Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, staff, governors, friends & colleagues

We are having a fabulous half term and these are some of the highlights so far:

- Visit to see ‘Cats’ the musical
- Coffee Mornings
- Basketball tournament
- Reception classes visit Florence Nightingale Museum
- Yr 3 experience a Stone Age Day
- Yr 6 visit the Houses of Parliament

Mrs Maharasingam
Headteacher

CASTING FOR A FEATURE FILM

We’re a casting agency based in London and have just started casting a film called “She Who Brings Gifts” which is based on the book “The Girl With All The Gifts” by Mike Carey.

The director is Colm McCarthy who, amongst other things, directed the second series of “Peaky Blinders” last year with Cillian Murphy and Tom Hardy, an episode of “Sherlock” with Benedict Cumberbatch, and an episode of “Endeavour”.

The lead role is a character called “Melanie”, a 10 year old girl, and we are therefore approaching various schools in London and around the UK to audition girls for the part. Although the lead is a young girl, the film is a noir post-apocalyptic thriller aimed at young adults.

Filming is due to take place over 6 weeks during May/June in the UK. The producer is Camille Gatin (“Shadow Dancer”, “Endeavour”) and the British Film Institute and Pinewood Studios are financing the film.

We are arranging a Saturday audition in the next two to three weeks. We’d ask anyone interested to email us with their name, age and recent photo.

Here are links to our previous credits:
 Colin - http://www.imdb.com/name/nm2587614
 Toby - http://www.imdb.com/name/nm2760135

Kind regards
Melissa Clarke
assistant@colinjonescasting.com

OFFICE CLOSING TIME - MORNING

Please note that the office is closed from 9.30am - 10.30am every morning. If you need to contact the office, please do so before 9.30am or after 10.30am. You can also leave a voice message and we will get back to you.
SCHOOL ATTENDENCE 26/1/15 - 30/1/15

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MULTI-SKILLS FESTIVAL

“Well done to the Year 2 pupils who attended the Multi-skills Festival at Forest Hill School on Wednesday 28th Jan. The pupils demonstrated some great skills, determination and excellent team work.” - Miss Sophie

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

The RATHFERN CAFE is back - Tuesday 3rd February, 3.35 - 4.15pm in the Early Years Hall. Come along with your children for drinks, cake and chat.

QUIZ NIGHT Friday 27th February 7.30 - 9.30pm at the Honor Oak Pub (corner of St German's Rd and Brockley Rise). Join us for a fabulous fun-packed quiz night. Tickets cost £3 each via the school office. Play in teams of 2-4 people, cash prize for the winning team.

SELF-PORTRAIT TEA-TOWELS are available for £3.50 and are on display in the school office. These are a lovely keepsake featuring pictures of your child and all their friends.

EASYFUNDRAISING: We've raised nearly £150 this way - don't forget to shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern

You can find out more about our events and how you can get involved:

Online at: friendsofrathfern.com
On Facebook at: facebook.com/friendsofrathfern
Join our mailing list at: forathfern@gmail.com
Check our notice boards at school.

NEW PUNCTUALITY STRATEGY - STRIKING IMPACT

WE have reduced lates by over 50%!

Thank you to all the mums, dads and carers who have been working hard to bring their children in punctually.

When we started operating the 'closing the gate on the second bell' system, we were averaging 60 - 80 lates per day. Now we are averaging 25 - 35 lates per day.
## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS
- Cohesion AM (Nursery) - Trey Tomlinson & Go-Go Tassie
- Cohesion PM (Nursery) - Gikwan Fadika & Prince Okameme
  - Kinetic (Reception) - Denis Braga & Barnaby Hayter
- Metamorphosis (Reception) - Desiha Brown & Kyland Barrett
- Energy (Year One) - Pemisire Bolanle-Amure & Raheem Russell
  - Velocity (Year One) - Roddy Douglas & Jenaya Benjamin
  - Shadow (Year Two) - Naomi Radu & David Israel
- Electricity (Year Two) - Rashai Oshunkoya & Tom Holland
- Amoeba (Year Two) - Johannes Dippenaar & Raven Pink
- Cosmos (Year Three) - Sipho Khumalo & Robert Singh-Riley
  - Refraction (Year Three) - Izzabel Redman & Ella-Louise Duffiled
  - Reflection (Year Three) - Joshua John & Ruweyda Ahmed
  - Nebula (Year Four) - Rashaida Shand & Amari Campbell
  - Supernova (Year Four) - Lillian Terletsk & Issa Saidmeerasah
  - Galaxy (Year Five) - Tanya Parrott & April Stephens
  - Sirius (Year Five) - Remi Beaumont & Harmony Chuter-Claire
  - Magnetism (Year Six) - Ecaterina-Lavinia Condurachi & Zechius Hutchinson
  - Solar (Year Six) - Milen Menghis & Stefano Bertero

## LEADING CITIZENS
Leading citizens are children in our community who embody our core values and the Rights Respecting charter.
- Cohesion AM (Nursery) - Ata Ermis & Parris Kelly
- Cohesion PM (Nursery) - Rahquarn Hill-Townsend & Tiffany Huang
  - Kinetic (Reception) - Riyaan Ahmed & Aicha Toure
- Metamorphosis (Reception) - Ashton Mclean - Elliot & Abdul Sillah
  - Energy (Year One) - David Ijaopo & Yijia He
- Velocity (Year One) - Aayush Pathak & Samara Benjamin-Thompson
  - Shadow (Year Two) - Shianne Henry & Cindy Wang
- Electricity (Year Two) - Jessie Gambling & Reuben Forde-Simpson
- Amoeba (Year Two) - Bilal Abrahimi & Leshaya Monerville
- Cosmos (Year Three) - Musa Conteh & Ashley Edwards
  - Refraction (Year Three) - Michaela Donkor & Sami Shabazz
  - Reflection (Year Three) - Isabelle Gordon & Kawhar Hammoud
- Nebula (Year Four) - Sindy Cupi & Musa Sumareh Touray
- Supernova (Year Four) - Neveah Cato & Ayman Chowdhury
- Galaxy (Year Five) - Marcella Benson & Millie Drury-Holden
- Sirius (Year Five) - Raisean Bailey & Neve Groombridge
  - Magnetism (Year Six) - Ade Amao & Karl Ashie
  - Solar (Year Six) - Deandra Owusu-Ansah & Michael Angelo Olinares
LEWISHAM JUNIOR CHOIR

After performing at the Royal Albert Hall last November at the Schools Prom, the LEWISHAM JUNIOR CHOIR is now recruiting new members from Years 4, 5 and 6 who enjoy singing. The choir are singing at the Broadway Theatre, Catford as part of Live Voices in March and will have the opportunity to sing at the Royal Festival Hall in July at the Lewisham Hub Gala Concert.

- Singers must be in Years 4, 5 or 6
- Weekly rehearsals are held during term time on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm at the Irish Community Centre, Davenport Rd, SE6 2AZ
- Rehearsal dates for this term are: Tues 3rd Feb, Tues 10th Feb, Tues 24th Feb, Tues 3rd Mar, Tues 10th Mar, Tues 17th Mar and Tues 24th Mar.

The choir are currently learning music from The Lion King, Billy Elliot and The Muppets. Rehearsals are energetic, lively and fun and are led by the singing leader at the Lewisham Music Hub - Clare Caddick.

Children are welcome to visit a rehearsal before committing to join. Fees are £3.40 a week or £1 a week for children in receipt of Free School Meals. Bursaries are will be available in due course on application to the Music Service.

YEAR 3 TRIP TO WIDE HORIZONS ENVIRONMENTAL CENTRE

“On Wednesday 26th January, Cosmos and Reflection classes went to Wide Horizons Environmental Centre in Eltham to experience life in the Stone Age! We began by travelling back in time, 17,000 years ago to when people couldn’t communicate using their voices, so we had to make our own cave paintings to pass on messages! We then spent the afternoon learning collaboratively; making shelters with logs and using flint to create sparks that made our own fires! It really cemented our learning in a practical way - a tremendous success!” - Miss Gilmore

YEAR 6 TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT - DEMOCRACY MATTERS

“Our trip to the Houses of Parliament was very inspirational. We visited the main hall of Parliament, the House of Lords and the House of Commons, where we were not allowed to sit on the benches because we are not Members of Parliament! Some of us were fortunate enough to be spoken to by a Baroness and she told us ‘there needs to be more women in parliament!’ During our visit, we generated bills, debated new laws and met our local MP, Heidi Alexander. The trip has inspired us to become MPs, Prime Ministers and ensure we exercise our democratic right to vote when we reach eighteen.” - Year 6 pupil

‘CATS’ THE MUSICAL

“On the 13th of January Rathern pupils, adults and teachers made their way to the London Palladium; eager to watch the sensational musical Cats! It was an amazing performance and everybody was spellbound. On the stage cats of striking colours sang and danced with great enthusiasm, and Nicole Sherzinger was a huge delight. Her performance was even rewarded with a standing ovation! I would highly recommend this magical show to any musical lover.” - Priyenka Devkota (Solar Class)
INSET DAYS

- Friday 13th February - School closed for children (except Big Sleepover children)
- Monday 20th July

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY: The Big Sleepover
- MONDAY 16TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY: Half Term - children to complete 'Readathon' book challenge
- MONDAY 23RD FEBRUARY: Children return to school
- TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY: Target Setting Meetings (Whole School & Nursery)
- THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY: Target Setting Meetings (Whole School & Nursery)
- MONDAY 2ND MARCH: Nursery Target Setting Meetings
- TUESDAY 3RD MARCH: Nursery Target Setting Meetings
- THURSDAY 5TH MARCH: World book day - children to dress up as book character
- FRIDAY 13TH MARCH: Red nose day
- FRIDAY 13TH MARCH: Mothers Day Breakfast
- MONDAY 16TH MARCH - FRIDAY 20TH MARCH: Science Week
- FRIDAY 27TH MARCH: Last day of term
- MONDAY 30TH MARCH - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL: Half Term
- MONDAY 13TH APRIL: Children return to school

SCHOOL TRIPS

- Monday 2nd February: Refraction class (Yr3) visit Widehorizons Environment Centre
- Monday 23rd February: Nursery visit Forest Hill Fire Station
- Monday 23rd February: Year 5 classes visit the Science Museum
- Wednesday 25th February: Theatre trip to see 'Wicked'. Evening performance open for Years 3 to 6
- Thursday 26th February: Year 2 classes visit The Natural History Museum
- Tuesday 3rd March: Theatre company to work with Year 2 children