



ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



FOREST SCHOOLS AWARDS



What a fantastic day spent at the annual NIFSA Conference and Graduation event at Clondeboye Estate!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Galway-McAteer has successfully achieved the OCN NI Level 4 Award in Forest School Programme Management and Rowandale Integrated Primary School have achieved the final Oak Award for Forest Schools!

Well done to all our afterschool Nature Rangers pictured above and our parent forest helpers, with your continued support the Logan Forest is a fantastic place for outdoor learning.

Thank you all!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES



We hosted a wonderful event recently for new families and children to come together and get to know each other.

Taking place in the Logan Forest, the children had great fun playing and making new friends while the grown-ups enjoyed a cuppa and a chat.

Thank you to Mrs Galway-McAteer, volunteers and our Forest Rangers who helped out on the day.



Y1 SETTLING IN



GUITAR CERTIFICATES

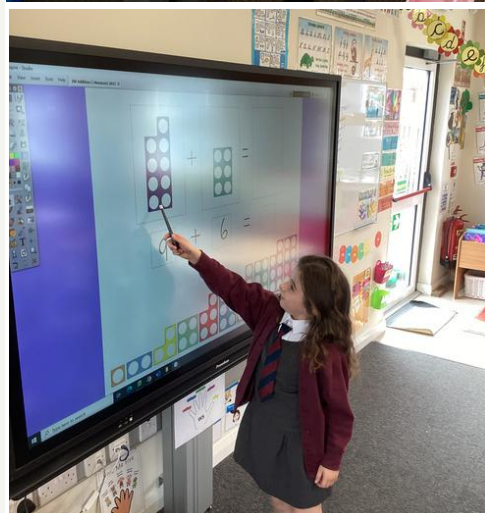


Congratulations and well done to all those who recently passed their guitar exams. Our talented students all sat guitar grades according to their age and ability. We are delighted to share all their hard work and successes last term and wish them every success in their future music studies.

Y2W HAVE BEEN BUSY!



Y2W have had a busy few weeks settling back into school. They demonstrated their understanding of addition through a range of ActivInspire activities, they developed their creativity in the construction, sand and role-play areas during Plan, Do, Review and they explored the Logan Forest, inspecting insects, building dens and baking buns in the mud kitchen.





HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW WORLD CHAMPION JUDE!

We are so incredibly proud of Jude in Y7, he recently returned from the World Kickboxing Championships in England with a gold, two silvers and one bronze medal.

Jude was part of a team of five young people aged nine to sixteen from Lurgan's Fight Club NI who punched well above their weight to bring home a medal haul of 11 golds, 14 silvers and four bronzes, finishing 10th out of 150 clubs, which was a remarkable achievement as they were one of the smallest clubs at the championships. Jude trains three nights per week at the club and this world title is a result of hard work and determination.

Jude was featured on a BBC NI News programme celebrating the club's achievements (click here to watch). He enjoyed a raucous welcome home from all his friends.



Y2S - FOREST SCHOOLS



2S thoroughly enjoyed their first Forest School lesson of the new year. They were working in teams building and creating shelters and sourcing food for the farm animals featured in the term's topic 'On the Farm'.



Y3WA - FIRST DAYS BACK AT SCHOOL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS DUFFY





PLAYGROUP UPDATE




Playgroup have had a busy first month with lots of new children settling into playgroup. We have begun our Healthy Kidz programme on a Wednesday morning and the children have been really enjoying taking part in it. Now that all the children have settled in we have started our daily mile around the school. The children are all really enjoying getting some fresh air before snack time in the mornings.

This month we were learning all about the colour blue and circle shapes as well as learning “all about me”.



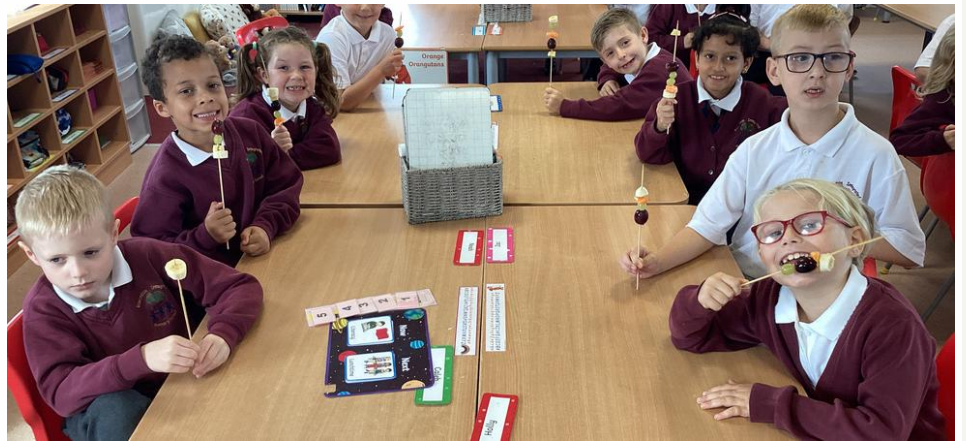


Wishing the class of 2023 the best of luck in their new schools



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- St Ronan's College, Lurgan
 - Friends' School
 - St Patrick's College, Banbridge
 - Hunterhouse College
 - Victoria College
 - RBAI
 - Dromore High School
 - Lisnagarvey High School
 - Rathmore Grammar
 - Wallace High School
 - Laurelhill Community College
 - Methodist College
 - Lurgan Junior High School
 - Brownlow Integrated College
 - Banbridge High School
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Y3E UPDATE



Y3E have had a busy few weeks settling in. As part of our instructional writing focus we made some delicious fruit skewers and in numeracy we headed up to the forest for some measuring fun, exploring and hunting different sized sticks and leaves.



THANK YOU FOR THE BOOK DONATIONS



We were delighted to be able to supply over 300 books to classrooms for the Accelerated Reader scheme thanks to the generosity of all those who donated the books to school. The books have all been labelled, colour coded and covered. If you have any books at home that you no longer need or use, please drop them into the school office. Thank you.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO A WEEK?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN CLASSROOMS AND WITH READING PARTNERSHIP

email mareefiona@gmail.com



H.O.P.E. REPS
HELPING OUR PARENTS ENGAGE

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR NEW HOPE REPS

Nicole Bell	Laura Douglas
Ellen Davies	Caroline Henderson
Ruth Hamilton-Ellis	Claire Douglas
Jodie McGoldrick	Ursula Donnelly
Tracy Price	Rachel Fowler
Sarah Adams	Kerry Smyth
Janette Hammond	Grainne Bowles
Susanne Fitzpatrick	Sian Smyth
Lesley Anne Carroll	Liz Reilly
Ruth Moore	Sarah Best
Carly Power	Emma Hey
	Christine Glendinning

EXCITING NEWS FOR MYA

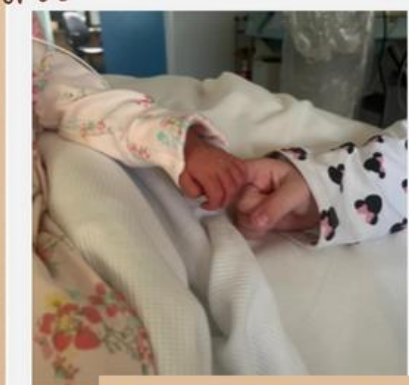
CASUAL+Y

Congratulations to Mya in Y4 who has secured a starring role in this series of BBC's Casualty - look out for her in Episode 18 due to air in March 2024

NEW BABIES



Welcome to the world



Congratulations to Amber in Y1 who became a big sister

OCTOBER 2023

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- **Fri 13th Oct:** Y3 & 4 Harvest Assembly@ 9.30am, Moira Presbyterian Church
- **Fri 13th Oct:** Y5 – 7 Harvest Assembly @ 11am Moira Presbyterian Church
- **Tues 17th & Wed 18th Oct:** Parent Teacher Meetings (see SIMS App message re early finishing times)
- **Fri 20th Oct:** Choir singing @ APTIS Conference, Slieve Donard Hotel
- **Sat 21st Oct:** Autumn Forest Extravaganza, 10am – 12 noon
- **Tues 24th Oct:** Year 5 trip to Palace Stables Armagh
- **Wed 25th Oct:** Year 7 @ Ulster Aviation Society
- **Mon 30th Oct – Fri 3rd Nov: MID TERM School Closed**

SOFT TOY HOSPITAL



My name is Sian Smyth and I have been a parent at Rowandale for seven years now, with one child still here in Year 6. I am a designer with a passion for sewing and therefore started the sewing club at Rowandale 4 years ago.

This has been a huge success and it's amazing to see how popular it is with the children and how much they love to learn to sew. Due to this, I have been asked many favours to help stitch together much-loved injured teddy bears and soft toys which I have always been happy to do.

A friend then told me of a soft toy hospital they knew of; hence, the idea came to me to create one at Rowandale with proceeds going to the Parents Council.

Hopefully, the children learning to sew will mean they can fix their own toys soon but until then please get in touch with me and I'll help save some teddy bears!

ROWANDALE SOFT TOY HOSPITAL

Does your child have a favourite toy with a minor injury like a seam repair or broken limb?
Please get in touch and we can help bring it back to life.



Contact Sian at
07909593634

Donation to Rowandale parents
council for the service

Y6H - THE HUMAN BODY



Year 6 have been loving our new topic of 'The Human Body'. We created these skeletons and added on their organs! Scarlett realised that her skeleton had 'no body' to dance with, so she showed him some moves!



TEACHER IN FOCUS - MRS HANNA

How long have you taught in Rowandale?

I've been teaching in Rowandale for the last 5 years, it's flown in!

What is your favourite memory Year 5?

I enjoy taking the class out into the community. For a few of our AR rewards we have taken the children to one of the local cafes to buy themselves some ice cream or a sweet treat. Watching them pick their treat, remember their manners with the café staff, calculate their change and enjoy themselves outside school is really lovely!

What do you enjoy most about teaching Year 5?

I really enjoy the class discussions that we can have with the children confidently sharing their opinions, thoughts and ideas in a safe space.

What do you enjoy doing outside school?

Saturday mornings usually begin with a Parkrun, quickly followed by breakfast out somewhere! I love listening to live music, being at Glastonbury in June was a dream! I also love travelling with my husband and daughter, finding a quirky Airbnb to explore a new area is the best way to spend a few days off.

What is your favourite food?

I have such a sweet tooth, chocolate every time!

What is your favourite country?

I spent a few weeks in South Africa and loved every second. The food, scenery and culture were amazing.

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

Presuming fictitious answers are allowed – I'd love to be able to click my fingers and travel to a new destination at any time without having to go through airport security or wait for flight delays!



5M - UPDATE

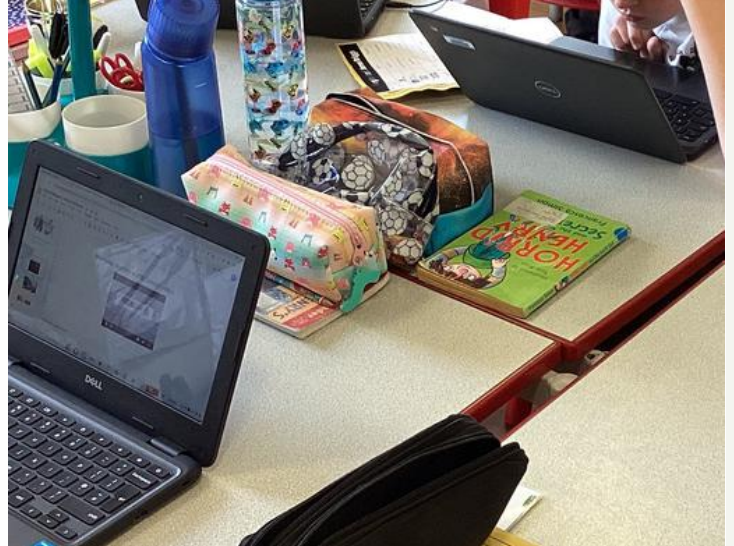


Wednesday 13th September was Roald Dahl day. Year 5 completed a Numeracy scavenger hunt outside to find some word problems related to some of the books written by Roald Dahl. We also created a piece of art work on Willy Wonka.

We were delighted to receive our new set of 18 Chromebooks and class set of headphones over the summer holidays. These were kindly purchased by our Parents Council and will be added to our growing set of Chromebooks for the children to use throughout the school. Completing a range of activities on the Chromebooks using various digital tools allows the children to develop their creativity, communication, collaboration skills and critical thinking.



5H - UPDATE



Y4R - ICT



Year 4R are on their way to becoming ICT Whizz Kids! At the start of the Term they have been learning to log onto programs such as Google Classroom and Mathletics.



Halloween disco

£1 ENTRY
ON THE DOOR



THURSDAY 26TH
OCTOBER

YEAR 1 & 2 - 6PM
YEAR 3, 4 & 5 - 7PM
YEAR 6 & 7 - 8PM

ST PATRICK'S & ST RONAN'S
CHURCH HALL MAGHERALIN

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE



ROWANDALE
PARENTS
COUNCIL

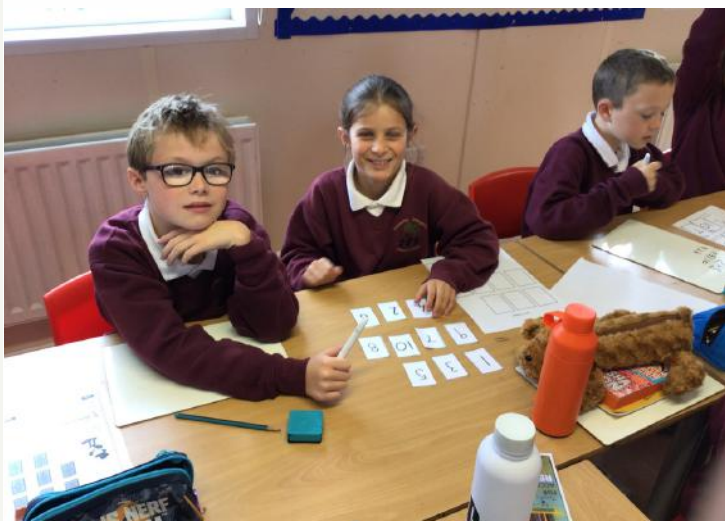
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6H - NUMERACY



Year 6 have been solving visual diagram puzzles this month - we've loved using our problem solving skills!

We have also been learning about parallel and perpendicular lines! We found these lines in our classroom and realised just how many we see everyday!



SATURDAY MORNING FUN



PEPPA FUN AT ROWANDALE



Rowandale's Saturday stories, arts and crafts return on 7 October!

Spread the word about these FREE fun sessions, aimed at pre-school age children and their families. Free tea and coffee

Click here to sign up to our monthly newsletter for upcoming dates and characters:



PARENTS COUNCIL Committee Meeting

● Thursday 16th November 2023
@ 7:00pm in school
All welcome!



ROWANDALE
PARENTS
COUNCIL
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