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

I hope your children have settled in with their new teachers and are enjoying the learning challenges in class and outside.

Mrs Maharasingam
Headteacher

VOICEMAIL

Due to technical difficulties we have had to switch off our school voicemail. We can still receive calls but if you would like to leave a message you can do so by emailing the school email:

admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Wraparound issues:
w.glenn@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Club issues:
h.fennell@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Attendance issues:
h.brewer@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Dinner issues:
r.nogal@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Please be patient with us, we’ll do our best to get back to any messages as promptly as possible.

PARENT DROP IN - DON’T FORGET

Thank you, to those of you who have come and aired your concerns and thanks with me.

Tuesdays: 9am - 9.20am
Tuesdays: 5.30pm - 6pm

WORLD PEACE DAY

On Monday 21st September, all children held a minutes silence at 3pm. We remembered those who lose their lives in wars.

HOCKEY

“Rathfern came third in the group stages of the Quick Sticks hockey competition on Thursday afternoon at Prendergast Ladywell Fields College. Eleven lucky pupils from Year 6 represented Rathfern playing against local schools within the Lewisham borough. Some excellent performances came from Cam’ron Taylor and Nashaun Okeno Crosdale producing some wonderful moments of individual skill.” - Errison Ahwan (P.E Teacher)
NEW WEBSITE

Thank you to those parents who have given us feedback about the new website. We are aiming to ensure the website is updated regularly and is more like a newspaper. Ms Roach is now responsible for keeping the website fresh and current. Please visit our new website and give us feedback and sign up for newsletters and updates.

YEAR 1’S TRIP TO LEWISHAM

“First we got on the bus. Next we went to the temple. After we went to the market to buy flowers. After that we went to the church. Next we went to the library to read a book. Finally, we went back to school.” - Kyland Barrett (Canterbury class)

GLOBAL LEARNING PROGRAMME - RATHFERN BECOMES AN EXPERT CENTRE!

Here at Rathfern, we believe that by promoting active and global citizenship, we can help children to learn about and understand their changing world. We are really proud to have been recognised for the outstanding global learning happening in our classrooms and because of this Rathfern will now be a Global Learning Expert Centre, working with local primary and secondary schools to share and promote good practice.

To find out more, please visit the Global Learning part of our website at http://www.rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk/about/global-learning/

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at our New Reception Parents Breakfast and to the new parents and carers who came along.

CAKE SALE: Friday October 23rd. Get baking or donate something lovely for our end of half term sale to raise funds for the school.

EASYFUNDRAISING: raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised more than £280 this way. Shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern

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

Online at friendsofrathfern.com
On Facebook at: facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern
Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com
Check our notice boards at school.

FOOTBALL

“Monday night football started back again with Rathfern competing against title favourites Haseltine. Rathfern were unable to come back from 2 early Haseltine goals before Will Tassie and Marques Walker scored two outstanding goals to bring back some pride but eventually losing 7-2 to a very strong Haseltine team. Musa Conteh received man of the match for his solid defending considering he was the only Year 4 pupil to attend. Rathfern players now know the standard they need to reach if they are to make any progress in the league. Forthcoming fixtures: next Monday 5th October is Rathfern Vs St Barts.” - Errison Ahwan (P.E Teacher)
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- St Albans AM (Nursery) - Markiyan Terletskiy & Musab Ozyurt
- St Albans PM (Nursery) - Amelia Jay Robinson & Joseph McLaren
  - Edinburgh (Reception) - Tiffany Huang & Alex Morgan
  - Carlisle (Reception) - Leon Connor & Anabelle Hulbert
  - Canterbury (Year 1) - Jeremih Whyte & Ridvan Hajrizi
  - Hereford (Year 1) - Supriya Devkota & Pippa Broughton
  - Manchester (Year 2) - Tricia Mansaray & Shireen Powell
    - Bath (Year 2) - Keano Yong & Evie Clyne
- Colchester (Year 3) - Tufan Turkoglu & Amaiyah Mortley-Simms
  - Inverness (Year 3) - Raven Pink & Alyse Townsend
- Chichester (Year 3) - Casey Best Bedeau & Aedan Braneker-Olojugba
  - Exeter (Year 4) - Rassul Vali & Paris Wales
  - London (Year 4) - Cienna Ramlal-Henry & Khairy Jarrett
  - Brighton (Year 4) - Giles Aguguesi & Shade Oshunkoya
- York (Year 5) - Shanay Gordon-Peterkin & Savannah Davis-Thompson
  - Liverpool (Year 5) - Precious Anku & Holly Whittington
  - Oxford (Year 6) - Raisean Bailey & Remi Beaumont
  - Cambridge (Year 6) - Tanya Parrott & April Stephens

LEADING CITIZENS

- St Albans AM (Nursery) - Sophia Dodsworth & Hayden Gandazha
- St Albans PM (Nursery) - Cairon Amoo-Campbel & Olive Yamaguchi-Crawley
- Edinburgh (Reception) - Kisara Manavalagan & Romeo Ajetunmobi
  - Carlisle (Reception) - Oliwia Douglas & Patrick Moseray
  - Canterbury (Year 1) - Desiha Brown & Patrycia Klim
  - Hereford (Year 1) - Riyaan Ahmed & Vehbi Turkoglu
  - Manchester (Year 2) - Lolo Mzyece & Jake Connor
- Bath (Year 2) - Marley Sablier & Samara Benjamin-Thompson
- Colchester (Year 3) - Lexie Houghton & Shaun Soukou
- Inverness (Year 3) - Melita Londhe McKechnie & Anita Oruma
  - Chichester (Year 3) - Hope Wise & Elijah Iyere
  - Exeter (Year 4) - Amber Bowden & Illias Hansali
  - London (Year 4) - Milandra Bonelli & Samuel Samba
  - Brighton (Year 4) - Yusuf Olabiyi & Rebecca Bushell
  - York (Year 5) - Haja Konie & Vithun Gnaneswaran
  - Liverpool (Year 5) - Kaiya Beaton & Issa Saidmeerasah
  - Oxford (Year 6) - Esra Celen & Aline Kibalabala
- Cambridge (Year 6) - Marcella Benson & Zenobia Ashley
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER**: Cancer Macmillan cinema event

- **FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER**: Children in Need - Big sleepover for Year 2 and Year 6 children

  - **FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER**: Last day of term

- **MONDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER**: Half term

- **MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**: Children return to school

- **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER**: Last day of term

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

- **Friday 16th October**: Edinburgh class at 9.15am
- **Tuesday 20th October**: Exeter class
- **Friday 23rd October**: Carlisle class at 9.15am
- **Thursday 19th November**: Brighton class
- **Friday 20th November**: York class at 2.45pm
- **Wednesday 25th November**: Manchester class at 9.15am
- **Thursday 26th November**: Bath class at 9.15am
- **Friday 27th November**: Liverpool class at 2.45pm

SCHOOL TRIPS

- **Thursday 8th October**: Edinburgh class (Reception) visit Build a Bear workshop

  - **Friday 9th October**: Carlisle class (Reception) visit Build a Bear workshop

  - **Friday 9th October**: Year 5 visit the Tower of London

SCHOOL TRIPS

An annual charge of £30 is required by the end of September 2015. Children entitled to Free School Meals (FSMs) are exempt from this charge. You may pay by ParentPay, cash or cheque. If you would like to arrange a payment plan, please speak to the school office.

We will calculate the exact amount before the end of the academic year and refund any excess amount.

It is important to note that parents are not subsidising children who qualify for FSMs. Every child who qualifies for FSMs attracts £1,320 funding to the school. This money is used to target support and resources.

Our school received £255,520 Pupil Premium Grant last year. The Governing Body believes this is vital funding for the school and has agreed to fund the annual school trip charge for children eligible for FSMs.

Please refer to our school web-site for further information on the use of the Pupil Premium Grant.