



# ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Y7 SEAG PARTY



Saturday 25th November marked the final SEAG paper for our Year 7 pupils. All the pupils undertaking the test put in months of hard work and received wonderful support from their peers who chose not to go through the Transfer process. On Monday 27th Year 7 had a pyjama party to celebrate all their achievements and, most importantly, the end of practice papers!



## Dates for the diary

- **Friday 8th December:** Foundation Stage Nativity
- **Friday 8th December:** Pre-loved Uniform Sale & Christmas Jumper Swap
- **Thursday 14th December:** Christingle Service @ 7pm, St Patrick's and St Ronan's
- **Friday 15th December:** Children's Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- **Monday 18th December:** Visit from Google
- **Tuesday 19th December:** Choir Singing @ Centra Moira, 10:45am
- **Wednesday 20th December:** Half day (check Simms for pick up times)
- **Thursday 4th January:** Back to School



ROWANDALE IPS  
PARENTS COUNCIL

# Christmas Raffle

DRAW TAKES PLACE  
**15TH DECEMBER 2023**

CLICK HERE TO BUY YOUR  
TICKETS ONLINE NOW!!

£1 PER TICKET





# SINCERE THANKS TO OUR AMAZING SPONSORS

1. **Irish Football Association** - Family ticket for 4 for Northern Ireland Home Match (2 adults and 2 children)
2. **Jenny Flanagan Aesthetics, Hillsborough** - Voucher for Laser Hair Removal to underarm (worth £86)
3. **Jenny Flanagan Aesthetics, Hillsborough** - Voucher for Light Peel Facial Treatment (worth £120)
4. **MC Garry's Fine Wines** - A case of 6 Bottles of Sparkling Prosecco
5. **MC Cartney's of Moira** - Luxury Christmas Hamper packed with lots of delicious festive goodies.
6. **Murchu Movement, Magheralin** - 1 month free gym pass worth £85
7. **John Diven, Moira** - Beautiful Lamp worth £100
8. **Lisnacurran Country House** - a cooked breakfast for 4 and a hot tub experience.
9. **Rachel Fowler Advisory, Moira** - £100 Wine and Brine Meal Voucher.
10. **Moon Gelato Moira** - £10 Voucher to enjoy a special treat.
11. **Elite Beauty Moira** - £25 Voucher for a beauty treat.
12. **Graham's Fish and Chip, Moira** - £25 Voucher for Moira Store.
13. **Cairo's Coffee Shop, Moira** - Voucher for their fabulous coffee shop.
14. **Ispini, Moira** - £10 Voucher for their meat and cheese shop.
15. **Bluebell Cottage, Moira** - Beautiful Handmade Soap Company Lemongrass Set.
16. **Centra of Moira** - Voucher to spend in store.
17. **The Willow, Moira** - £20 voucher to spend in store.
18. **Brogans Lisburn** - Rayban sunglasses
19. **Quirky Bird Moira** - Meal Voucher for 2 adults and 2 children
20. **Dandelion Studio, Moira** - Photo shoot with one free print.
21. **Real Strong Woman** - £50 Voucher towards membership
22. **Pretty Marys, Moira** - £30 Voucher for their bar



## LOGAN FOREST UPDATE



Thank you to parent volunteer **Alan Turkington** for mowing the field so our children can use it for athletics. You're a star!

Thanks to our parent volunteer **Lesley Anne Carroll** for all her hard work relaying woodchips on our forest paths alongside **Mrs. Galway and pupils** to prepare for the schools Open Day on Saturday 2nd December.

## SOPHIA - BANBRIDGE PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL



Sophia in Y4 recently came 4th place in the Speech and Drama competition in the Banbridge Performing Arts Festival.

Well done Sophia!



## JAMES Y6 - BOLTON WANDERERS ACADEMY



James in Y6 has been selected to attend the Bolton Wanderers Academy. On top of his regular training and matches for his club side, Crewe Utd FC, he attends the academy every week where coaches from the English Championship team work to improve all aspects of his game. He will be travelling with the academy before Christmas for an All-Ireland Competition in Dublin and prior to the summer break, he will be travelling to Holland to play for the academy against sides from all over the world. Congratulations James!

### CASH FOR CLOBBER

Drop off your old clothes at our recycling bin in the school car park. We receive up to £80 each time the bin is emptied!



### A very special thank you to all our November Kiss & Go Volunteers!

Fiona, Angie, Chrissy, Christina, Deborah, Laura C, Laura G, Laura K, Michaela, Aisling, Bronagh, Claire, Dana, Niall, Janette, Jodie, Lorna, Maria, Nicole, Sarah, Sarah B, Sian and Susanne

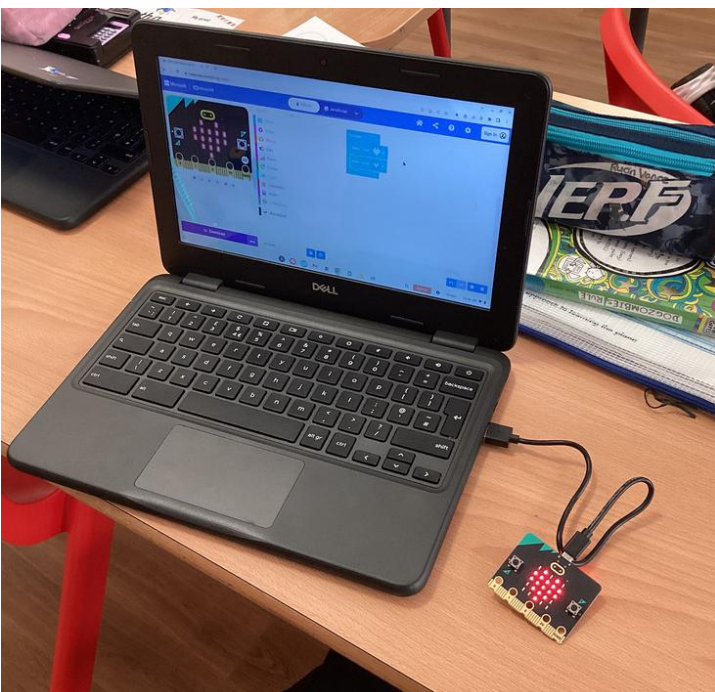
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## Y5 BBC MICRO:BIT CODING

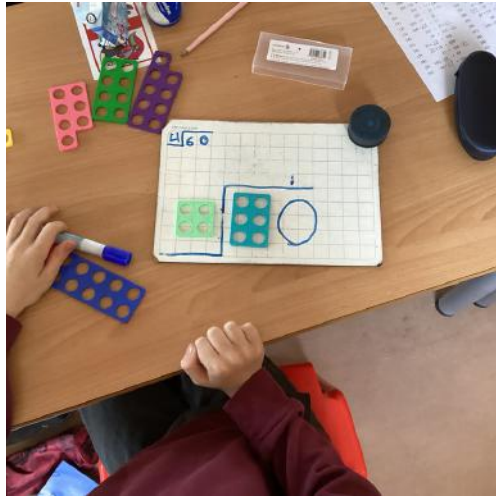


Year 5 got creative with their coding and learnt how to use the BBC micro:bit. They programmed the micro:bit to show icons, letters and even play music! The micro:bit is a fantastic tool to introduce coding to children and has sparked a lot of interest in the possibilities of coding!





## 6F UPDATE



Y6F have had a busy month, check out what we've been up to! We spent some time looking at short division. We used Numicon to set out sums, which allowed us to see the division sum in action practically. It was great to use some hands-on resources! This month's problem-solving focus was looking at digit card problems. We worked in pairs or groups to solve a variety of problems together. We had to arrange the cards in different ways, ensuring that each line added up to the same amount! Then, for our final challenge, we had to see how many solutions we could find for the 'Magic V' puzzle, where each leg of the v must add to the same amount. It was great to see the children working hard at these, and, as you can see, Hannah really enjoyed solving the puzzle! 🍀

Year 6 finished up our topic of 'The Human Body' this month by learning about muscles and tendons and how they work together to move our body. To investigate this, we each made a robotic hand. We acted as the muscle and pulled the 'tendons', causing the fingers to bend and the hand to close! We really enjoyed this task, and it got a thumbs-up from Ewan! 👍





## OPEN MORNING DECEMBER 2023



What a great turnout we had for the first of our Open Mornings. We were thrilled to be able to welcome families to see for themselves what a great school Rowandale is. As the only integrated school in Moira and the surrounding area, we love to meet people who are looking for a fully inclusive educational environment for their children. Forest School, British Dyslexia Association Quality Mark, Excellence in Integration, Outstanding Pastoral Care, Roots of Empathy, Reading Partnership, Wraparound Care, Kiss & Go, Eco-School, Rights Respecting School, School Council, Anti-Bullying Ambassadors, Music Lessons... And, of course, excellent teaching and support staff, helping children achieve the highest academic standards. Rowandale has it all! Join us for our next Open Morning on **Saturday 13th January 2024 at 10am.**





OPEN MORNING DECEMBER 2023





## MEET THE NEW PARENTS COUNCIL COMMITTEE

### Rowandale Integrated Parents Council: Meet the Team!



*Chair*

Hi, I'm Laura Gordon. I have two children at Rowandale - Rosie and Lewis. My eldest, Eva, was in Rowandale and is now in New Bridge Integrated College. Rowandale plays a huge part in our lives, our community comes directly from the school, even though we live in Dromore. I work full time for the HSE and felt I was missing out on what was happening at school so that's why I got involved with Parents Council over four years ago.

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### Rowandale Integrated Parents Council: Meet the Team!



*Vice-Chair*

Hi I'm Ursula McTaggart. I have three boys at Rowandale in Y7, Y6 and Y3 and I work full time in Ulster University. We moved to Rowandale about 3 years ago and joining Parents Council has been a fantastic way to meet new people and become part of the Rowandale community. Our kids are so happy at school and by volunteering I feel like I'm giving something back.

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*PR*

Hi, I'm Charlene Turkington, Mum to Freddie and Anna Rose. We moved to Moira as a family three years ago and we're delighted to have chosen Rowandale as our childrens' primary school. I'm hoping to help the committee with some fundraising this year. I'm delighted to be part of an amazing team of parents and teachers who have already achieved so much.

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### Rowandale Integrated Parents Council: Meet the Team!



*Joint Treasurer*

Hi I'm Aidan Malone, I have two children at Rowandale. I am a director of Malone Accounting, with offices in Newry and Newcastle. I'm also on the board of Circusful, a great charity in Belfast running circus workshop skills for children and adults. I joined the Parents Council this year as joint treasurer as I wanted to meet new people, help out with looking after the finances and whatever else is needed. You might see me the odd time cycling in on the tandem with the kids!

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# We need YOU!

#### Calling all parents/carers and friends of Rowandale!

Our school needs YOUR superpowers! 🦸

Whether you're a master multitasker or a fun-loving problem-solver, we need you!

#### Why Volunteer?

- Because you're amazing, and we need your awesome energy!
- Make a difference in your child's school experience.
- Join a community of parents who know how to have a good time while making a positive impact!



email us at [rowandalepc@gmail.com](mailto:rowandalepc@gmail.com)  
or speak to one of the committee team



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*Joint Treasurer*

Hi, I am Eoin O'Brien, Dad to Patrick & Ronan and also to Olivia (now in Friends). I work as an accountant and this is my first year on the Parents Council Committee. I'm from Limerick but have been living in Moira for almost 17 years. My children have thrived at Rowandale and enjoy all the extra curricular activities that Rowandale offers such as the plays, music, and sport. I wanted to help out in Rowandale as I see the amazing work the teachers, staff, volunteers and Parent Council do every year. I am looking forward to getting involved in the school community.

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### Rowandale Integrated Parents Council: Meet the Team!



*Secretary*

Hi, I'm Elaine Graham, mum to Leah. I work full-time in Queen's University. Neither my husband nor I are from this side of the Bann so when we moved to Moira I wanted to get involved to meet people! We really loved Rowandale from the first time we started taking Leah to the pre-school Saturday morning clubs and really missed the community interaction during the covid years. Really looking forward to being involved again this year!

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### Rowandale Integrated Parents Council: Meet the Team!



*Volunteer Support*

Hi, I'm Michaela Johnston, and I've three children at Rowandale. I work in Government communications, and spend my time between that and family life. I've been helping out at Parents Council events over the past few years and I have always really enjoyed these and meeting other parents. I'm helping this year with the HOPE reps for each class and with volunteers. Looking forward to the year ahead and to meeting everyone along the way.

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### Rowandale Integrated Parents Council: Meet the Team!



*Volunteer Support*

Hi, I'm Bronagh Kelly. Mum to two children in school & a little boy who will hopefully be going to playgroup next year. I first became involved in helping out with kiss & go because I wanted to give a little bit back to school. This year, I have volunteered to help with the Parents Council & will try to engage with local families & contribute to the school community.

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**We need YOU!**

Many hands make light work!

We appreciate every house is busy, but if you can spare any time or talents it would be much appreciated.

⚡ How Can You Help?

- Events Planning
- Fundraising Wizards
- DIY Enthusiasts



email us at [rowandalepc@gmail.com](mailto:rowandalepc@gmail.com) or speak to one of the committee team



## Y2W - UPDATE



We've been busy this month! We kickstarted Anti-Bullying Week with 'Odd Socks Day' and also enjoyed wearing our pyjamas to support 'Children in Need'. We've been practising our number bonds within 20 using Numicon and completed a series of ActivInspire activities, recognising coins to 50p. We celebrated our differences, drawing self-portraits as part of PDMU and finally, we constructed post offices using wooden blocks and recyclable materials during Plan, Do, Review.





## PLAYGROUP UPDATE



Playgroup have had great fun in November learning about fairytales and fantasy. We had a lovely Prince and Princess day where the children had the opportunity to dress up and make their own magic wands, as well as a Pirate Day! The children have had lots of muddy fun throughout November in Logan Forest. We also had our annual HSCT Inspection, we were delighted to receive very positive feedback.



## Rowandale Integrated Primary School

# Christmas Foodbank Appeal



Once again, in lieu of staff gifts, we are asking for donations of non-perishable goods and treats for Moira foodbank and SVP. Simply hand your donation to our Kiss & Go Volunteers or drop it in to the office. Thank you for your support.



# Y3W - PATTERNS IN LOGAN FOREST





# MOIRA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON



Eva in Y7 was delighted with her prize for the Christmas Poetry Competition



# Y1 - RANGOLI PATTERNS TO CELEBRATE DIWALI





## Y3E - UPDATE



In science this month we have been focusing on sound. The children have explored how sound travels through waves and how it differs when it travels through solids, liquids and gases.







## RAFA - LET'S GLOW BELFAST

Rafa dancing for the Let's Glow Belfast - Christmas lights switch on at Belfast City Hall for 10,000 people! And as part of the Day of Dance at the Brian Friel theatre at QFT, all as part of Belfast Boys for DU Dance NI.



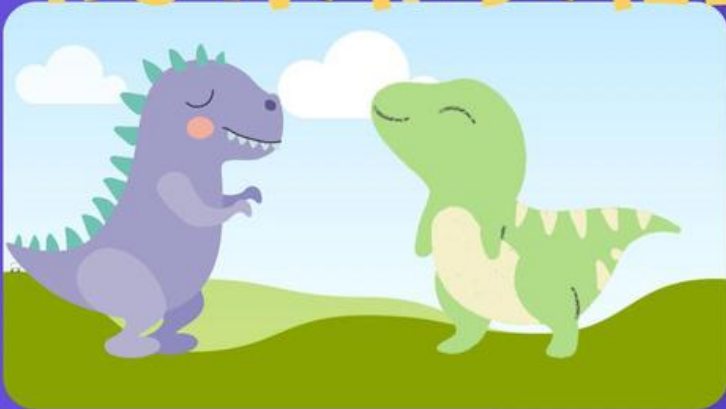


# Y3E - FOREST FUN





**FREE**  
**\* Dinosaur fun at**  
**ROWANDALE**



**SAT 9 DECEMBER FROM 11AM**  
**1 HR INDOORS THEN 1 HR OUTSIDE**

**SATURDAY MORNING FUN!**

**Gingerbread Man**  
**Saturday 16 Dec**

**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

Join us on **Saturday 9th December** when we'll be having some Dinosaur fun at Rowandale with stories, crafts and play at 11am. **Saturday 16th December** at 11am we'll be enjoying the story of The Gingerbread Man with songs, crafts and an outside play session. 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.

Reading partnership is proven to improve a child's reading by up to two years as well as increasing confidence and self-esteem.

This year we are thrilled to have Anne, Elaine, Nicole, Susan, Sarah, Fiona and Lesley Anne as Reading Partnership Volunteers. This means that fourteen children are now receiving one-to-one reading support regularly. We couldn't do any of this without the help of our fantastic volunteers and we are so grateful to each of you for giving up your time.

If you, or someone you know (a friend, a Grandparent or another relative) would like to get involved, please contact Fiona Maree via the office or email [fmaree245@c2kni.net](mailto:fmaree245@c2kni.net). Full training is given and support is provided. Volunteers must complete an AccessNI check.

**\*\*Subject to AccessNI check**

Contact Fiona Maree  
 via School Office





# Rowandale Integrated Primary School

## Open Morning

Saturday January 13th  
10am - 12 noon

Everyone welcome!

Join us for lots  
of fun activities!



PLAY



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ENJOY



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