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

It has been another successful few weeks at Rathfern and children continue to love school, to learn and make progress.

We hope you enjoyed the ‘Come and Read’ experience with your child on Thursday.

Mrs Maharasingam
Headteacher

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Thank you to those parents who have already come and discussed their final choices for schools next year. I look forward to meeting more of you.

The closing date for applications is Saturday 31st October 2015.

DRINKS IN SCHOOL

Thank you to those families who send their child into school with water. If your child has packed lunch or brings in their own plastic bottles, these should only contain plain water (no flavoured or fizzy water please).

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

“Dear Mrs Maharasingam

I am delighted to congratulate you on your school’s academic results for 2014-2015. The outcomes are amongst the highest in the Borough, improving still further on those secured in 2014. Of particular merit, are the proportions of pupils who secured level 4+ combined and level 5+ combined in Year 6, including disadvantaged pupils. Nearly every pupil made expected progress in reading, writing and mathematics. The proportions making three levels progress were particularly impressive.

I’m sure you are especially proud of the children’s achievements. We know how hard you, the leadership team, governors and staff have worked to secure this performance and we want to thank you for your efforts.”

Yours sincerely

Sara Williams
Executive Director for Children and Young people
NATIONAL POETRY DAY

National Poetry Day, the annual mass celebration of poetry and all things poetical marked its 21st birthday on Thursday 8 October 2015.

At Rathfern we celebrated in every class by reading poetry. Please speak to your child or look on the website.

P.E KITS

Please ensure your child brings in their P.E kit every Monday so your child can participate in all P.E lessons.

The P.E kits should go home on a Friday to be washed.

SCHOOL TRIPS REMINDER

Please can all mums, dads or carers who have not yet paid £30 for school trips pay before half-term.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals do not have to pay. Thank you.

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

At Rathfern we believe it is vital to celebrate pupils’ learning attitudes in order to motivate pupils further to be effective learners. So, each week the class teacher notices pupils who demonstrate outstanding focus or effort or self-regulation or any other learning attributes. The class teacher will then identify two pupils each week and recommend them for the title of ‘Outstanding Learner’. It is hoped that all pupils will be recognised as Outstanding Learners by the end of the school year at least once.

- St Albans AM (Nursery) - Injeera Rostas
- St Albans PM (Nursery) - Emir Yesilbulut
- Edinburgh (Reception) - Davina Oruma & Leo McMaster
- Carlisle (Reception) - Ata Ermis & Naythan Burbeck
- Canterbury (Year 1) - Seth Bowden & Deborah Ijaopo
- Hereford (Year 1) - Ehigbai Olufemi & Yasmin Patel
- Manchester (Year 2) - Sudenaz Gecsoyler & Crystal Maduka
- Bath (Year 2) - Elsie Arno & Hong-Zhuo Kamau
- Colchester (Year 3) - Soraya Cumberpatch & Tom Holland
- Inverness (Year 3) - Bobbi-Rose Barker & Himayel Adnan
- Chichester (Year 3) - David Israel & Jaydon Samuels
- Exeter (Year 4) - Joshua John & McKaylah Wright
- London (Year 4) - Emmanuela Okameme & Sami Shabazz
- Brighton (Year 4) - Sipho Khumalo & Joshua Barfi
- York (Year 5) - Johana Heredia Moquete & Shanay Gordon-Peterkin
- Liverpool (Year 5) - Davina Green-Wright & Lillian Terletska
- Oxford (Year 6) - Arinze Oraka & Chloe Nding’uri
- Cambridge (Year 6) - Sade Cudd & Millie Drury-Holden

LE BISTRO DE DAN RORO

"On Wednesday 30th September 2015, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 gathered in the lower hall for a French play, ‘Le Bistro de Dan Roro.’ It was centred around Dan Roro, a café owner who invited everyone to join him while he prepared his bistro for opening. The production was almost entirely in French and was highly interactive, with many opportunities for the audience to engage. The children learned many new words and expressions, and are now hopefully more confident and enthusiastic with the French language! Have a look at the website for pictures of the play and to find out what some of the children thought about it." - Miss Ahzin Faraj (French Teacher)
LEADING CITIZENS

We believe that pupils should become active and caring citizens of the future. As a democratic country it is vital pupils learn at school how to become citizens who take responsibility for contributing positively to society. At Rathfern, Leading Citizens are pupils who demonstrate that they 'live and breathe' the core values and are a role model to their peers.

- St Albans AM (Nursery) - Sharon Ibeh
- St Albans PM (Nursery) - Khaleed Owolabi
- Edinburgh (Reception) - Jack Waterhouse & Tomas Barriball
- Carlisle (Reception) - Andreas Radu & Eman Hammoud
- Canterbury (Year 1) - Chajettha Nimalan & David Perta
- Hereford (Year 1) - Destiny Brown & Yanni Sabir
- Manchester (Year 2) - Tahliah Codlin & Jake Connor
- Bath (Year 2) - Mylca-Audrey Koffi & Aayush Pathak
- Colchester (Year 3) - Wahab Correira & Amaiyah Mortley-Simms
- Inverness (Year 3) - Javar McDermott & Alyse Townsend
- Chichester (Year 3) - David Ashade & Elizabeth Mensah
- Exeter (Year 4) - Paris Wales & Adriano Wynter Lee-Thompson
  - London (Year 4) - Keira Bailey & Nathan Hiatsi
  - Brighton (Year 4) - Musa Conteh & Jumana Rakik
  - York (Year 5) - Sindy Cupi & Liepa Zukauskaite
- Liverpool (Year 5) - Kaiya Beaton & Rihana Harvey-Clarke
- Oxford (Year 6) - Kimiya Mowatt & Remi Beaumont
- Cambridge (Year 6) - Naysa Marshall & Rohan Maragoni
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
- **TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER**: Target Setting Meetings
- **THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**: Target Setting Meetings
- **FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER**: Pyjama Day for Children in Need
  - **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER**: Last day of term

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

- **Friday 16th October**: Edinburgh class at 9.15am
- **Tuesday 20th October**: Exeter class at 9.10am
- **Friday 23rd October**: Carlisle class at 9.15am
- **Thursday 19th November**: Brighton class at 9.15am
- **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

- **Wednesday 14th October**: Year 2 Routemaster bus visit to the landmarks in London
  - **Thursday 22nd October**: Year 2 visit landmarks in Lewisham
- **Monday 9th November**: Year 6 visit Lee Green Fire Station for Junior Citizen event
  - **Friday 20th November**: Year 4 visit Natural History Museum