



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

6th November 2015

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

Welcome back after the half term break, we hope you had a good holiday.

The children are inspired by the new themes and engaging with the learning challenge in class.

Mrs Maharasingam
Headteacher

TARGET SETTING MEETINGS

Many thanks to all those parents/carers who met with class teachers this week to find out about your child's progress and current targets.

I hope you found them useful and will work with us to ensure your child continues to make progress.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Many thanks to parents/carers that have filled in the questionnaires –please keep sending them in, we are still collecting until **Friday 13th November**.

There will be a report on the results in the next newsletter.

PARTY BAG POLICY

Parents/Carers, please be aware that we have a strict NO NUT policy.

A slice of cake or small bag of sweets or chocolate biscuit (Please not all three!) is suitable for party bags.

£30 ANNUAL SCHOOL TRIP REMINDER

There are still a number of parents/carers that have not paid the annual school trip amount. If you wish to discuss a payment plan you may do so with Holly in the school office. Please note that if you have not paid this term, your child will not be able to do any extra-curricular activities including the whole school Christmas cinema trip, clubs & theatre trips

PCS AVAILABLE

We have a number of free PCs available for use at home. Dell/HP Dual Core running XP Plus Office 2003. Complete with monitor, no keyboard or mouse.

Please submit your interest to Holly in the school office by Friday 13th November and we will draw your name out of a hat.

PUDSEY – CHILDREN IN NEED RAFFLE

We are pleased to announce that **Lexie Houghton** (Colchester class) won the Children in Need raffle. Well done Lexie!



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OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Jashawn Jones & CJ Bryan**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Matthias Nana & Aisha Mohamed**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Almudena Oliveros Martinez & Sebi Olaru**
- **Carlisle (Reception) – Bulut Yesilbulut & Taliyah Kaur-Singh McIlwain**
 - **Canterbury (Year 1) – Davina Afful & Yanna Mongo**
 - **Hereford (Year 1) – Khalil Shabazz & Kadiatu Diallo**
 - **Manchester (Year 2) – Robert Ladd & Caleb Drummond**
 - **Bath (Year 2) – Kadiatu Diallo & Marley Sablier**
 - **Colchester (Year 3) – Tufan Turkoglu & Jessica Gambling**
 - **Inverness (Year 3) – Nyasia Martin & Kenneth Anku**
- **Chichester (Year 3) – Faatin Abdiftah Mohamud & Youssef Ghobrial**
 - **Exeter (Year 4) – Maria Sesay & Mariana Sesay**
 - **London (Year 4) – Chante Lobban & Nathan Hiatsi**
 - **Brighton (Year 4) – Giles Aguguesi & Mykaela Soori**
 - **York (Year 5) – Liepa Zukauskaite & Joel Afful**
 - **Liverpool (Year 5) – Aiman Fares & Kaiya Beaton**
 - **Oxford (Year 6) – Diany Bouha & Will Tassie**
 - **Cambridge (Year 6) – Donas Vilkoncius**

LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Markiyan Terletskiy & Asher Godfrey**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Eunice Marshall & Ameliah Robinson**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Prince Okameme & Go-Go Tassie**
- **Carlisle (Reception) – Jhenoy Kelly & Dejon Owusu-Ansah**
 - **Canterbury (Year 1) – Zephan Bourne & Ijeoma Ibeh**
 - **Hereford (Year 1) – Keano Yong & Bethany Morgan**
 - **Manchester (Year 2) – Max Dodsworth & Lolo Mzyece**
 - **Bath (Year 2) – Khalil Shabazz & Norah Younger**
- **Colchester (Year 3) – Rashai Oshunkoya & Reuben Forde-Simpson**
 - **Inverness (Year 3) – Naomi John Odutuyo & Eliss Burbeck**
 - **Chichester (Year 3) – Leah Miller & Joseph Burrell**
- **Exeter (Year 4) – Illias Hansali & Adriano Lee Wynter-Thompson**
 - **London (Year 4) – Cienna Ramlal-Henry & Ethan Fagan**
 - **Brighton (Year 4) – Jumana Rakik & Sana Parwani**
- **York (Year 5) – Maryam Benosmane & Raghavan Senthilkumaran**
 - **Liverpool (Year 5) – Lillian Terletska & Ayuob Rahman**
 - **Oxford (Year 6) – Harmony Chuter-Clarke & Raisean Bailey**
 - **Cambridge (Year 6) – Mikkel Smith & Oduayo Samson**

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Reflection

We encourage children to reflect on their learning regularly throughout the school day.

So, why do we promote reflection at Rathfern?

Reflection is a type of thinking associated with deep thought, aimed at achieving better understanding. It contains a mixture of elements:

1. **Making sense of experience**

We don't always learn from experiences. Reflection is where we analyse experience, actively attempting to 'make sense' or find the meaning in it.

2. **'Standing back'**

It can be hard to reflect when we are caught up in an activity. 'Standing back' gives a better view or perspective on an experience, issue or action.

3. **Repetition**

Reflection involves 'going over' something, often several times, in order to get a broad view and check nothing is missed.

4. **Deeper honesty**

Reflection is associated with 'striving after truth'. Through reflection, we can acknowledge things that we find difficult to admit in the normal course of events.

5. **'Weighing up'**

Reflection involves being even-handed, or balanced in judgement. This means taking everything into account, not just the most obvious.

6. **Clarity**

Reflection can bring greater clarity, like seeing events reflected in a mirror. This can help at any stage of planning, carrying out and reviewing activities.

7. **Understanding**

Reflection is about learning and understanding on a deeper level. This includes gaining valuable insights that cannot be just 'taught'.

8. **Making judgements**

Reflection involves an element of drawing conclusions in order to move on, change or develop an approach, strategy or activity.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

- **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

LOST PROPERTY

Please make sure that you collect all of your child's belongings from the class, cloakroom, or lost property.

We have a number of good quality coats and many sweatshirts still to be claimed. We will put any unclaimed items on display in the playground – do take a look!

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER:** Pyjama Day for Children in Need
- **TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER:** Nursery PM Target Setting Meetings
- **WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER:** Nursery PM Target Setting Meetings
- **THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER:** Edinburgh class & Nursery AM Christmas Production – AM
- **THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER:** Carlisle class & Nursery PM Christmas Production – PM
- **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER:** Christmas concert for Years 3 - 6
- **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER:** Last day of term

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

Hope you had a great half-term break. Here's what we've got coming up over the next few weeks.

'Snack & chat' at our Annual General Meeting: Monday 16th November - 7pm. Come and find out how we did last year and our targets for the coming year. Meet the committee, see who is being re-elected and who our new committee members are. Drinks and snacks available from 7pm in the Junior Hall.

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!

WE NEED YOU! Friends of Rathfern is looking for a new **CHAIRPERSON**. It's great fun, not too demanding and makes a big difference. Please let us know if you're interested.

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

- **Monday 9th November:** Year 6 visit Lee Green Fire Station for Junior Citizen event
 - **Monday 16th November:** Year 6 visit Horniman Museum
- **Wednesday 18th November:** Chichester class visit Deptford Creek
- **Thursday 19th November:** Colchester class visit Deptford Creek
 - **Friday 20th November:** Reception visit Fairfield Halls
 - **Friday 20th November:** Inverness class visit Deptford Creek
 - **Friday 20th November:** Year 4 visit Natural History Museum
- **Wednesday 25th November:** Year 2 – 6 Theatre trip to see the performance of 'Matilda'