



# Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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

It has been an action packed half term so far at Rathfern Primary School -

**Mrs Maharasingam**  
Head Teacher

## LEARNING EXPERT CENTRE

Did you know that Rathfern has become a Global Learning Programme Expert Centre? Last Wednesday we held the first of our six twilight sessions where teachers from local schools came to learn about the GLP, create a network of like-minded schools and share good practice of global learning. To find out more, you can visit <https://globaldimension.org.uk/glp>.



## CINEMA TRIP

**WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Please ensure that your accounts are clear so all of the children can attend.

## RATHFERN MOBILE APP

Don't forget you can still download the school app to your phone or tablet to get all of the recent news, updates and events whilst you're on the go!

It's quick and easy, just search for 'myschoolapp' in your internet search engine or Google play-store.

## YEARS 1 & 2 CHRISTMAS NATIVITY THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

This will be held in the infant hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December. We have two showings

- 9.45am (join us for mince pies at 9.15am)
- 2.45pm (join us for mince pies at 2.15pm)

We look forward to seeing you.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION -

### TURNING OF THE YEAR CONCERT

*"Dear Naheeda*

*I had the pleasure of attending the Turning of the Year concert in Blackheath last night. It was wonderful to see the excellent choir from Rathfern. Their performance was exceptional and I was very impressed that the song was composed by two of the children. Snowflakes – it was wonderful. I am very much looking forward to visiting your school (I think it's in the new year now) as I could see just from that short performance that you are aspiring to and achieving excellence in your school.*

*With best wishes"*

**Sara Williams**

Executive Director for Children and Young People's Services

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## OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Markiyan Terletskiy & Isaac Drummond**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Jacob Johnson & Mercy Odumade**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Khalid Bello & Fraser Kinnaird**
- **Carlisle (Reception) – Fatoumata Tunkara Sillah & Angelina Peart**
- **Canterbury (Year 1) – Desiha Brown & Miracle James**
- **Hereford (Year 1) – Daniel Marshall & Destiny Brown**
- **Manchester (Year 2) – Theo Barker & Rianna Babalola**
- **Bath (Year 2) – Micah Coward & Laila Hansali**
- **Colchester (Year 3) – Charlie Thompson & Briana Jones**
- **Inverness (Year 3) – Nicole Iosub & Tommy Hai Le**
- **Chichester (Year 3) – Joseph Burrell & Harley Jackman**
- **Exeter (Year 4) – Ruweyda Ahmed & Mamadou Barry**
- **London (Year 4) – Michaela Donkor & Sianna-Sheree Kenton**
- **Brighton (Year 4) – Sana Parwani & Jagjit Singh**
- **York (Year 5) – Patrick Ladd & Shanay Gordon-Peterkin**
- **Liverpool (Year 5) – Barrington Everett-Howden & Kia Clarke**
- **Oxford (Year 6) – Jubril Bishi & Malachi Drummond**
- **Cambridge (Year 6) – Andre Powell & Sara Abdul-Rahman**

## LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Skylar Carney & Tiara Walker**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Eunice Marshall & Angel James**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Siradjo Diallo & Oluwakemi Samson**
- **Carlisle (Reception) – Bulut Yesilbulut & Aisha Ahmed**
- **Canterbury (Year 1) – Stacey Cupi & Julia Iosub**
- **Hereford (Year 1) – Amari Jackman-Kallo & Thierry Ramlal-Henry**
- **Manchester (Year 2) – Pinthusha Sivakumar & Fadwa Mohamud**
- **Bath (Year 2) – Roddy Douglas & Chika Oraka**
- **Colchester (Year 3) – Wahab Correia & Shaun Soukou**
- **Inverness (Year 3) – Melita Londhe McKechnie & Oshai Davis-Thompson**
- **Chichester (Year 3) – Naomi Radu & Victoria Joe Marvin**
- **Exeter (Year 4) – Paris Wales & Kawthar Hammoud**
- **London (Year 4) – Naomi McLaren & Omari Hibbert**
- **Brighton (Year 4) – Sophia Huang & Shade Oshunkoya**
- **York (Year 5) – Jackson Armstrong & Johana Moquete**
- **Liverpool (Year 5) – Kaiya Beaton & Jhalen Brathwaite**
- **Oxford (Year 6) – Chloe Nding'uri & Esra Celen**
- **Cambridge (Year 6) – Quadir Shabazz & Millie Drury-Holden**

## ACTS OF KINDNESS

*“To celebrate the build up to Christmas and take the commercialism out of these festivities, the children at Rathfern have all made an advent calendar with a difference. Instead of the usual chocolate calendar, each class has made an advent calendar with an act of kindness for each day. Kindness does not cost anything but can make a difference to many people. This whole school activity is our way of spreading joy during this festive season. The children have really taken this onboard and look forward to acting on their kind deed, each day.” – Ms Michelle*



## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TRIP – YEAR 4

*“On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, the whole of Year 4 travelled to the Natural History Museum to find out more about our science topic, ‘Matters of states’. We were very excited to learn more about rocks and precious gems.*

*When we had finished the register we prepared to leave school. We began our journey by walking to Catford station to get the train to Blackfriars. From there we got a tube to South Kensington and briskly walked to the museum. As soon as we arrived we went downstairs to put our coats away and we then enjoyed our mouthwatering lunches.*

*Around 45 minutes later, we got back into our groups and were given our challenge booklets. Sensibly, we made our way to the earth’s treasury and saw different kinds of amazing rocks, diamonds and crystals in a section of the museum. Also we answered the questions in the challenge books which were discovering rocks, precious gems and marvelous metal.*

*Finally, we prepared to leave from the museum by getting our things then walked outside. Then we went home and we had a beautiful day in the museum.” – Gaveran Uthayakumar (Brighton class)*

## AFTER SCHOOL AND MUSIC CLUBS

Just to inform you that this week is the last week for KS1 choir and Djembe Drumming and Dance. Next week is the last week for KS2 choir and all after school clubs (except Fine Art club which finishes on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December). Brazilian Drumming finishes on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## YEAR 6 VISIT THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM

*“The Horniman Museum was great. We dived into the ancient worlds of Africa and we discovered many facts about Benin. When we arrived, we were so excited because we were going to learn things we haven’t learnt before. The trip was amazing. I loved it. It was educational too!” – Oxford class pupil*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production
- **THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Edinburgh class & Nursery AM Christmas Production – AM
- **THURSDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Carlisle class & Nursery PM Christmas Production – PM
  - **FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Children's Christmas dinner
  - **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Class parties PM
  - **FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Christmas carols for Years 3 - 6
- **FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Last day of term – All children must wear school uniform

## FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

We have an opening on our committee for a SECRETARY. Barbara has decided it's time to let someone else have a go! So, if you like a bit of organising and want to be a crucial part in the success of Friends of Rathfern this is the role for you! Give us a shout using any of the addresses below if you are interested.

**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 more than £300 this way. Shop online via [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern)

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

Online at [friendsofrathfern.com](http://friendsofrathfern.com)

On Facebook at: [facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern](https://www.facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern)

On Twitter @FriendsRathfern

Email us at: [forathfern@gmail.com](mailto:forathfern@gmail.com)

Check our notice boards at school

## SCHOOL TRIPS

- **WEDNESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Whole school cinema trip

### THE BRITISH LIBRARY

*"The British Library was very interesting, we learnt about the continent of Africa. I learnt lots of new facts about Africa that I didn't know before. We also learnt about the kingdom of Benin and what they believed in hundreds of years ago. We also listened to stories and music to experience the traditions that people had. I recommend the British Library to all children."* – **Lanya Fayak** (Oxford class)

### CHRISTMAS TREES

We have two Christmas trees available from **Friday 18th December**.

Please give your name to school office and we will draw your names out of a hat. They must be collected from school on the Friday.

## LEE GREEN FIRE STATION

Year 6 went to Junior Citizens day where we learnt about lots of different things to keep safe for example: Fire safety and road safety. We also met a paramedic and firefighter. It taught us how to keep safe when we go to secondary school.