



ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



Y7 - ULSTER AVIATION



Year 7 took a trip to the Ulster Aviation Society. We have been learning all about World War II this term and we really enjoyed learning more about the aircrafts that were used- we even got to sit in a replica Spitfire!



Rowandale Integrated Primary School

OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 2ND DEC 10AM-12NOON

Rowandale Integrated Primary School invite you to our Open Morning for children due to start school in September 2024.

Lots of fun activities for all the family. Come along and find out what Rowandale can offer your child.

ANY QUESTIONS CALL US 028 92613946

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SCHOOL AGM

Tuesday 28th November at 7pm

Online Webinar

Introducing
the new ...

Rowandale Gaelic Team



CAN YOU HELP SPONSOR OUR NEW TEAM KIT?

2023 has seen the creation of Rowandale's first ever Gaelic football squad! The children have a mix of Gaelic football experience with some having played since a young age and others coming with little to no experience at all. We are training every Monday afternoon and have matches and tournaments coming up after half-term.

Please contact us if you can help sponsor our kit - we can print your business logo on each jersey.



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 October 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



MEET OUR NEWLY ELECTED SCHOOL COUNCIL



Congratulations to our new School Council members. Our councillors for the 2023/24 academic year are Eva, Bonnie, Daniel, Jude, Alex, Charlotte, Jaime, Emily, Ruari and Seth. Our School Council have had our first meeting of the year and they are looking forward to getting started with their plans after Halloween!

CHOIR AT SLIEVE DONNARD



The members of the Rowandale Integrated Primary School Choir were honoured to perform for the Integrated Schools Principals Conference at the Slieve Donard. A fantastic performance from you all! Thank you to Mr Reynolds for preparing the choir so well.

ADOBE EXPRESS WORKSHOPS



Year 5 and 6 were delighted to welcome Nicole from the Adobe NI team into school. Nicole took us through a workshop using the Adobe Express tools to create a Halloween poster. We got to try out some of the Artificial Intelligence tools within Adobe to create some amazing Halloween images and text.



WE NOW HAVE A FUNDING/GRANT WRITING TEAM!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far, we have great plans to help make Rowandale bigger & better.

If you have experience of writing (and winning) substantial grants, we need your help!

Contact us @ rowandalepc@gmail.com



PARENTS COUNCIL MEETING

**THURSDAY
16TH
NOVEMBER
@7PM
IN SCHOOL**

ALL WELCOME



MISS WATSON IN THE 'SPOTLIGHT'



How long have you taught in Rowandale

This is my 10th year teaching in Rowandale, which is very hard to believe! I started off teaching in Year 1 and currently I am one of the Learning Support teachers and I also teach in Year 3.

What is your favourite memory of your time in Rowandale

There have been many lovely memories of my time teaching at Rowandale, from seeing all the little excited Year 1 children arrive for their first day in 'big school' to Foundation Stage nativity plays, when no matter how many hours have been spent rehearsing, there is always something that doesn't quite go to plan or an unexpected comical moment that happens on stage. However, our Year 3 production of 'You are Special' was fortunate enough to win an award last year at the Lisburn Arts Council Awards which was a lovely surprise!

What do you enjoy doing outside of school?

I enjoy singing and am a part of Belfast Community Gospel Choir as well 'Just Sing' Ladies Choir in Portadown. I also enjoying travelling and like to spend my time off exploring some European cities. Recently I have taken up golf but think it's going to take a few more years of practice before I can call myself a golfer!

What is your favourite food?

It is difficult to choose just one favourite, however whenever I get asked this question there is always one meal that springs to mind first and that's a summer barbeque. Especially when there is some fresh salmon with lots of different types of salads! Yum!

What is your favourite country?

I have family who live in Edinburgh, so I have to say it has become my second home and I have recently spent the last two summers touring around the Borders and Highlands of Scotland. Canada is also a country that I love to visit. I have enjoyed trips to stay with my Canadian family and have spent some time exploring both the east and west coasts.

If you could do anything, what would it be?

I would love to be in control of the time. Then I would have the chance to pause time, add a few extra hours to a day or days to a week and maybe even travel back to the past.

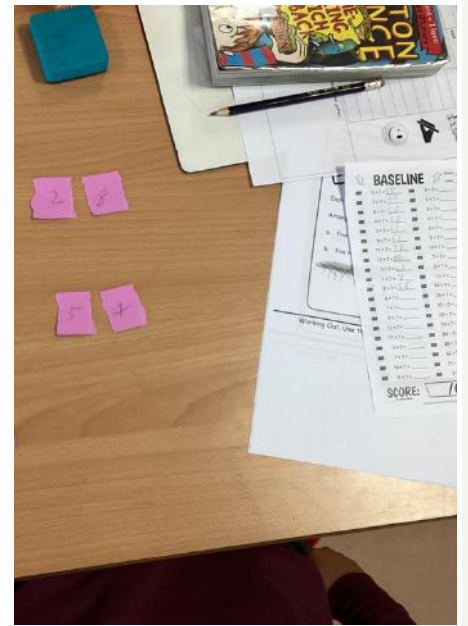
Thank you DJ Ade!

WE ALL HAD A GREAT
TIME AT THE HALLOWEEN
DISCO

Check out the spotlight on DJ Ade in our next newsletter!



MATHS WEEK



Year 6 enjoyed celebrating Maths Week this month! We completed several problem-solving activities, where we found all possibilities, investigating patterns and identifying solutions.

HARVEST CELEBRATION



Harvest Festival celebrates the time of year when crops have been gathered from the field and people can reflect on the food that they have.

It dates back to ancient Britain when people relied on crops for food and farmers would give thanks for a good harvest. At school, we have been learning about harvest time. Thank you to Moira Presbyterian Church for allowing us to enjoy a fabulous Harvest assembly as a school celebration.

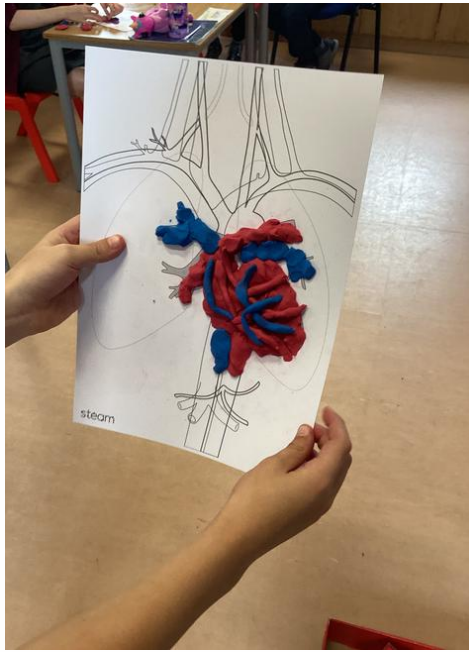
The children worked hard to learn new songs, readings and reflections.



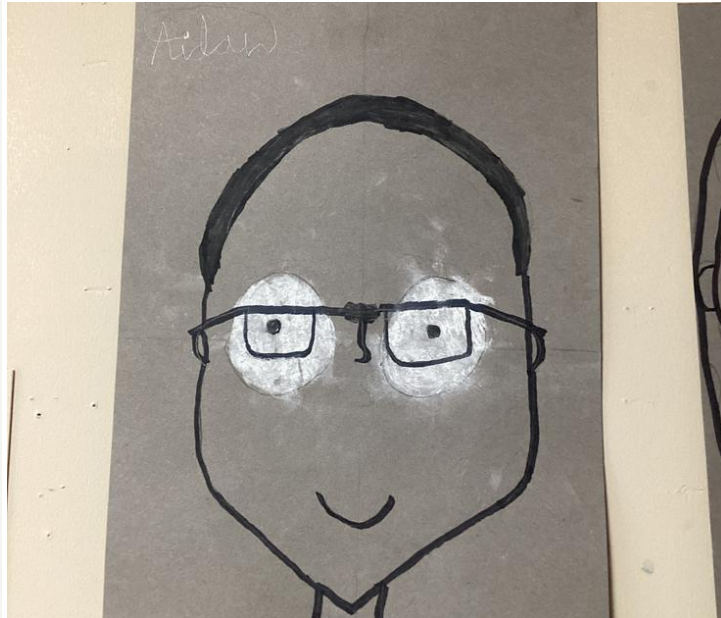
Y5 TRIP TO PALACE STABLES ARMAGH



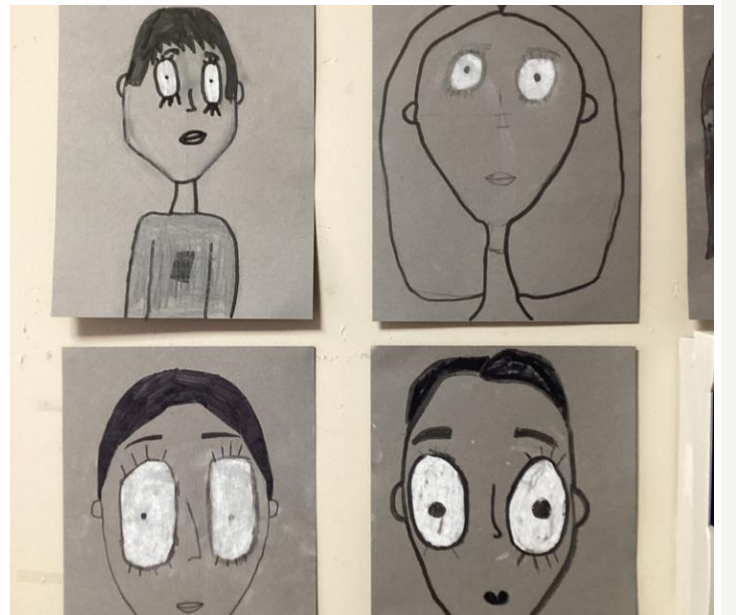
Y6 - UPDATE



Year 6 created models of the heart using plasticine for our topic of The Human Body. It was great fun learning about how our heart keeps us alive!



Year 6 completed some Tim Burton style art for Halloween! The white eyes and shadows make them look so spooky!



PLAYGROUP NEWS

Playgroup have had a great month of October. We have learnt all about Autumn, and loved doing some Halloween craft and activities! Thanks to everyone who brought in pumpkins, we had a great display this year!!



Y3 - PUMPKIN SOUP



As part of our food and healthy eating topic, Year 3 came together to make and taste some pumpkin soup. We talked about how all of the ingredients were freshly grown near where we live and how they were transported to our classroom.



Y2S - HALLOWEEN FUN



Y2S getting into the Halloween spirit, constructing pumpkins, painting spooky spiders and creating concoctions using cauldrons in the Logan Forest.



PE FUN



Y2W - UPDATE



Y2W have been very busy this month exploring how everyone is unique, possessing different strengths and weaknesses, by designing 'Fingerprint Characters' as part of Dyslexia Week. We have also spent time in Logan Forest and have enjoyed our topic, 'Harvest on the Farm', buying and selling fruit and vegetables and constructing farmhouses.



**ROWANDALE PARENTS COUNCIL
INVITE YOU TO OUR....**

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 30TH NOV @ 7PM
FAT GHERKIN, MOIRA**

TICKETS £10 PER PERSON

includes a delicious cheese, meats and nibbles board!

BYOB

Raffle prizes are available on the night
with a special prize for the winning team!
Everyone welcome! You don't need a team come on your
own and we'll get you sorted with another team!

Buy tickets online at
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-qjxkgjd>



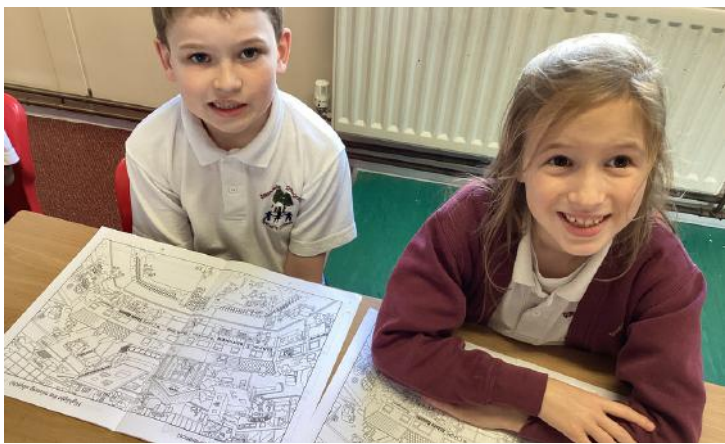
Y1 - CLAY HEDGEHOGS



Y4 - YOUNG ENTERPRISE



This October we have been completing weekly Young Enterprise lessons on 'Our Community' with Amanda Hand. We have been working in groups to plan and design our own communities.



Y1D - NUMERACY



The children in Year 1D have enjoyed lots of numeracy activities this month. They worked on recognising numbers and quantities and practised the formation of numbers. They worked with and sorted 2-D shapes and used a carroll diagram to sort for 1 criteria. They also used their problem-solving skills to explore different combinations of 4, using Unifix cubes. Great work everyone!



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.

**Subject to AccessNI check

Contact Fiona Maree
via School Office

We are delighted to have Reading Partnership up and running again. After a break during Covid, we started again last year, albeit on a reduced scale.

This year we are thrilled to have **Anne, Elaine, Nicole, Susan, Sarah, Fiona** and **Lesley Anne** as volunteers. This means that fourteen children are now receiving one-to-one reading support regularly - amazing. 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.

Reading Partnership is proven to be a great way of improving reading skills, comprehension and confidence in children. A ten to fifteen-minute session, two or three times a week, for ten weeks, can improve a child's reading age by up to two years. The increase in confidence is immeasurable.

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. Full training is given and support is provided. Volunteers must complete an AccessNI check.

FREE
*** Paw Patrol fun at**
ROWANDALE



SAT 11 NOV. FROM 11:10AM.
1 HR INDOORS THEN 1 HR OUTSIDE

Saturday Morning Fun!

Join us on **Saturday 11th November** we'll be having some Paw Patrol fun at Rowandale with stories, crafts and play - please note the slightly later start time of 11:10am.
Saturday 18th November at 11am for story and songs and calling all Supertato fans on **Saturday 25th November** for a story/song/crafts and outside play session.

Free fun aimed at preschool age.
 Free tea and coffee for grown ups. No need to book.

SUPERTATO!
 Saturday 25 Nov

11am-12 noon indoor fun
 12-1pm free play outside

all pre-school age welcome

Free
 No need to book
 Rowandale Integrated Primary School
 Clarehill Road, Moira



Saturday 18 Nov

11am-12 noon story and song

12-1pm free play outside

all pre-school age welcome

Free
 No need to book

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Ditch the plastic!

Recyclable lunch bags for sale
 £2 per pack of 50
 Available from the office
 All proceeds to the school



Newsletter Articles

We are always looking for interesting articles for the monthly newsletter and we would love to hear about what your child is getting up to outside of school.

Please send photos and a few lines to
rowandalepc@gmail.com



Rowandale Parents Council



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Donations

YOU

Would **YOU** be willing to contribute a prize to our Christmas Raffle?

Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

SHARE

Our aim is to promote and **SHARE** our generous sponsors through social media and within our Rowandale Community.

ACHIEVE

We aspire to **ACHIEVE** our fundraising objectives for 2023-2024 with your help.

We are reaching out to our parents, families and local businesses to ask for **12 Christmas Raffle Prizes** for our annual draw.

The 12 Days of Christmas Raffle will **launch 30th November**. We will post daily and feature your company across our social media channels and our Rowandale WhatsApp Community.

We will feature the prizes and sponsors in our December Newsletter.

Family and friends will be able to easily purchase tickets online.

The raffle will be drawn on **December 15th**.

THANK YOU!

Donate now by signing up via the QR code or Email - rowandalepc@gmail.com



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