



Rathfern News

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20th November 2015

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

It has been an action packed half term already at Rathfern Primary School - **Mrs Maharasingam**

INCLUSION QUALITY MARK

We are delighted to announce that Rathfern Primary School have this week received confirmation of being awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark again. **We have also been designated a Centre of Excellence for Inclusion.**



LET OFSTED KNOW HOW WELL YOU THINK WE ARE DOING

Ofsted want to know what parents think about their children's school. Please complete the questionnaire online via:

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

After half term I will be opening up our computer suite for people to come and complete the questionnaire with us - dates will follow. Please let me know if you have any problems accessing the questionnaire at home. Remember we celebrate how fantastic Rathfern is and share our pride in the community and beyond.

HELLO FROM RATHFERN'S HEAD BOY, HEAD GIRL, DEPUTY HEAD BOY AND DEPUTY HEAD GIRL

"Hello my name is **Miriam Conteh** and I am Head Girl. I am very pleased to have been voted in and can assure you that you will not regret it. I am really enjoying all the responsibilities, so please approach me with any problem or suggestion. I am very privileged to have made it this far, thank you for voting me in."

"My name is **Raisean Bailey** and I am Head Boy because I believe I can make a positive change to the school. Thanks to everyone who voted for me, you'll see me around doing all my duties."

"I'm **Marcella Benson** and I'm the Deputy Head Girl at Rathfern. My dream will be to make Rathfern the school of love and joy. I'm one of those people who you can come to if you need help. I do hope this year will be the best year at Rathfern for you."

"Hello everyone my name is **Will Tassie** and I am your new Deputy Head Boy. I'd like to start off by saying that I am really proud to be Deputy Head Boy of our school."

DEPTFORD CREEK RIVER WALK

This week all Year 3 classes visited Deptford Creek where we walked through the river, kick-sampled the river bed to find creatures like shrimp and leeches and had a duck race to find out the speed of the river. It was such a great experience!

SAVE WATER, SAVE LIVES!

On Tuesday 17th December, Year 3 participated in a local demonstration about the effects of wasting water. We walked around the surrounding roads with our placards and chants! Mrs Maharasingam really enjoyed it too!



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OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Isaac Drummond & Jasmitha Johnson**
 - **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Veledin Hajrizi & Aisha Mohamed**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Bintou Sumareh-Touray & Prince Okameme**
 - **Carlisle (Reception) – Aisha Ahmed & Keshika Mohanarajan**
 - **Canterbury (Year 1) – Yevgeny Hudz & Abdul Sillah**
 - **Hereford (Year 1) – Godwin Mensah & Shanae Gayle**
 - **Manchester (Year 2) – Crystal Maduka & Emohitae Olufemi**
 - **Bath (Year 2) – Ayman Ahmed & Aayush Pathak**
 - **Colchester (Year 3) – Amaiyah Mortley-Simms & Tom Holland**
 - **Inverness (Year 3) – Jaida Benjamin & Akia Stewart-Hinds**
 - **Chichester (Year 3) – Shyla Amadi-Barrett & Karla Ogbeifun**
 - **Exeter (Year 4) – Rassul Vali & Elena James**
- **London (Year 4) – Cienna Ramlal-Henry & Suviththa Kanesalingam**
 - **Brighton (Year 4) – Robert Singh-Riley & Joshua Barfi**
 - **York (Year 5) – Shanay Gordon-Peterkin & Sindy Cupi**
 - **Liverpool (Year 5) – Davina Green-Wright & Desharne Allen**
 - **Oxford (Year 6) – Arinze Oraka & Re Shepherd**
 - **Cambridge (Year 6) – Sade Cudd & Tharuniyan Kanesalingam**

LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Chika Michael & CJ Bryan**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Hareem Adnan & Nasra Codlin**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Davina Oruma & Siradjo Diallo**
 - **Carlisle (Reception) – Filip Borkowski & Maya Kaur**
 - **Canterbury (Year 1) – David Perta & Deborah Ijaopo**
 - **Hereford (Year 1) – Aicha Toure & Mustafa Ozyurt**
- **Manchester (Year 2) – Shireen Powell & Versach Rostas**
 - **Bath (Year 2) – Norah Younger & Naveen Gnaeswaran**
- **Colchester (Year 3) – Kyla Amadai-Barrett & Tufan Turkoglu**
 - **Inverness (Year 3) – Bilal Abrahimi & Khadra Hassan**
- **Chichester (Year 3) – David Israel & Aedan Branker-Olojugba**
- **Exeter (Year 4) – Paris Wales & Adriano Lee Wynter-Thompson**
 - **London (Year 4) – Zara Nding'uri & Ethan Fagan**
 - **Brighton (Year 4) – Yusuf Olabiyi & Sana Parwani**
 - **York (Year 5) – Ajanhi Olibert & Jackson Armstrong**
- **Liverpool (Year 5) – Neveah Cato & Barrington Everett-Howden**
 - **Oxford (Year 6) – Diany Bouha & Conrad Mathison**
 - **Cambridge (Year 6) – Tanya Parrott & Quadir Shabazz**

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

The Governing Body of Rathfern Primary School would like to thank parents/carers for the outstanding return of questionnaires.

We have received 167 completed parent questionnaires-THANK YOU.

There was an overwhelmingly positive view of the school.

- 1) My child is happy at this school: Agree+: **100%**
- 2) My child feels safe at this school: Agree+: **100%**
- 3) My child makes good progress at this school: Agree+: **100%**
- 4) My child is well looked after at this school: Agree+: **100%**
- 5) My child is taught well at this school: Agree+: **100%**
- 6) My child receives appropriate homework for their age: Agree+: **97%**
- 7) This school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved: Agree+: **99%**
- 8) This school deals effectively with bullying: Agree+: **97%**
- 9) This school is well led and managed: Agree+: **100%**
- 10) The P.E and sports provision is good at the school: Agree+: **100%**
- 11) This school responds well to any concerns I raise: Agree+: **99%**
- 12) I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress: Agree+: **100%**
- 13) Would you recommend this school to another parent? Agree+: **100%**

PREFECTS

*"Hello I am **Ronan Maragoni**, I am proud to be a Prefect. Failure can never overtake you if your determination to succeed is strong. I believe that anyone can do any tricky question if they keep on trying to answer the question. Everyone must have a growth mind-set and not a fixed mind-set."*

*"If you want to succeed in life, you need to focus on it with your upmost behaviour. My name is **Quadir Shabazz** and I am the best person to come to if you have any problems. Come to me because I will help you and all the other Prefects."*

*"My name is **Naysa Marshall** and I am delighted to introduce myself as a Prefect in Year 6. I am very grateful to be a Prefect and I hope I can show you how I will support all your children. Thank you."*

*"Hello my name is **Zenobia Ashley** and I am a Prefect at Rathfern School and I am a role model for the younger students at this school. Thank you Mrs Maharasingam for choosing me as a Prefect."*

*"My name is **Tharuniyan Kanesalingam** and I am a Prefect in Cambridge class. I am happy to help with any problems so feel free to approach me."*

HAMLET

"I felt nervous the first time that I saw the crowd so I had to persevere a lot but I remembered what Michale said about pretending that no one was there, and I grew my confidence back.

*Never fear bigger crowd grows bigger confidence." – **Omari Hibbert** (London class)*

"The first time I appeared on stage before a live audience, who were all smiling at me, I didn't have much confidence in myself because it was my first time doing a performance at the theatre. I was anxious it would all go wrong but instead everything went to plan! We gave the crowd an incredible performance which delighted them. At the end of our show everyone was on their feet clapping and shouting which made us very proud of ourselves and of Miss Gok!

*What a show that was!" – **Tyrique Gabbidon** (London class)*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER:** Edinburgh class & Nursery AM Christmas Production – AM
- **THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER:** Carlisle class & Nursery PM Christmas Production – PM
 - **FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER:** Children's Christmas dinner
- **WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER:** Whole school cinema event AM
 - **WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER:** Class parties PM
- **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER:** Christmas carols for Years 3 - 6
- **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER:** Last day of term – All children must wear school uniform

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

We are sad to say goodbye to Collin and Sarah and thank them for all their hard work on the committee. But . . . a big welcome to Carli, Charlotte, Magda and Mike who have stepped forward to take up committee roles. We still need an EVENTS/IDEAS person. Please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

Quiz Night: Friday 29th January - Win a cash prize at our fabulous quiz night at the Honor Oak Pub in Brockley and make a great start to 2016!

Easyfundraising: Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised nearly £300 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](https://www.facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern)

On Twitter @FriendsRathfern

Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com

Check our notice boards at school

SCHOOL TRIPS

- **Wednesday 25th November:**
Year 2 – 6 Theatre trip to see the performance of 'Matilda'

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

- **Wednesday 25th November:** Manchester class at 9.15am
- **Thursday 26th November:** Bath class at 9.15am
- **Friday 27th November:** Liverpool class at 2.45pm

RED BOX FOOD DONATIONS FOR KING'S CHURCH/ CRISIS FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be collecting food donations from Tuesday 1st December for King's Church. All donations should be placed in the red boxes in the school office. More information will be sent out on Friday 27th November.

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation to Crisis for Christmas we will be collecting at all of the Christmas productions.

POPCORN SALE

Friends of Rathfern have kindly purchased a popcorn machine for the school and we will be having a popcorn sale after school every Friday until Christmas in the front playground. All money raised will go towards Crisis for Christmas. Please can we say a huge thank you to Friends of Rathfern!