



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

22nd January 2016

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

We are having a fabulous half term and these are some of the highlights so far:

- The Mayor of Lewisham and Director of Education visit to celebrate the recent 'outstanding' OFSTED
- Coffee Mornings
- Director Of Education spent the morning at Rathfern
- Year 1 visited the Victoria and Albert Museum
- Year 2 visited the Ragged School Museum
- Year 5 visited the Natural History Museum
- Year 4 visited the British Museum
- Year 6 have Senegalese Hip Hop workshops
- Florence Nightingale Museum visited Reception classes
- Trinity Laban Dance visited Year 5

- **Mrs Maharasingam**

Head Teacher

GLOBAL LEARNING WEEK

Over the next two weeks we will be focusing on Global Learning.

ANTI-BULLYING WORKSHOP

On **Monday 8th February**, Rathfern in conjunction with Kidscape will be holding an Anti-Bullying Workshop for parents/carers. The Workshop will take place between 6 and 7pm. All welcome to attend.

GLOBAL CAFÉ

Our annual Global Café will be held on Thursday 28th January at 4pm – 5pm. There will be lots happening at the Global Café – sample food from around the world, dancers, drummers, poets and lots more!

Tickets will operate on a colour coded system:

- Green ticket – performance at 4pm and food at 4.30pm
- Red ticket – food at 4pm and performance at 4.30pm

Tickets will be on sale in the playground from Monday 25th January. The cost of tickets are 50p per person or £2 for a family of four or more.

A VISIT TO RATHFERN FROM HEAD OF STANDARDS AND ACHIEVEMENT

"Thanks for an uplifting morning.

As an ex Music Co-ordinator in a primary school I particularly loved the wonderful singing – a difficult song which was performed really well.

Having had a go at Samba drumming as a team exercise last term, I have first-hand experience of knowing how difficult it is to follow a rhythm and all stop at the same time! Your children were brilliant at this!

A lovely celebration – thanks so much for inviting me! Kind regards and congratulations once again.

- **Kate Bond** (Head of Standards and Achievement)

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OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) –Chika Michael & JJ Daley**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Angel James & Eunice Marshall**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Romeo Ajetunmobi & Fathi Mohamud**
 - **Carlisle (Reception) – Lily Aguguesi & Clinton Amadi**
 - **Hereford (Year 1) – Thierry Ramlal-Henry & Jugga Singh**
 - **Canterbury (Year 1) – David Perta & Chajettha Nimalan**
 - **Manchester (Year 2) – Kacper Borkowski & Robert Ladd**
 - **Bath (Year 2) – Artyom Eero & Melissa Clayton-Bainbridge**
 - **Inverness (Year 3) – Alyse Townsend & Khadra Hassan**
- **Chichester (Year 3) – Elizabeth Mensah & Jaydon Samuels**
- **Colchester (Year 3) – Shawna Lee & Rashai Oshunkoya**
 - **London (Year 4) – Khairy Jarrett & Samuel Samba**
 - **Brighton (Year 4) – Sipho Khumalo & Giles Aguguesi**
 - **Exeter (Year 4) – Ana Teixeira & Mamadou Barry**
- **York (Year 5) – David Uyikepen & Musa Sumareh Touray**
- **Liverpool (Year 5) – Desharne Allen & Adam Bouhenniba**
- **Cambridge (Year 6) – Marcella Benson & Oduayo Samson**
 - **Oxford (Year 6) – Aline Kibalabala & Sade Cudd**

LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM (Nursery) – Khadijat Olabiyi & Tiara Walker**
- **St Albans PM (Nursery) – Nasra Codlin & Ameliah Jay**
- **Edinburgh (Reception) – Paris Kelly & Gikwan Fadika**
- **Carlisle (Reception) – Filip Borkowski & Leon Connor**
- **Hereford (Year 1) – Yasmin Patel & Mouad Bouhenniba**
 - **Canterbury (Year 1) – Davina Afful & Seth Bowden**
- **Manchester (Year 2) – Pinthusha Sivakumar & Emohitae Olufemi**
 - **Bath (Year 2) – Jenaya Benjamin & Hong-Zhuo Kamau**
 - **Inverness (Year 3) – Himayel Adnan & Anna Benefo**
- **Chichester (Year 3) – Karla Ogbeifun & Casey Best Bedeau**
- **Colchester (Year 3) – Connor Hull & Sophia De Pantaleone**
 - **London (Year 4) – Keira Bailey & Chante Lobban**
 - **Brighton (Year 4) – Sana Parwani & Ashley Edwards**
 - **Exeter (Year 4) – Kawthar Hammoud & Illias Hansali**
 - **York (Year 5) – Mekhi Millwood & Kehinde Bishi**
- **Liverpool (Year 5) – Davina Green-Wright & Christopher Rodrigues**
 - **Cambridge (Year 6) – Miriam Conteh & Ethan Fagan**
 - **Oxford (Year 6) – Beverley Quansah & Keneisha Wilks**

PE KITS

Please ensure your child brings in their P.E kit on a Monday morning and takes it home on a Friday night for a weekend wash.

Children MUST wear their P.E kits for P.E lessons.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

- **THURSDAY 3RD MARCH:** Edinburgh class at 9.15am
- **FRIDAY 4TH MARCH:** Carlisle class at 9.15am
- **THURSDAY 17TH MARCH:** Canterbury class at 9.15am
- **FRIDAY 18TH MARCH:** Hereford class at 9.15am

YEAR ONE VISIT TO THE V & A MUSEUM

“Year One visited the V & A Museum last week. We enjoyed looking at a range of exhibitions including Jewellery, theatre costumes and fashion. We all had sketch books and drew different artefacts. It was a great day but our favourite part was trying on the different costumes and acting out the role of the character whom the costume belonged to. It was really interesting looking at the clothes in fashion over the years and how it is constantly changing. We had an amazing experience and highly recommend everyone to visit the V & A.” – Ms Daley (Canterbury class)

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE VISIT RECEPTION CLASSES

“Wow, what a wonderful experience Reception had. They were transported into the past to meet one of England's most famous nurses, Florence Nightingale.

Florence visited the children in Reception and the children learnt all about her journey to become a nurse and how she made a big contribution to change the way in which hospitals were run. The children dressed up as nurses and soldiers during the Crimean War in Turkey and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Florence herself was amazed at the knowledge and enthusiasm that Reception children had and commented that she had never been to visit Reception children before.” – Miss Lue-Taim (Edinburgh class)

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

We're really looking forward to our first event of the new term: QUIZ NIGHT! Come along to the **Honor Oak Pub** (St German's Rd, SE23 1RH) on **Friday 29th January from 7.30pm** for a fun night out and the chance to win a cash prize. Tickets are £3 and will be on sale next week in the playground or from the office.

And here's what else we've got coming up over the next few weeks.

Mother's Day Breakfast: Friday 4th March - 7.45 - 8.30am. We will be dishing up a delicious breakfast for the ladies (and your children). Plus raffle prizes to be won.

Easyfundraising: Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised more than £350 this way. Shop online via [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern)

We are looking for a SECRETARY to join our committee. If you have a little time to spare and like a bit of organising then this is the role for you! Let us know if you're interested.

Find out more: Online at [friendsofrathfern.com](https://www.friendsofrathfern.com)

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

On Twitter @FriendsRathfern

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Check our notice boards at school

PARENT WORKSHOPS

EVENT	DATE
Maths workshop – Algebra across the school	Tuesday 26 th January – KS1 & KS2 at 9 - 9.30am

BIG FOOT ARTS PRESENT

'Caught in the Net' on Thursday 4th February for Year 3 – 6.

The name is Tina, Tina Tablet; a trusted and reliable homework companion for Year 5. I may not look much to you, but I can be pretty lethal if placed in the wrong hands... In an age where text talk, 'Facebook', 'Instagram' and 'Twitter' are second nature to many of us, we need to be even more aware about how the technology we give our young children access to impacts their safety.

Bigfoot's innovative play 'Caught in the Net' investigates what cyber bullying is, as well as raises awareness about the risks of using the internet in order explore what students can do to maintain positive relationships at school, at home, and online.

Followed by workshops for Years 5 and 6

CYBER SAFETY

Bigfoot's 'Cyber Safe' workshops encourage students to consider the speed at which we now communicate by phone and internet, along with the implications this can have at home, at school and in the wider community.

By participating in a variety of engaging activities, students will explore what cyber bullying is, as well as develop a greater awareness about the risks of using the internet due to hackers, trolls and catfish. Finally they will work together in groups to investigate what they can do to actively keep themselves and their peers safe online.

SUNDAY SPORTS SCHOOL

The first ever Sunday Sports School started last week and it turned out to be a huge success with 32 pupils participating in tag rugby, tri golf, basketball and girls football. We look forward to the next session which will be just as exciting. There are a few spaces available for tri golf, if any pupils are interested please speak to Errison for more information.

YEAR 3 & 4 BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT FESTIVAL

Rathfern competed in an annual festival for Year 3 and 4 only. A selection of 14 pupils attended, with one of our team finishing in third place. The title of player of the day went to Judah Ajala (Inverness class) who scored an amazing 16 points in total but well done to everyone. Coach Errison said "The team done extremely well considering they haven't done ANY team training at all but next year with coaching and lots of practise they will win it for sure!"

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2016

- **THURSDAY 28TH JANUARY:** Global Café at 4pm
- **THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY:** School cinema event after school
 - **FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY:** Last day of term
- **MONDAY 15TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 19TH FEBRUARY:** Half term – Spellathon challenge
 - **MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY:** Children return to school
 - **TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY:** Target Setting Meetings
 - **THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY:** Target Setting Meetings
- **THURSDAY 3RD MARCH:** World Book Day – children to dress up as a book character for £1 in aid of Roald Dahl's Marvellous children's charity
- **WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH:** Evening performance of The Railway Children for children in Years 2 – 6 (selected children)
 - **THURSDAY 24TH MARCH:** Last day of term
 - **FRIDAY 25TH MARCH:** Good Friday – no school for children
 - **MONDAY 28TH MARCH – FRIDAY 8TH APRIL:** Easter holidays
 - **MONDAY 11TH APRIL:** Children return to school

SCHOOL TRIPS – 2016

- **TUESDAY 26TH JANUARY:** Inverness class (Year 3) visit the Natural History Museum
- **TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY:** Chichester class (Year 3) visit the Natural History Museum
- **WEDNESDAY 3RD FEBRUARY:** Exeter class (Year 4) visit the British Museum
- **FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY:** Cambridge class (Year 6) visit Houses of Parliament
- **TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY:** Colchester class (Year 3) visit the Natural History Museum
- **FRIDAY 4TH MARCH:** Oxford class (Year 6) visit Houses of Parliament
- **MONDAY 6TH JUNE – FRIDAY 10TH JUNE:** Year 6 school journey to Wales