



# ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Rowandale: The Big Build The Official Sod Cutting Event May 2024



Minister Paul Givan MLA with Frances Hughes, Principal at the official sod cutting event. Also in the picture are Alex, Eva and Elijah.



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# Rowandale Integrated Primary School The Big Build - be part of it!



Are you a Past Pupil, Parent or Governor  
of Rowandale Integrated PS?

If so, we want to hear from you!

Click on the link and we'll be in touch

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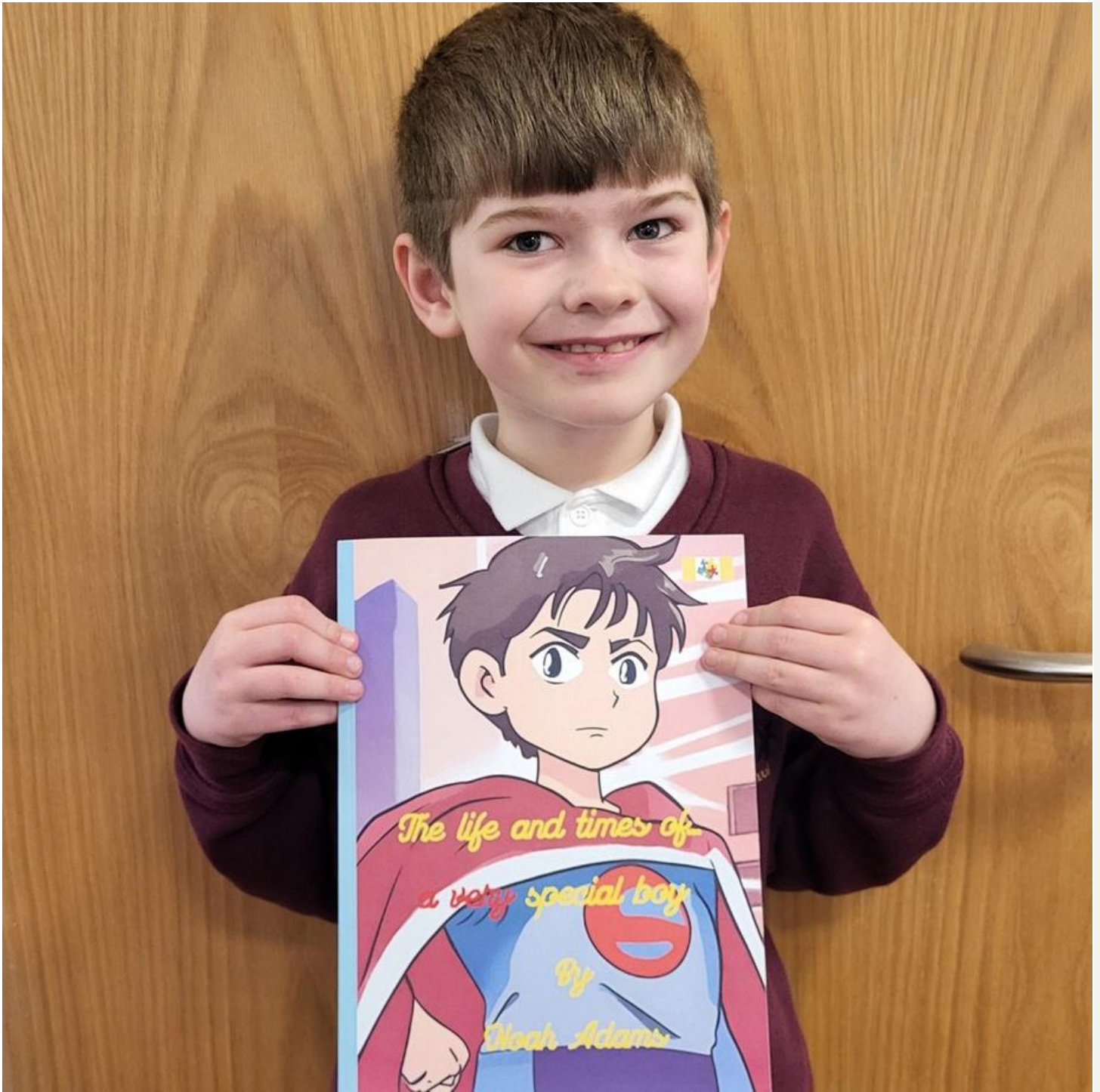
## Can you help?

If you can spare half an hour a day, two or three days a week, we'd love to have you on our Reading Partnership Team. Contact Fiona on [fmaree245@c2kni.net](mailto:fmaree245@c2kni.net) for more info.





## WE HAVE A PUBLISHED AUTHOR



**We are super proud of Noah in Yr 5H who has written a book!**

**The Life And Times Of A Very Special Boy is a fantastic book about Walter Abbot, a boy who is autistic AND has Special Powers. The book is available on Amazon and is well worth a buy.**



## PLAYGROUP UPDATE



Playgroup have had a great month of May learning about “under the sea”. The children have made some jellyfish for our display board and we have had lots of fun making sand castles and playing with sea creatures in our water tray.



Playgroup also had the opportunity to attend the dress rehearsal of the Year 7 play “Aladdin Jr” which they thoroughly enjoyed. The children did amazing sitting throughout the whole performance and walking to and from the church hall.





## THE INAUGURAL RIPS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



**The inaugural Rowandale Integrated Football Tournament was a huge success. Mr Evans brought together fifteen schools to take part in a day of cross-community football, fun and friendship.**

**Fair Hill Primary School were the winners of the Rowandale Integrated Football Cup, which was presented in memory of Robert Logan.**

**With thanks to Mr Evans for organising the entire event so meticulously and to Mrs Hughes and Mr McHenry for their support, to Lurgan FC for the use of their grounds, Paul Carvill and Healthy Kidz for providing the referees, to Rowandale past pupil Tim, who also refereed, Cat Barter for volunteering to come along and help with photography, Duncan, Christina and Chris for help with lifts and supervision.**

**To Deputy First Minister Emma Little-Pengelly and Junior Minister Aisling Reilly for showing support - we truly appreciate it. A special thanks to the schools who took part and to the teachers who coached them and brought them along today. Most of all, thank you to the children who played football today - you are all a credit to your schools and to your sport. You showed enthusiasm, sportsmanship, energy, humour and friendship. Thank you all.**

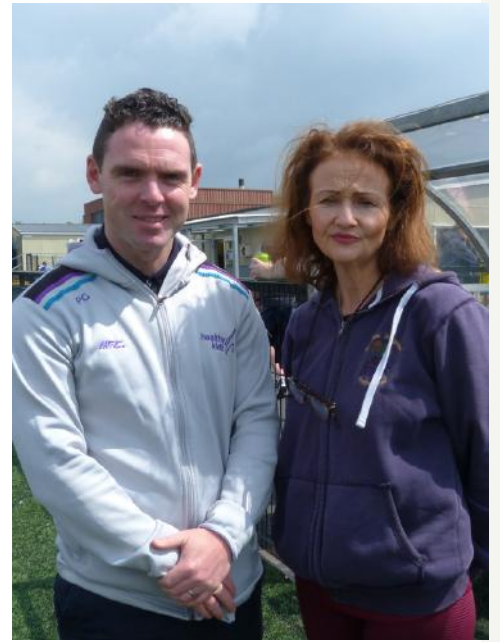


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## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



The 18th of May was a time of celebration for some of the children from Year 4 as they made their First Holy Communion. Miss Killen has worked extremely hard preparing the children from Rowandale, Meadowbridge PS, Maghaberry PS, Waringstown PS, Maralin PS and Hart Memorial while the children from Moira PS were prepared by Mrs Maher.

The ceremony was beautiful, with singing by the Rowandale Choir accompanied by Miss Rutter and Choirmaster Mr Reynolds. After the ceremony, all of the children and their families went across to the parish hall for refreshments kindly laid on by Rowandale parents. A lovely morning of community, friendship and togetherness.

Thank you to Miss Killen for all her hard work in preparing the children and organising the ceremony. To Mrs Maher for preparing the children of Moira PS. To Fr Magennis and Fr Shajan for celebrating the Mass.

Mr Reynolds and Miss Rutter for their work with the choir. Mrs Hughes and Mr Ford (Principal, Moira PS) for all the support for the teachers and children. To the parents of Rowandale for organising the refreshments, serving teas and coffees and clearing the parish hall afterwards and to the additional Rowandale staff who came along to help out. To the parish council for the use of the hall.

A huge team effort - we could not do any of it without you. Thank you.



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GET YOUR GROOVE ON!



# DISCO

*End of Year  
with DJ Ade*

WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE

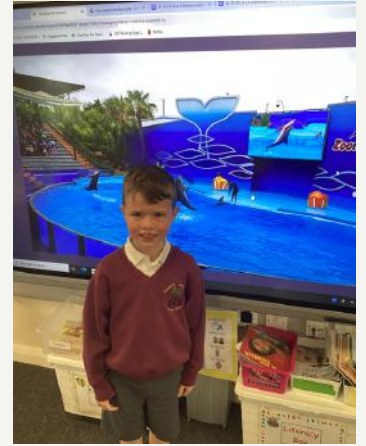
YEARS 1 & 2 AT 6PM  
YEARS 3, 4 & 5 AT 7PM  
YEARS 6 & 7 AT 8PM

MOIRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HALL  
(TOP OF THE HILL)

£1 ENTRY / TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE  
TEA & COFFEE FOR PARENTS



## FOUNDATION STAGE UPDATE



In Year 2 the children have been working on delivering a presentation about their favourite animal. The children were able to go away and research some interesting facts and then deliver a presentation to their class about it. The children did wonderfully and we were so proud of their ability to stand up and deliver such high quality presentations. Well done everyone!



Year 1 have been learning all about electricity in their science lessons this term. They passed the squeeze to make a circuit as well as learning all about batteries



## KEY STAGE 1 UPDATE



**As part of our Y4 topic 'Birds, Bugs and Beasts' we have been learning about life cycles. We have watched our class caterpillars grow and turn into chrysalises and eagerly awaited their transformation into beautiful butterflies.**





# THE SPELLING BEE



**Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Spelling Bee this term.**

**The competition was fierce but everyone did extremely well. A big shout out to the worthy winners.**





## SATURDAY CLUBS



### GRUFFALO fun

Saturday 15 June. FREE.

11am story and indoor fun,  
then use our outdoor space 12-1

This month we have two Saturday fun sessions.

On Saturday 15 June, we will have Gruffalo fun and on 22 June, Peppa will close our year of Saturday fun sessions.

So come along for story time, song and craft - from 11am-noon, then you can enjoy our outdoor space til 1pm.

Tea and coffee and a warm welcome - all free!

### PEPPA FUN TO END THE YEAR



Saturday 22 June  
FREE

11am-12 indoors  
12-1 outdoor play



# YEAR 5W BELFAST CITY MARATHON EXPO





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**Friday 3rd May 2024 – Belfast City Marathon Expo@ Titanic Exhibition Centre (TEC)**

**Warm-Up:** Year 5W completed a series of warm-up activities led by 'Better Gym Belfast'.

**Station 1:** Year 5W learned the importance of Air Ambulance NI and played a selection of giant board games, such as 'Four In A Row' and 'Jenga'.

**Station 2:** Year 5W enjoyed having their faces painted.

**Station 3:** Year 5W played 'Musical Statues' led by Evanna Maxted from Cool FM.

**Station 4:** Year 5W trialed a new relay baton system ahead of the 'Team Relay' on Sunday 5th May. They were rewarded with a t-shirt, medal and an ice lolly for their efforts.

**Lunch:** Year 5W received a packed lunch and goodie bag, courtesy of Moy Park.

**Other:** Martha and Dimitri answered a series of questions during an interview with the BBC.



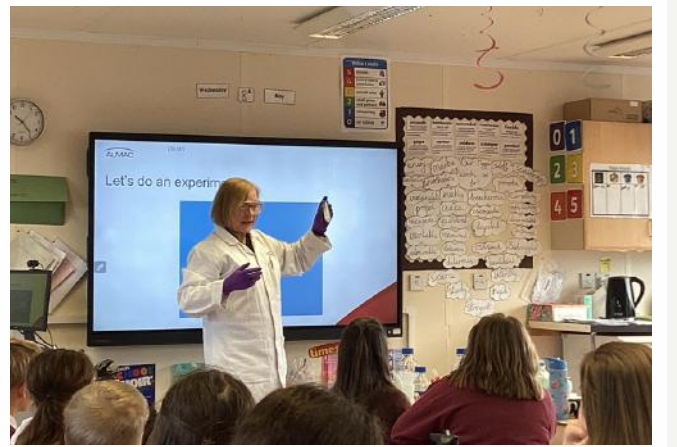
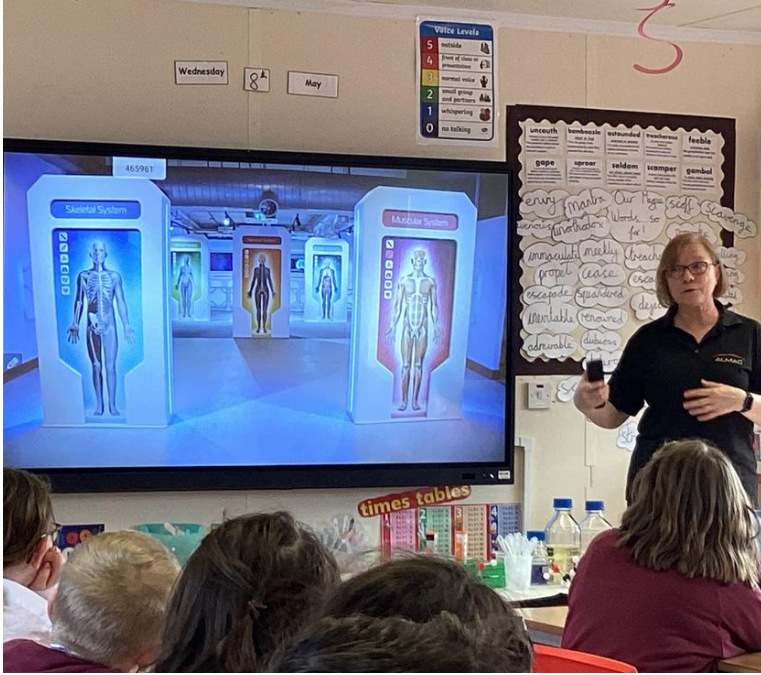


# YEAR 5W BELFAST CITY MARATHON EXPO





**KEY STAGE 2 UPDATE**



**The Almac team visited the Year 6 pupils to carry out some very exciting experiments. The pupils were given an insight into the life of a scientist and were able to observe and participate in a number of interesting investigations.**



**Year 5H have really enjoyed walking to Moira Demesne for their PE lesson. We've been improving our team work skills and practicing being a 'Good Sport'. It's even better when the sun shines!**

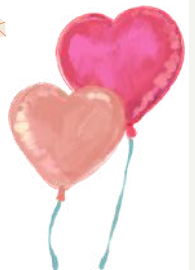


## WEDDING BELLS



# Congratulations!

We are absolutely thrilled to hear the news that Miss Falloon is engaged to Craig. Here's to you (future) Mrs Robinson!



If you need any flower girls, there are a few candidates in Yr 6!



# 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



## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Sophie in Yr 3E got 2nd place in PE and was also awarded her year 4 badge at her Girls Brigade display.

Beau achieved her 1000m badge and Dean his 200m badge in swimming. Drew is so pleased for them!



Luke in 1D receives his Judo medal from Dame Mary Peters. Jacob in Yr 4K with Dame Mary Peters after being placed 2nd in his competition.



Harry Yr 6 and Noah Yr 7 took part in the Annalong Football Tournament. They were unbeaten in all eight games and made it to the final out of sixteen teams!

Unfortunately, they lost on penalties in their final match but, all in all, a great day for Moira FC.

Well done boys!





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**Nora 4R and Erin 3E performed in High School Musical Jr which was on at the Stranmillis Theatre. They are members of BSPA and have loved taking part in the show.**



**Rosie, Ruby and Myla from Yr 7 took part in the Down LGFA féile as part of St Michael's, Magheralin U15 team.**



**Jessica came 1st in the gymnastics bar event at the Splits & Flips gymnastic competition in Portadown in May. This was the first time she had competed in a gymnastic bar event. Previously, she competed in inter-club floor & vault events where she gained 4th in the level 2 vault. We're super proud, considering she underwent a major head operation in November last year for her cochlear implants to regain her hearing!**





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Grace had her first ever gymnastics competition and won a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in vault, floor and bars respectively. We are very proud of her.



Emily has been doing really well at We Are Vertigo



Ruari doing some painting at Laurelbank Farm. The family joined their veg box scheme this year which includes days where we go and help out on the farm with various activities.



Gio learned to ride his bike and is very proud. So are we, Gio!



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**Christopher is in Rowandale Playgroup and has just climbed his first mountain. Wow, what an achievement!**



**Chloe and Sophie finished their year at Brownies with a trip to W5. Chloe was the only Brownie to be awarded her Gold badge. Sophie and several of the other girls were awarded their Silver, with the option to continue the programme and achieve their Gold this year.**

**Well done, girls!**

## Twenty years on...

**Some of our founding members got together to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first public meeting that led to the amazing Rowandale Integrated Primary School!**







# CALLING ALL PARENTS & CARERS!

On the back of a bumper fundraising year and with the new school build well underway, it is a really exciting time to get involved with Rowandale Parents Council. All seven committee roles are now up for grabs at our next AGM!

Parents Council needs support from our whole school community to work at its best. It won't take up a huge amount of your time. The current committee all work full time and manage it around family commitments. Many hands make light work!

By sharing the load...  
we can make amazing things happen!





# Rowandale Parent Committee Roles



## CHAIR PERSON

Are you....  
Calm, friendly and approachable?

Could you guide our Parents Council  
to ensure the views of  
everyone are considered?

**WE  
NEED  
YOU!**



## VICE-CHAIR PERSON

Are you....  
Enthusiastic and organised

Could you support the Chairperson  
of our Parents Council to ensure  
events and activities run smoothly?

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## PUBLIC RELATIONS <sup>X2</sup>

Are you....  
Creative and a social media whiz?

Could you help create our  
monthly newsletter and help  
promote our school?

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## TREASURER

Are you...  
Organised and mathematical?

Could you help keep our  
finances in check?

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## SECRETARY

Are you...  
Organised, efficient and a good listener?

We need someone that can identify  
discussion points, actions and agreements  
from meetings and accurately  
record in minutes.

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## VOLUNTEER LEAD

Are you...  
Engaging and enthusiastic?

Could you inspire, motivate and  
lead a large army of volunteers?

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YOU!**



**PARENTS COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday 13th June 2023

@ 7:30pm

In School and Online

All Welcome!



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[AGE: 11-18]



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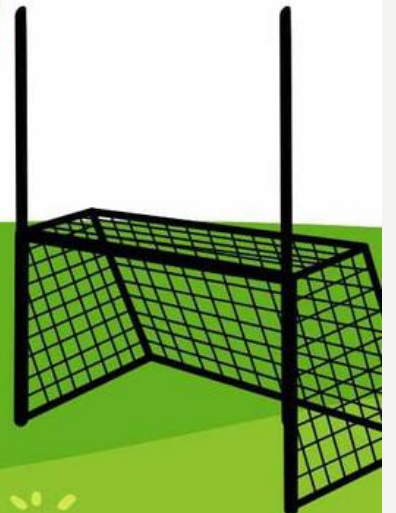


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**1st - 5th July  
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Children aged 4-11**

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**Junior Athletics Moira**

**1st - 5th July**

**5th - 9th Aug**

**10am - 2pm**

**£65 per wk or £15 per day**

**12th - 16th Aug**

**Summer Camp**

*Weather will dictate activity!*

*Activity v Athletics!*

*Forest walks & runs - Hi Jump - Javelin - Hurdles - plus much more!*

**Contact Lorraine 07851 992980**

**Location: Rowandale IPS**

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Places are filling up fast.

⚡ **WEEK 2 IS FULLY BOOKED.** ⚡

Limited spaces on other weeks.



## THE THURSDAY CLUB



There is a regular meet up on Thursday mornings, with parents coming into school to help sort, label and cover reading books. Those of you who have helped out will know that it's a seemingly never-ending task!! Thank you to all our fabulous volunteers who come to help. Keep an eye out for the next meet up and join us for tea, coffee and the occasional biscuit!!

# LAUNCHING SOON

MOIRA FC IS GETTING BIGGER – YET SMALLER AT THE SAME TIME

GROUPS FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2017 AND 2018 ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN

To register your interest email [moirafc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:moirafc@hotmail.co.uk)

**LOGIC**





**TEACHER IN FOCUS - MR WILSON****How long have you taught in Rowandale?**

This is my first full year at Rowandale IPS, however, I subbed in various classes last year.

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

I loved working alongside Mrs Saunders, as well as my classroom assistant, Mrs Grant. Watching the children explore the Logan Forest each week was also a personal highlight. Helping 25 children out of their muddy puddle suits...not so much.

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

I enjoy being a positive influence in a child's early years, nurturing their curiosity and unfiltered enthusiasm. Observing the children grow in confidence and independence is equally rewarding.

**What do you enjoy doing outside school?**

As captain of North Down 1XI, I spend most of my time playing and coaching hockey. In my spare time, I've been advised to say I enjoy going for walks and trying out new restaurants with my fiancée, Emma.

**What is your favourite food?**

I'm partial to a Sunday roast, unless I have to prepare and serve it myself. I also may as well purchase shares in 'Little Wings' at this point.

**What is your favourite country?**

My favourite country is Portugal. Vilamoura, in particular, holds a special place in my heart with happy memories of family holidays and friends' weddings.

**If you could do anything, what would that be?**

I would persuade Jurgen Klopp to rethink his decision and continue as manager of Liverpool F.C. for another couple of seasons.





## Calling all Parents, Carers & Staff

Come climb with us!

Some of us are climbing Pigeon Rock & Slievemoughanmore on Sunday June 23rd.

Why not join us?

Meet at Rowandale at 8.45am to car pool -  
climb starts at 10am.

Walking boots are recommended.

If you would like to meet us there, we will be meeting at  
Deer Meadows car park.

Any queries, message Fiona on 07725 355 899



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## PARENT/CARER VOLUNTEERS

A big Thank You to all of our parent/carer volunteers who continue to give their free time to help out at Rowandale. To our Kiss & Go team who turn up in all weathers to help bring the children safely into school each morning, the Reading Partners who give their time to read one-to-one with children - you will never know the difference you are making, the Thursday Morning Club - thank you for giving your time to help label, sort and cover reading books for the children. You are all awesome and we are very grateful for your support.



## June Dates for your Diary

- 4th Rowandale Integrated Gaelic Cup
- 6th Banbridge Rugby Tournament
- 7th Yr 1 Induction Afternoon
- 11th & 12th Yr 7 Young Enterprise Trade Fair
- 13th KS1 End of Year Assembly
- 14th Foundation Stage End of Year Assembly
- 19th Yr1 - 3 Sports Day in Moira Demesne
- 21st KS2 End of Year Assembly
- 25th June Yr 7 Leavers BBQ
- 26th School's Out Parade (afternoon)
- 26th End of Year Discos (evening)
- 27th Yr 7s last day - finish at 3pm
- 28th Summer Holidays begin - half day

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