Not only did she help her Nanny fundraise by making bracelets for a craft fair, she also passed her Step 1 Piano exam with distinction!



Ethan and Thomas had the privilege of having the Sam Maguire in their house in November for a brief visit. Here they are, with little sister Emily, posing for a picture.

Ethan and Thomas are big Armagh fans and had been following them throughout the championship, going to the matches, so they were in awe of being able to lift the cup themselves in their kit!

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Cavaliers in Need in Yr 7

Cavaliers in Need came along to visit the Year 7 children before they sat the first SEAG test. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to relax and spend time with the pups.



Teacher in Focus - Mrs Beck



How long have you taught in Rowandale?

I have taught in Rowandale since 2016. I started out as a substitute teacher in Year 4 when I first graduated from University and have been here ever since! The years have flown by and I can't believe how much the school has grown in that time... I'm so excited for the next chapter in the new school building!

What is your favourite memory of Year 1?

There have been so many great memories made over the last few years. One of my favourite topics in Year 1 is 'Night and Day' and I love when the 'World of Owls' come to visit us with their beautiful owls. The teachers (well the brave ones) get to hold the owl that played Hedwig in Harry Potter!

What do you enjoy most about teaching Year 1?

I love introducing the new set of children to our school, it is magical to watch how far they come within that first year of school. It gives me a real sense of accomplishment when they have that moment that they achieve something for the first time

What do you enjoy doing outside school?

My husband and I enjoy taking our dog Luna for walks, her favourite place is Murlough beach! We spend many weekends at the caravan in Newcastle. I also volunteer as a leader in the Girls' Brigade, I have been a member of GB for nearly 30 years!

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Teacher in Focus - Mrs Beck

What is your favourite food?

This is a hard question, my favourite foods would mostly be Italian, I love pasta and pizza however I like to try new things and most recently my new favourite is Sushi!

What is your favourite country?

I was never a great traveller when I was younger so my go - to place would have been Spain, I love Salou and going to Portaventura on the rollercoasters (I've been about 5 times!) When I got married, we decided to go further afield to Dubai and Mauritius for our honeymoon- I would highly recommend both countries, the ocean in particular in Mauritius is beautiful and crystal clear!

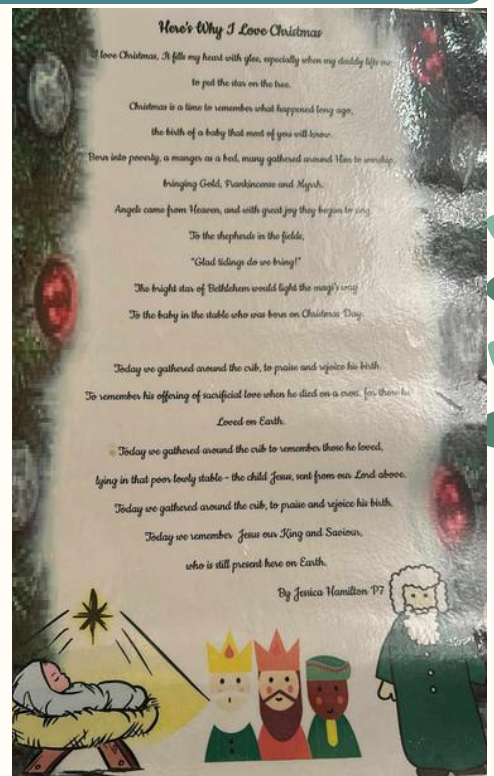
If you could do anything...what would that be?

I would like to teleport - skipping the airport and the aeroplane journey to travel to different countries would be bliss!



Rowandale Winner

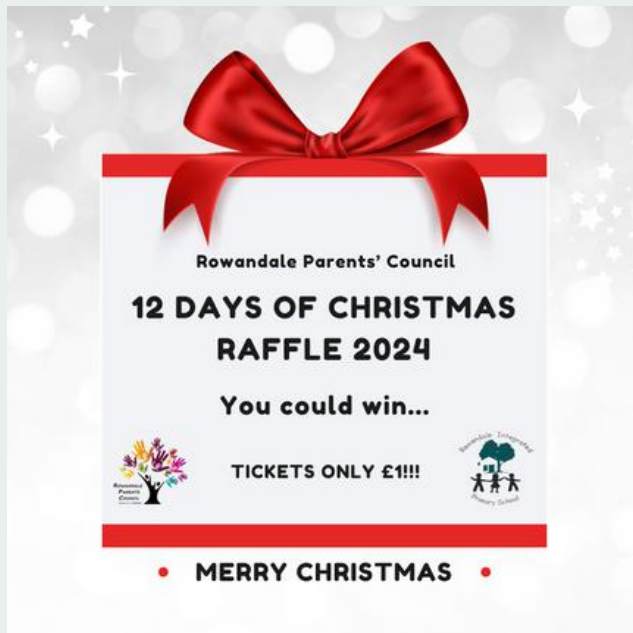
Jessica in Yr 7 was the worthy winner of the Moira Christmas Poetry Competition. She also had the honour of switching on the Moira Christmas Lights.



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Parents Council News



The Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle is here again!

Follow the link at the bottom of the page to buy tickets to be in with a chance to win some great prizes.

A big thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who sponsored this years prizes.

As always, Rowandale staff have asked that, in lieu of gifts this Christmas, an item of non-perishable food be donated to our collection for Moira Foodbank and SVP. Your donation can be given to our Kiss & Go volunteers or handed in to the office. Thank you for your support





Peoples Fundraising

Raffle - Rowandale Christmas Raffle 2024

Raffle - Welcome to Rowandale Parents' Council Christmas Raffle 2024! We are so grateful to the...

 People's Fundraising



Parents Council News

This years Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle Prizes:



One of four skincare sets courtesy of Franchine Young



Nespresso coffee machine courtesy of Currys Business



£20 voucher for the Poppy Patch NI



A voucher for a reflexology session from The Calm Touch Reflexology



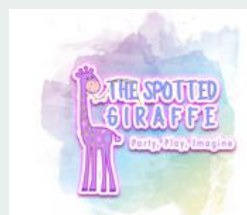
Ramilly tickets to the next Northern Ireland home game courtesy of IFANI



£50 voucher for Real Strong Women



A beauty gift set from Karan Francis



£20 voucher for The Spotted Giraffe



One of four £25 vouchers for Prison Island Belfast



A voucher for a messy play session from Squish Squash



£20 voucher from The Willow, Moira



£100 Wine & Brine voucher courtesy of Malone Accounting

Key Dates



Key Dates in December

Dec 10th	Christmas Coffee Morning for our amazing volunteers.	
Dec 12th	Christingle Service 7pm St Patrick's & St Ronan's Church Magheralin. Celebrate Christmas as a whole school community	
Dec 13th	Christmas Dinner for pupils	
Dec 19th	Yr 1 Nativity 9.30am -10am Presbyterian Hall	
	20th Dec – last day of term! Happy Christmas	

A BIG THANK YOU...

...to our amazing Kiss & Go team who brave all weathers to help keep the traffic flowing.

Aisling, Alison, Brenda, Bronagh, Caroline, Christina, Christine, Claire, Dana, Deborah, Emma, Janette, Jodie, Julia, Kseniia, Laura C, Laura D, Laura G, Laura K, Lorna, Maria, Michaela, Nicole, Ruth, Sian, Susanne, Ursula, Niall, Frances and Fiona. We are all so grateful for your time.

If you would like to volunteer for Kiss & Go, Reading Partnership or any aspect of school life, please send a WhatsApp to Fiona on 07725 355 899



Volunteers and Contact Information



The poster is decorated with festive illustrations including pine branches, red baubles, gold stars, and small Christmas trees. At the top center is a musical note graphic. In the top right corner is the Rowandale Integrated Primary School logo, which features a tree and the school's name. The text is centered and reads: 'Please Join Us For the School's Annual Christingle The whole school community celebrating Christmas together! December 12th, 2024 From 7pm to 8pm St Patrick & St. Ronan's, Magheralin Featuring the Senior School Choir & Guests'. Below this text is a small photograph of a person in a red robe holding a lit Christingle. At the bottom center is another musical note graphic. The final line of text says 'Don't forget to bring your Christingle with you!'.

Please Join Us For the School's Annual

Christingle

The whole school community celebrating Christmas together!

December 12th, 2024

From 7pm to 8pm

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Featuring the Senior School Choir & Guests



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