




ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



We'll think of you at sunrise,
As beautiful as your smile,
We will hear your voice in birdsong,
And remember you all the while.
We'll think of you when rain falls,
And hear your favourite tunes,
We'll miss you in the sunshine,
And in the golden afternoons.
We'll remember you in evenings,
As days end in hazy blue,
We will look for you in rainbows,
And know you're watching too.

Rest in peace Mr Logan
Thank you for the memories.

FIRST MEETING WITH OUR NEW SCHOOL CONTRACTORS



We are delighted to have had our first meeting with the contractor for the new school build, Connolly & Fee.

The entire school community is buzzing with excitement.

Y2 CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR



MR REYNOLDS TEACHER IN FOCUS

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

I'm in my second year of teaching at Rowandale. It feels much longer - in a good way!

What is your favourite memory of Year 4?

So far, it would have to be our school trip to the Titanic Museum in Belfast. The children are captivated by our Titanic topic and really enjoy finally getting to visit where it was designed and built.

What do you enjoy most about teaching Year 4?

It's always so rewarding to see the children begin the year at a certain point of academic ability and emotional development and then witness them continue to grow and develop, reaching new milestones. Plus, they are such great fun!

What do you enjoy doing outside school?

My big passion is the arts. I conduct Lisburn Community Choir and am a member of a number of theatre companies. I also sing at weddings regularly. Otherwise, I enjoy playing squash, going to the cinema and having lots of Uncle fun days with my niece and nephew!

What is your favourite food?

I enjoy Asian food. I recently visited the Dumpling Library in Belfast (St Anne's Square). The food is highly recommended!

What is your favourite country?

I lived in Canada for many years so I have a soft spot for it as my second home, with New Zealand as a close second.

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

I would love to write screenplays for the theatre, TV and movies.

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

We've had some really cold, snowy and icy mornings this month, thank you for braving the weather to get our kids into school safely!

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

THANK YOU

MEET OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL



In Term 1, Rowandale decided to form a School Council. Pupils nominated themselves and delivered a speech to their classmates, explaining why they should be elected. Pupils were elected from each class in Years 4-7. Since then, councillors have been given specific roles. We now have a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, and supporting finance and admin teams. Our School Councillors have many ideas for their first full term and they can't wait to implement them.



Isla
Chairperson



Eva
Vice Chairperson



Rory
Treasurer



Isla
Secretary



Jude
Vice Treasurer



Daniel
Vice Secretary



Ronan
Finance Team



Elijah
Finance Team



Annie
Admin Team



Peter
Admin Team

Y1D SNACK TIME



ROWANDALE PARENTS COUNCIL

BINGO

NIGHT

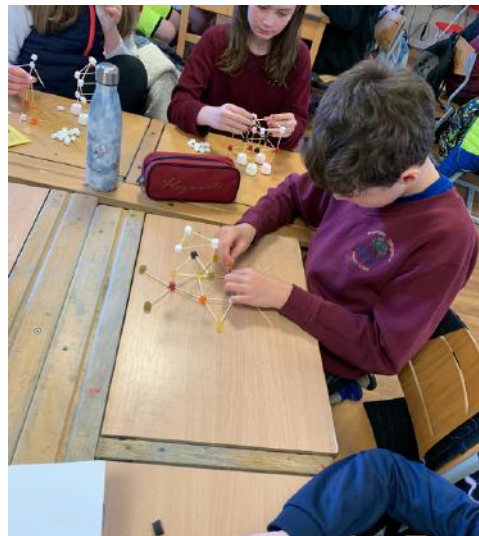
FRIDAY
24TH FEB

QUIRKY BIRD
@ 7PM

TICKETS £10 INCLUDES DINNER & TEA/COFFEE!

KEEP AN EYE ON SOCIAL CHANNELS FOR TICKET DETAILS

Y7 EARTHQUAKES



Currently in Year 7 we are learning all about Natural Disasters and this week's focus was earthquakes. In this lesson we were aiming to build structures from the materials provided that could withstand an earthquake. Pupils were given toothpicks, marshmallows, baby marshmallows and midget gems. It was up to them to decide what they would use and how they would design their building. Once they were made, we set our structures on the desk and shook it to replicate an earthquake. Some remained standing... others did not!

Attention Y7 Parents

**POST
PRIMARY
ADMISSIONS
PORTAL**

OPENS 1ST FEB 12 NOON

CLOSES 23RD FEB 4PM

Mrs Hughes is available for meetings if you would like to discuss options for your child. Go to <https://rowandale.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book an appointment (in person or video link)



**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

**Subject to AccessNI check

February 2023

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26	27	28				

- 3rd Feb - Y1 & Y2 Dental Talk by SEHSCT
- 4th Feb - Saturday Morning Gruffalo Fun @ 11am
- 6th Feb - Y7 swimming lessons start (leaving school at 9.15am)
- 8th Feb - ROWANDALE'S GOT TALENT FINAL**
Moira Presbyterian Hall @7pm
- 9th Feb - Y3 Show 'You Are Special'
Moira Presbyterian Hall @ 10am
- 13th - 17th Feb - SCHOOL CLOSED MIDTERM
- 24th Feb - Parents Bingo Night in Quirky Bird
Promises to be a great night of delicious food and craic!



25th Feb - Saturday Morning Circus & Mermaid fun @11am

**Understanding Dyslexia:
A workshop for parents**

kate o'Hanlon

This zoom session will be hosted by Kate O'Hanlon, an expert in supporting children with dyslexia.

When? Tuesday 28th February
7pm-8pm

Where? This session will take place via Zoom. Please join using a link, which will be provided beforehand.

What? A comprehensive and informative workshop, full of useful and practical information to help support your child at home.



PLAYGROUP UPDATE



Playgroup have been learning about Winter this month. We have had lots of fun making Polar Bears, playing with ice and shaving foam in our water trays. Thanks to everyone who brought in snowflakes!!



Rowandale Integrated Community Playgroup

Open Day

Saturday 4th March

11am - 1pm

Everyone welcome!

Join us for lots of fun activities!

PLAY

ENJOY

LEARN

18 Clarehill Rd, Moira BT67 OPB

A collage of photos showing children engaged in various activities. One photo shows a child eating a sandwich. Another shows a child holding a red object. A third shows a group of children sitting together. A fourth shows a child holding a green stick. The collage is set against a yellow and purple background.

SATURDAY MORNING FUN

GRUFFALO FUN @ ROWANDALE
SAT 4TH FEB
11AM STORY & INDOOR FUN
OUTDOOR FUN 12-1



Rowandale weekend fun is back - each Saturday during term time. This is aimed at pre-school age children, the sessions are free, and there is no need to book, just turn up. Kids can listen to a story, take part in arts and crafts, and then get an opportunity to play outside. This month we have a Gruffalo Fun day on Saturday 4th Feb at 11am, and a Circus and Mermaids fun day on Saturday 25th Feb at 11am.

GEORGE AND MILDRED



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>



World Book Day COSTUME SWAP



Keep an eye on your class WhatsApp for details!
Drop off last years costume and pick up another for this year!

Be Safe Be Seen



Let's look out for each other

The dark evenings will be here for a little while yet. If your child walks up the hill after school please talk to them about the importance of being safe.



DOES YOUR EMPLOYER ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOLUNTEER?

One of our incredibly generous parents recently donated £1610 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!



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