



ROWANDALE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL



COLOUR DAY 2023!



Our Colour Day was a fundraising event organised by School Council to raise money towards the purchase of a new Friendship Bench. The children thought a rainbow would be a good way to represent friendship, showing that we are all different and come together to make something amazing.

Each year group was given a different colour of the rainbow to wear - The playgroup wore rainbow colours, Y1 wore red, Y2 wore orange, Y3 wore yellow, Y4 wore green, Y5 wore blue, Y6 wore purple and Y7 wore pink.

A fun and colourful day was had by everyone. School Council would like to extend their thanks to Angie, who very kindly brought in her drone and took our amazing rainbow photos!





Quick!



**Limited tickets available
click here to book yours!**

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>



TONIGHT MATTHEW I AM GOING TO BE....



Maria Gibson



Grainne Bowles



Jen Coulter



Aoife Hughes



Feargal Murphy



Aisling Turkington



Niall Carberry



Tim Reynolds



Eddie Gibson



Conor Dolan



Orla Fitzsimmons



Anne Morrow

WIN

- Wine and brine voucher
- Pair of RayBans from Rogans
- Ballycanal voucher
- Breakfast for 2 from Ralph's Moira
- Voucher from Bluebell cottage
- Karen Francis pedicure for two
- Painting by Maria Gibson
- Voucher from Chloe Lowry
- Months Membership for Muruchu Movement

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2D - FOREST SCHOOL



Mr Kennedy (Stranmillis BEd2 Student) took the children of 2D out into the Logan Forest to explore number bonds to 10 and 20.

The children worked in pairs to collect items from the forest floor and make addition sentences.

Y3 PERFORMANCE



The Year 3 children put on a fantastic performance of 'You are Special'. They shared an important message; that we should always embrace and celebrate our differences and uniqueness. It was a valuable reminder that we are indeed all special and loved for who we are.



Shared Education



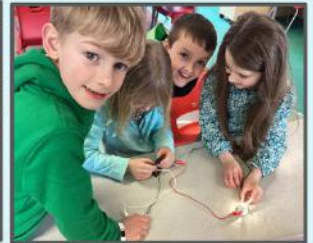
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Year 7

Shared Education Aims

- Year 1:** We are learning about the push, pull and twist forces. We made little characters from plasticine using the forces we learned about.
- Year 2:** The shape of an object as well as its weight affects whether something floats or sinks. We tested a range of objects to see whether they float or sink in water.
- Year 3:** We tested different materials to see if they are good reflectors of light.
- Year 4:** We made circuits to test for electrical conductors and insulators.
- Year 5:** We used fidget spinners to investigate friction. We had a go at making our own fidget spinners.
- Year 6:** Investigated electromagnets and their uses. Pupils also got the opportunity to make their own electromagnet.
- **Year 7:** We investigated the impact of frequency and volume on sound waves. We also created series and parallel circuits.

JAM 'N' IRÉ



This group was initially set up by two mothers whose young son was having serious identity issues due to being mixed race / dual heritage. Living in a rural community, he rarely had the opportunity to socialise with other children who looked like him; who had the same skin colour; who had the same hair; who felt the same pressures of being 'different' from the vast majority of their peers.

Jam 'n' Iré was born! Initially, three families met in a park, purely through word of mouth. Within 18 months, the membership has grown to 120 families, we have a very active Facebook and WhatsApp group, we meet every month at different locations around Northern Ireland.

We have been incredibly lucky to have been able to utilise the Rowandale IPS for two meet ups over the last 8 months. We are very appreciative of this and below are two photos from both meet ups in Rowandale. If anyone wishes to contact us our email jamnire_ni@yahoo.com



Easter Holidays

early finishing times on Wed 5th April as follows:

Years 1 & 2 @ 12 noon

Years 3 & 4 @ 12.10pm

Years 5 & 6 @ 12.20pm

Year 7 @ 12.30pm

If you wish to collect siblings together, please send a dojo to the class teacher (before 10am) stating the collection time. We would encourage you to walk to collect your child to alleviate congestion in the carpark.

Breakfast Club is open as normal but there is NO after school care.

School will close at 12.30pm - this is also a half day for all staff. School will reopen on Monday 17th April (Term 3)

Thank you and have a very Happy Easter.



ODD SOCK DAY



On Friday 3rd of March we had our annual Odd Sock Day to raise vital funds for the Integrated Education Fund (IEF). Our school community raised a total of £352.

The IEF has supported the growth of our school from the very beginning, and continues to do so today. They have ensured that our school is provided with financial support to develop and promote the ethos of Integrated Education in the Moira and wider Moira area- so thank you for getting your socks on to celebrate our success as an Integrated School and indeed for all of the support the IEF has given us!



FOREST SCHOOL ACTIVITY MORNING SATURDAY 1ST APRIL 10.00-11:30AM

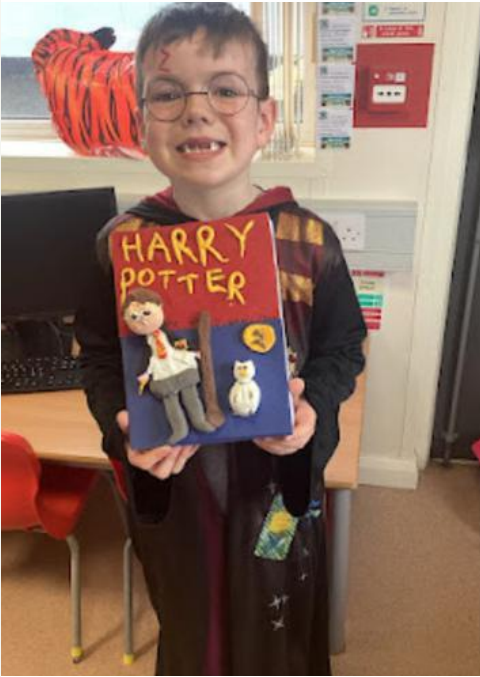
We welcome you to a family forest activity morning. This event is suitable for pre-school children and children starting school in September 2023 and their families. Dress for the weather and wear wellington boots.

Location:
The Logan Forest
@ Rowandale Integrated Primary School
18 Clarehill Road
Moira
BY67 OPB
Tel: 028 92613946



**OPEN TO EVERYONE!
PUBLIC EVENT
NO NEED TO BOOK!**

WORLD BOOK DAY - 3D MODEL DESIGN WINNERS



We're delighted to announce the winners of this year's 3D book model design! To celebrate our fantastic love of reading, we asked the children to create a 3D model of a book character or book of their choice for World Book Day 2023. Take a look at the fabulously creative masterpieces created by the FS, KS1 and KS2 children. Well done to everyone who took part - brilliant effort!

ACCELERATED READER WORD MILLIONAIRES



Huge congratulations to our AR Millionaires for March - Bradley, Tiago and Annie!

Y5 SCHOOL TRIP TO W5



Congratulations

TO OUR SUPERSTAR MUM

Triona Coll

Triona has been nominated for both LGFA Coach of the Year AND Overall Coach of the Year at this year's Local Women's Sports Awards.

We would like to congratulate Triona on her well-deserved nominations and wish her the best of luck on the night

PLAYGROUP UPDATE



The playgroup have been learning all about Spring this month. We have spent lots of time outside planting some new flowers and plants as well as trying to paint some by ourselves!

If anyone has any pictures of their Cress sheep growing, please send them to us, we would love to see!!

We also loved taking part in the school Colour Day and dressed in rainbow colours!



MR MACKAY TEACHER IN FOCUS

How long have you taught in Rowandale?

This is my fifth year as a teacher in Rowandale. I can't believe where the time has gone, it really does fly in. However, it could be argued that I have worked in Rowandale a little longer - as I first started off as a classroom assistant with Mr. McHenry up in Year 7. He is still convinced that he taught me everything I know!

What is your favourite memory of teaching Year 6?

My favourite memory of teaching Year 6 would be going on residential with the children, in Term 3, to Kilbroney. I'm always amazed at how the children rise to the challenge of being away from home and show great independence. I feel these few days often demonstrate how far the children have come in their school journey as it showcases the 'whole child development' - from having to use a great variety of thinking skills in various activities, right through to caring for their classmates and stepping out of their comfort zone.

What do you enjoy most about Year 6?

I really enjoy the fact that, by Year 6, the children are mature enough to take a little joke. It always helps to break up the day. I also love how, as a teacher, you're constantly able to really challenge and extend pupils' critical thinking and learning. This, in turn, keeps me focused and engaged in my own teaching.

What do you enjoy doing outside of school?

I love all kinds of sports - especially football. I'm a massive Man United fan so I try to keep an eye on how they do in the Premier League. I also coach 'Hillsborough Boys 2012 Football Team.' So, between teaching, coaching and Saturday matches, my time often gets eaten up quite quickly!

What is your favourite food?

Hardest question so far! It's very mood dependent. However, I find it hard to resist an Indian or some traditional, 'Fish and Chips.' Unfortunately, I suffer from a severe case of my eyes being too big for my stomach.

What is your favourite country?

My favourite country that I have been to, was probably America. I got the opportunity to study there for a little while when I was younger. There are so many different cultures rolled up into one. I could spend months travelling and exploring.

If you could do anything What would that be?

Tough question. I'll try to step away from the obvious answer of a famous footballer/sportsman etc. On occasion, I can be a bit of a geek and love to watch the show 'Aussie Gold Hunters.' So perhaps I would be out in Australia happily searching for my fortune of gold! (We can only dream!)

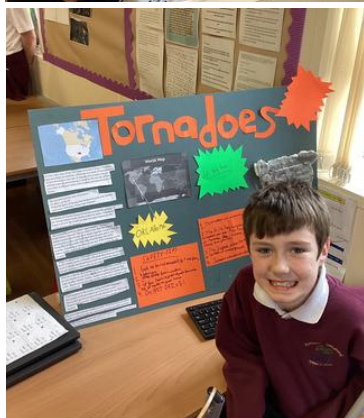
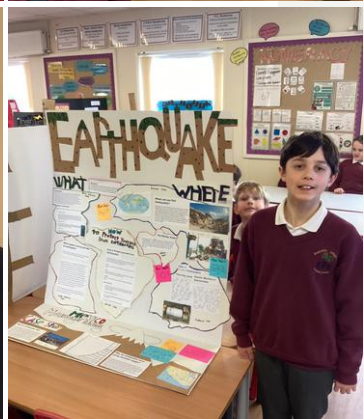
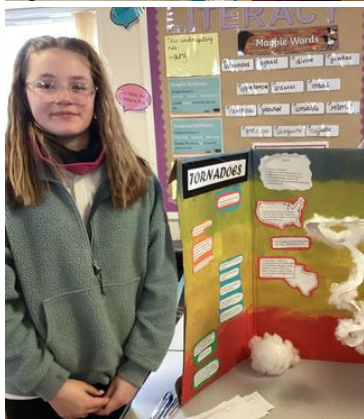
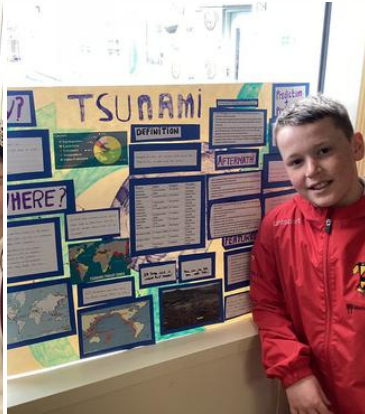
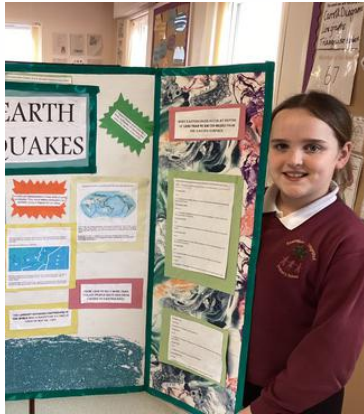


A very special thank you to all our March Kiss & Go Volunteers!

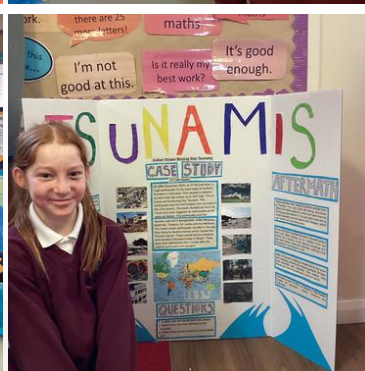
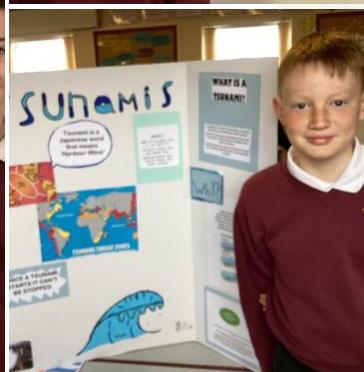
It's great to see brighter drier mornings!

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

Y7 NATURAL DISASTER POSTER SHOWCASE



Year 7 were set the challenge of making a poster project on a Natural Disaster of their choosing. We had a showcase once we finished our topic in school, we viewed each other's posters and Mrs Hughes and P6 came to have a look. All the children worked so hard at home to create these amazing projects!



Y7Z SOUND CHALLENGE



7Z thoroughly enjoyed creating speakers as part of their lesson on Sound. Children were given the challenge of designing and creating a speaker out of household 'junk'. The teams then tested them out to see who was successful in creating something that would amplify the sound of our chosen song (Green Green Grass by George Ezra).

ROWANDALE FOOTBALL



We were very proud of these Year 7 boys! Reaching the semi-final of the U11 Lisburn and District Primary School Cup. The furthest any Year 7 team has ever achieved in the history of Rowandale. Fantastic effort, boys! 🏆

SNOW TIME!



Mya in Y3 had a great time snowboarding in Italy during the half-term break. Looking very cool Mya!



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Sat 1st April: Forest Fun Day at 10am and Stars in their Eyes at 7pm in the Seagoe Hotel

Mon 3rd April: Y3 & 4 Easter Assembly @ Moira Presb Church 9.30am

Tues 4th April: Y5 – 7 Easter Assembly @ Moira Presb Church 10am

Tues 4th April: Y2 trip to Slieve Gullion

Wed 5th April: SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.30pm for Easter holidays and will reopen on Mon 17 April

Mon 17th April: start of Term 3

Mon 17th April: Year 4 swimming starts

Thurs 20th April: Service of Light (Confirmation children only) 7pm @ St Patrick's & St Ronan's Church Magheralin

Saturday 22nd April: Saturday Fun @11am

Thurs 27th April: EA Notification of Sept 23 Year 1 Primary School Applications (sent directly to parents by the EA)

SATURDAY MORNING FUN



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COME ROAR AND SOAR

Story & craft fun with dinosaurs and butterflies

Saturday 22nd April

11am-12 noon - indoor activities
12-1pm - outdoor play



Saturday mornings are proving to be lots of fun, approx 30 kids attend each session and we've had a great time making crafts and playing in our outdoor space. These sessions are for preschool children and those starting P1 in September. Join us at our next session on **Saturday 22nd April** at 11am.

Dates for your diary: **13th and 20th May**, see next month's newsletter for more details!

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!



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

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

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