



# ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Open Mornings - save the dates!

Our Open Mornings are 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.

A fun morning for  
all the family!

**ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**MOIRA**

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

**OPEN MORNINGS**

**SATURDAY, 30th NOVEMBER, 2024**  
10.00 – 12.00  
&  
**SATURDAY 11th JANUARY, 2025**  
10.00 – 12.00

**NEW SCHOOL  
BUILD!**

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

**BREAKFAST CLUB  
&  
WRAPAROUND CARE**  
7.30AM - 6.00PM

**NURSERY OPENING  
SEPTEMBER 2025**



## Yr 3 Trip to Tayto Factory



**Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Tayto Factory this month. We learned all about how potatoes are made into crisps and had a chance to see all of the machines at work! We tasted lots of samples too and Mr Tayto even made a special appearance!**





## Yr 3 Trip to Tayto Factory





# Roots of Empathy



**Our Year 5 children got to meet their Roots of Empathy babies this month. What a treat! Year 5H met baby Cullen and Year 5F met baby Jacob. Everbody is looking forward to seeing how the babies grow and develop over the next few months.**



**It's so exciting when the children get to hold the Roots of Empathy baby. Everybody gets a turn over the course of the year!**



# Roots of Empathy





# Playgroup Update





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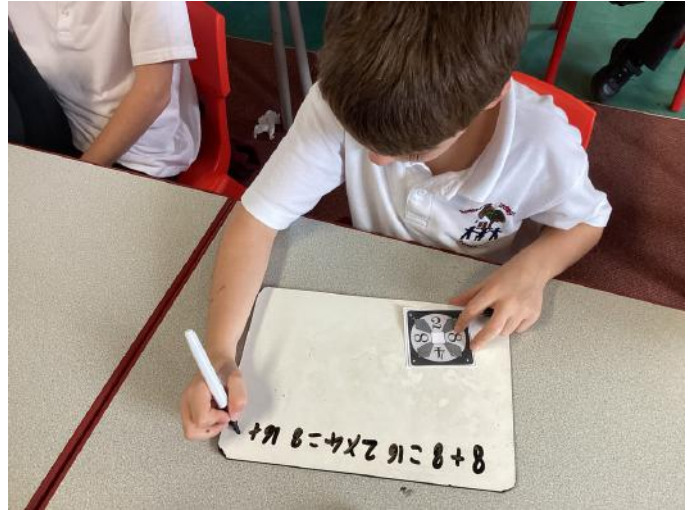


**The children in Rowandale Community Playgroup have been having lots of Autumn fun. They have been exploring the sights, smells, colours, textures and tastes of Autumn.**





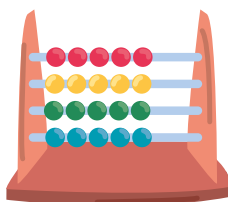
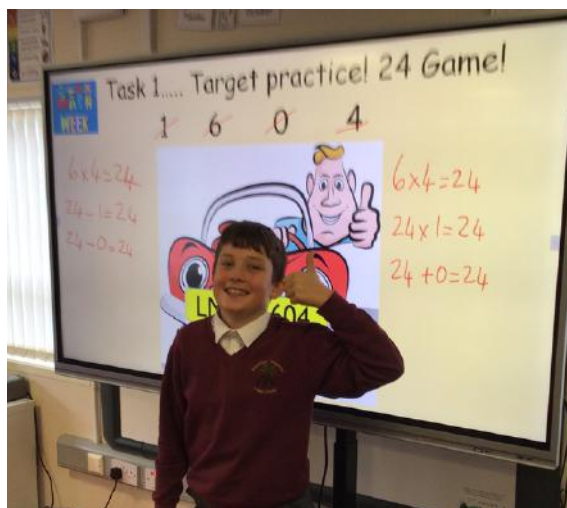
# Maths Week



The whole school celebrated Maths Week in October, taking part in lots of fun activities and proving that Maths really is fun! There was lots of measuring, counting, playing, fun challenges and much more.



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## Extra-curricular Activities & Achievements



**Cian scored 2 goals as his team Lurgan Celtic won against Rathfriland. Cian also picked up his first player of the week award.**



**Callan recently got a bronze medal at the Swim Ulster Future Challengers Gala at South Lakes Craigavon. He swam in the 100m back crawl, the 50m butterfly and the 100m IM races.**



**Arthur passed his gymnastics award 1. He has worked really hard and loves going every week.**



## Extra-curricular Activities & Achievements



**Olivia and Lilly 5F enjoyed a morning at We Are Vertigo after Olivia won 2 inflatable combo passes in the summer for telling a joke on Cool FM. Pete & Paulo were both impressed to have heard a joke not heard on the show in over 10 years-**

**"What's an eggs favourite thing to do?"**

**Kara-yoke!!**



**Huge congratulations to Rowandale Past Pupil Bella who has come first place in the Irish Dancing Ulster Championships held in Letterkenny.**



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**The Aaron Dwyer Dance Company - Belfast  
1st Place - Competitive Mini Musical Theatre  
Group "MATILDA"**

**The group has also made it through to the All  
Ireland Final in Dublin in January.  
Congratulations to you all.**

**pictured are: Evie, Ruby, Sophia W, Mya,  
Ellen (5F)**



**A big well done to  
Evie is the only P4,  
who was in the  
musical theatre  
routine and Mya  
who won a golden  
buzzer and a Miss  
Mini Aaron Dwyer  
for her solo and duo  
work.**



**Mya has been onset recently for two  
different TV shows**

**One is Green Eyed Killers, which will  
be screening on CBS Crime and she  
had to go to Wicklow to shoot that.  
The other is a TV show shooting in NI (  
currently TOP SECRET!) starring some  
big actors like Gillian Anderson. This  
is a picture of Mya in her very own  
trailer onset for the TV show shooting  
in NI.**

**She has three more days on set to do  
before December. We can't wait to  
see the shows on air, Mya.**



## Extra-curricular Activities & Achievements



**Anna Kelly came 4th and her brother Conall came 7th in the Ulster finals recently. Both have made the Ulster team for All Ireland finals in a few weeks time.**

**Their athletics journey started when they were pupils at Rowandale and it's fantastic to see two of Miss Whiteway's former athletes continuing to partake.**

**We love to hear news of past pupils and to hear all about what they're doing now.**



**We love to see past pupils visiting Rowandale - our door is always open.**

**During half-term, Matthew and Ray (now in 1st Year) came to visit Mr Whiteway who was helping out with Athletics Clamp.**

**We were also delighted to see Cora, who is also in 1st Year, and wanted to visit her old classroom.**





## Teacher in Focus: Mrs Scott

### How long have you taught in Rowandale?

I have taught in Rowandale for nearly 10 years - I cannot believe how fast the time has flown by! It has been amazing to watch the school grow over the years and I am looking forward to moving into our new school building. I have made some wonderful teaching friends over the years and I feel very privileged to teach in Rowandale IPS.

### What is your favourite memory of Year 2?

There have been so many wonderful memories from teaching in Year 2. I especially enjoy around this time of year. The children are very excited to take part in our yearly Nativity performance and every year it turns out to be brilliant!

### What do you enjoy most about teaching Year 2?

I enjoy everything about teaching Year 2, I especially enjoy watching the progression the children make throughout the year from September to June. Every year is very different, and I love meeting and getting to know all the children each year.

### What do you enjoy doing outside school?

Outside of school I really enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I have two little boys who are 3 and 1 years old and I my husband and I enjoy going to visit family and friends each weekend with them.





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### What is your favourite food?

I would have to say pizza, I am a big fan of all types of pizza, especially with pineapple! The best pizza place definitely has to be Pizzarama in Omagh

### What is your favourite country?

I have been fortunate to have visited a few countries over the years but my favourite has to be Dubai. We enjoyed visiting the fountain displays and the Dubai desert. It is definitely a must see!

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

I would love to go back to visit Disneyland Orlando, this time with my family!



# Parent Well

A source of inspiration



## Supporting Emotions & Learning to Thrive



**Look Familiar?**

Small supportive group discussion and information sessions for parents on supporting primary school aged children with big emotions

Two-part workshop:

Book early as places are limited

**Wed 13th Nov & Wed 20th November**

**10-11.30 am- via zoom**

To book your place call 0808 8020 400



# Hallowe'en Discos





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### **Spooky, scary skeletons send shivers down your spine!**

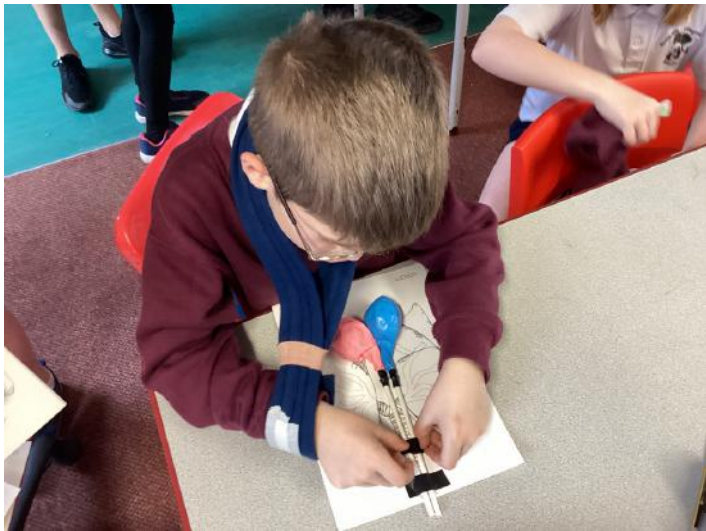
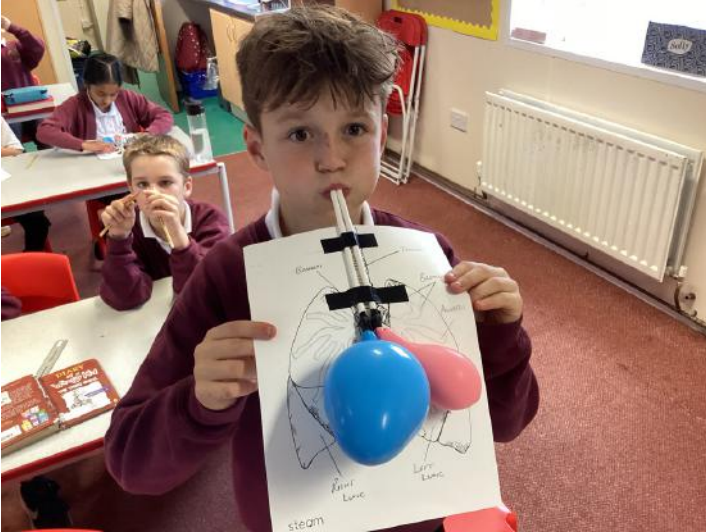
Moirá Presbyterian Hall was the venue. Hallowe'en was the theme. It was the end of term disco!

Organised by our amazing Parents Council, the discos were a huge success, with great music, lots of dancing, tuck shop and lots of fun. A big thank you to all who were involved in organising the event, everyone who volunteered to supervise and keep everyone safe and to the children who made it all worthwhile!

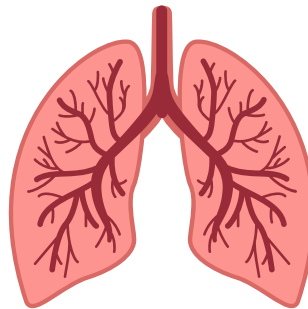




# Year 6W - The Respiratory System



Year 6W enjoyed exploring the function of the lungs. They used straws and balloons to observe how our lungs expand and contract when we inhale and exhale.



We are delighted to be able to offer 26 funded Nursery places for the academic year beginning September 2025. Please spread the word about this exciting new time for integrated education in Moira and the wider area.

## ROWANDALE INTEGRATED NURSERY MOIRA

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









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# Key Dates in December

Dec 4th

Yr 2 Nativity 9.30am–10.30am  
Presbyterian Hall



Dec 6th



Daily Mile Santa Run  
(whole school) Christmas  
Jumpers please



Dec 12th

Christingle Service 7–8pm (whole school)  
St Patrick's & St Ronan's, Magheralin

Dec 19th

Yr 1 Nativity 9.30am –10am  
Presbyterian Hall



20th Dec – last day of term!  
Happy Christmas



# 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.



## PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

**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**



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