



Rathfern News

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

It has continued to be an action packed half term right up to the end of term at Rathfern Primary School –
Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

LEWISHAM MUSIC HUB GUITAR CONCERT

“On Thursday 3rd December, Souljah Richards, Harmony Chuter-Clarke and Raisean Bailey performed ‘Amazing Grace’ in a Lewisham guitar concert held at Ashmead School. There were guitarists from all over the borough. This is the first time our guitarists have performed in a public concert and they did us proud.” –

Sally McPherson (Music Teacher)

KS2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT – ST DUNSTAN’S

This year’s KS2 Christmas concert will be held on Friday 18th December from 2pm – 3.30pm at St Dunstan’s. There will be Year 5 drumming, winter songs, Brazilian Drumming, ensemble, flute, clarinet, guitars, poetry and much, much more!

Please come along to join us on this fantastic occasion. Children can be collected directly from St Dunstan’s after the performance.

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL – CLORE BALLROOM

On Tuesday 15th December at 6pm, the choir will be performing along with four other schools at the Royal Festival Hall Clore Ballroom. They will be performing songs from the ‘Turning of the Year’ concert and ‘Snowflakes’ written by Oduayo and Zion.

This is a free event, no tickets are needed and everyone is invited to join in the Christmas fun by coming to watch the children sing.

You can get there by train from Catford Bridge to Waterloo East and then it’s a 10 minute walk to the south bank – Royal Festival Hall.

‘TURNING OF THE YEAR’ – BLACKHEATH HALLS

“On Wednesday 2nd December, members of the choir from Years 4, 5 & 6 performed at the ‘Turning of the Year’ concert at Blackheath Halls. They sang six festive songs and ‘Snowflakes’ composed by Zion Williams and Oduayo Samson in Cambridge class. The choir performance was one of our best ever. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the song writing project, rehearsing the choir and supporting the children on the night.” –

Sally McPherson (Music Teacher)



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FRENCH OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Colchester (Year 3) – Sophia De Pantaleone & Charlie Thompson
 - Inverness (Year 3) – Nicole Iosub & Oshai Davis-Thompson
- Chichester (Year 3) – Victoria Joe Marvin & Arish Ketheeswaran
- Exeter (Year 4) – Adriano Lee Wynter-Thompson & Ana Texeira
 - London (Year 4) – Samuel Samba & Cienna Ramlal-Henry
 - Brighton (Year 4) – Joshua Barfi & Sipho Khumalo
 - York (Year 5) – Ajanhi Olibert & Chloe Ajala
 - Liverpool (Year 5) – Sarita Drayton-Horne & Taiwo Bishi
 - Oxford (Year 6) – Jubril Bishi & Zainab Olabiyi
 - Cambridge (Year 6) – Eric Cornish & Zion Williams

YEAR 6 SONG COMPETITION

Winners of this year's winter song competition are:

- 'Hooray to the wintertime' – **Alex Edun** and **Will Tassie** (Oxford class)
- 'Snowflakes' – **Zion Williams** and **Oduayo Samson** (Cambridge class)
- 'Family Time' – **Aline Kibalabala, Tavinia Reid, Keneisha Wilks** and **Zainab Olabiyi** (Oxford class)

You can see their songs performed live at the KS2 Christmas concert. There were many other fantastic entries to the competition from the children in Cambridge and Oxford class.

OUR TRIP TO SEE THE AMAZING 'MATILDA'

"On Wednesday 25th November, some of the children in Years 2 – 6 went to see the amazing Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre in London. We travelled there by train and when we arrived, we went on a beautiful walk through London looking at the bright glistening lights of Christmas. We tried to spot as many Christmas decorations as we could. It actually reminded me of New York City.

When we finally arrived we all sat down and waited with anticipation for the musical to begin. It was definitely worth the wait because it was fantastic. The children who performed were very young but very talented and they got a huge cheer at the end!

The best bit was when Miss Trunchball spun a little girl around by her hair which was in pig tails and she threw them into the audience. It was very funny to see and we couldn't work out how they actually performed the trick in the show. It was a very memorable experience and I keep my ticket in my coat pocket as a constant reminder of my night in the West End."
– **Saskia Green** (Cambridge class)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER:** Class parties PM
- **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER:** Christmas carols for Years 3 – 6 at 2pm: Parents/Carers are able to pick children up after the performance
- **FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER:** Last day of term – All children must wear school uniform

SCHOOL TRIPS

CINEMA

- **WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER:** Whole school trip to Beckenham cinema to see 'Nativity 3'
- All children must wear school uniform
- Reception to Year 2 will be returning to school for lunch as usual
- Years 3 – 6 will need to bring a packed lunch unless they are entitled to Free School Meals

CLASS PARTIES

- Children are invited to bring their own clothes to school for their Christmas parties in the afternoon