Dear Parents

The term is now in full flow and we hope your children are inspired by the learning at Rathfern Primary School.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

PARENTS DROP IN
– DON’T FORGET

Thank you to those of you who have come in aired your concerns and thanks with me on:

- Tuesdays 9.30 – 10.15am
- Tuesday 5.30 – 6.30pm

Please feel free to come and discuss good news or problems you may have with me.

NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEPTEMBER

Apply now for children aged 3 by the end of August 2016. Please call into the office to collect an application form.

IMPORTANT

Please can I remind you that if you have changed your phone number or any other details please can you inform us as soon as possible. We have had cases recently where we have not been able to contact parents in emergency situations.

Carolyn Choong
Primary BIT Project Manager Kidscape
STONE AGE EXPERIENCE

As part of our Stone Age topic, Year 3 were lucky enough to visit the ‘Wide Horizons’ centre at Horton Kirby where we were transformed into hunter-gatherers for the day! We embarked on a hunting adventure where we used spears, and bows and arrows to capture our prey! We created cave paintings by candlelight, just like the Stone Age people would have and even participated in an archaeological dig, where we discovered artefacts such as flint, hand axes and arrow heads. It was an amazing day and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!
Miss Brandford

STONE WORKSHOP

Last week, all of the children in Year 5 had the opportunity to learn a new skill; stone carving, as part of their Viking project. Using limestone, the children learned to chisel shapes and engravings into stone that resembled Viking designs. From Viking masks to longboats, from Viking shields to daggers, the children made beautiful designs which we are currently displaying in school.
Mr David Fielding

YEAR 6

SATs EXAMS:
The SATs exams this year will take place in the week beginning 9th - 13th May

EASTER BOOSTERS SCHOOL YEAR 6 - Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April
These will take place in the first week of the Easter holidays from.
Tuesday – Wednesday 10- 12.30 Maths
Thursday 10 – 12.30 English
Friday 10 – 2.00pm English

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

There will be an increase of 10p per day for dinner money payments from Tuesday 3rd May. This is an increase made by the council and the last one was 2 years ago!

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

Happy Easter from FoR. Big thank you to everyone who has helped out at our events over the past term. We really need volunteers to make things happen. Please let us know if you have any time to spare to get involved.

We are sad to say goodbye to our committee member Munjinder. Thanks for all your help, Mun!

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

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Check our notice boards at school
MUSIC

During the 'Lewisham Live Festival' in March Rathfern music groups performed at three different events. Rathfern music performers we asked to open the show on all three occasions! The performances were stunning and we all very proud of the children. Below some of the children tell you their experiences of the events.

'Live Voices' Thursday 10th March: Choir performance at the Broadway Theatre - by Holly

The choir performance at the Broadway Theatre was definitely one to remember as we got a very loud applause at the end of our choir piece, showing all our hard work and effort. Our choir performance consisted of two songs 'Baiana" and "Rio 2, Beautiful Creatures", also a traditional Brazilian Coco dance. We, the choir, are thankful and proud to perform at such a special event and plan to proceed with our dreams of becoming choir performers.

'Live at the Halls' Wednesday 16th March: Liverpool Classes drumming performance at Blackheath Halls -by Tiara and Isaiah

On Wednesday 16th we went to Blackheath Halls to do a drumming performance and did very well, performing first. Most of us were very nervous having to perform first but we showed the audience how much energy we had and had a very nice time. "I like drumming because I can express myself and I like to learn all the different patterns" (Tiara)

"I liked drumming because it inspires me to show other people my talent and my family and friends can see I have a passion for drumming." Isaiah

'Laban Live' Tuesday 22nd March: Djembe drumming and Dance Club performance – by Aline & Tavinia

The performance was amazing! We loved it. We performed very well and we had so much energy. During our dress rehearsal we saw other amazing performances and we were all supportive of each other. When we stepped on stage we felt like we were walking into heaven! It was EPIC! Thank you

CHOIR AT CATFORD BROADWAY

Dear Mrs Maharasingham,

Congratulations to you, Sally, other colleagues and the children on a magnificent performance last night. It was so creative and well-executed. You must be very proud.

Best Wishes

Sara William  (Director of Education Lewisham)
Fantastic few weeks of sporting success for Rathfern pupils this term.

Year 3&4 Football team won the Lewisham Schools Saturday C league, they also won the LSC football festival and the Year 4 St Dunstans competition. They will be competing in the Blackheath cup on 16th April lets hope we can make it 4 trophies in 2 months!

Well done to Omari H, Joshua D, Musa C, Kay kay, Xander, Shaun, Joshua B, Alan, Aaron, Illias, Churchill, Fergus, Giles, Gaveran and Valon.

Year 5&6 Girls Football team won their latest league match beating St Barts 2-1 in a very competitive match with Zion W scoring the 2 goals.

Well done to Tanya, Kia, Marcella, Naysa, Millie, Zenobia, Parris, Shauna, Lucy, Kaiya and Zion!

The Gymnastic teams competed in the Sainsburys school games key steps competition this term and done exceptionally well considering this is only the second time Rathfern have entered this competition. Year 5&6 team came 3rd overall and Year 3&4 team came 4th overall.

Well done to Fergus, Joshua D, Matilda, Delaney, Joel A, Shamar, Kaiya, Kia and Tiara

Sportsman of the month: Musa Conteh

Sportswomen of the month: Shauna Lee and Kia Clarke
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

• St Albans AM (Nursery) – Sophia Dodsworth & Markiyan Terletskiy
• St Albans PM (Nursery) – Dimitriy Hudz & Jacob Johnson
• Edinburgh (Reception) – Immanuel Dapaah & Davina Oruma
• Carlisle (Reception) – Emmanuel Martinez & Anabelle Hulbert
• Hereford (Year 1) – Mouad Bouhenniba & Rena Hugh
• Canterbury (Year 1) – Zephan Bourne & Ijeoma Ibeh
• Manchester (Year 2) – Joel Barfi & Jake Connor
• Bath (Year 2) – Eijah Benjamin & Jayden Christian
• Inverness (Year 3) – Raven Pink & Larisa Olaru
• Chichester (Year 3) – Harley Jackman & Jayden Dunkley
• Colchester (Year 3) – Tom Holland & Sophia De Pantaleone
• London (Year 4) – Ella Louise Duffield & Ethan Fagan
• Exeter (Year 4) – Sophia Huang & Jagjit Singh
• Exeter (Year 4) – Crissan Marshall & Aminata Baanah-Jones
• York (Year 5) – Bradley Chikadaya & Sharmar Murphy
• Liverpool (Year 5) – Precious Anku & Ashwin Uthayachandran
• Cambridge (Year 6) – Zenobia Ashley & Davern Lashley
• Oxford (Year 6) – Fior Kelly & Aline Kibalabala

LEADING CITIZENS

• St Albans AM (Nursery) – Zhong –Hao Kamau & CJ Bryan
• St Albans PM (Nursery) – Hareem Adnan & Mercy Odumade
• Edinburgh (Reception) – Safiya Paige & Trey Tomlinson
• Carlisle (Reception) – Fatoumata Tukara Sillah & Bulut Yesilbulut
• Hereford (Year 1) – Rio Singh-Dacres & Riyaan Ahmed
• Canterbury (Year 1) – Niall Brookes-Smith & Patrycia Klim
• Manchester (Year 2) – Fadwa Mohamud & Tahliyah Codlin
• Bath (Year 2) – Elsie Arno & Aayush Pathak
• Inverness (Year 3) – Emilia Hesketh & Theo Gayle
• Chichester (Year 3) – Jaydon Samuels & Leah Miller
• Colchester (Year 3) – Kie Purnell & Sumaela Sumareh Touray
• London (Year 4) – Omari Hibbert & Michaela Donkor
• Brighton (Year 4) – Rebecca Bushall & Delina Menghistab
• Exeter (Year 4) – Aaron Aghali & Mamadou Barry
• York (Year 5) – Ajanhi Olibert & Jackson Armstrong
• Liverpool (Year 5) – Deshanrne Allen & Isaiah Dapaah
• Cambridge (Year 6) – Sara Abdul-Rahman & Bashar Hammoud
• Oxford (Year 6) – Harmony Clarke-Chuter & Chloe Nding’uri
Attendance Figures from 14/3/16 – 24/3/16

Recently we have had a large amount of absences due to illness. If your child is off school for more than 2 days, we do require evidence. It could be by showing us your appointment card, prescription, medicine bottle or proof of calling GP on your phone. Please could you remember to report it by either; using the Rathfern 'mySchoolApp', leave a message with the office, or by emailing Heather h.brewer@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk.

Thank you to all the families who do keep us well informed.

Class Attendance this term

Well done to Yr4 Brighton & Year 5 Liverpool for their outstanding attendance.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2016

- Easter Holiday Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April
- MONDAY 11TH APRIL: Children return to school
- TUESDAY 19TH APRIL: Open morning 9.15am
- MONDAY 2ND MAY: Bank Holiday
- TUESDAY 17TH MAY: Open Morning 9.15am
- MONDAY 9TH – 13TH MAY - SATs for year 6 children.
- FRIDAY 27TH MAY – INSET day
- Friday Half Term MONDAY 30 May – Friday 3rd June
- THURSDAY 7TH JULY: Sports Day (change of date)
- TUESDAY 19TH JULY: Summer Concert
- Change of Inset Day from February 10th has been cancelled and is now Sept 6th

SCHOOL TRIPS – 2016

APRIL
- THURSDAY 14TH: Year 1 to Horniman Museum

MAY
- THURSDAY 19TH: Year 1 visiting Crystal Palace

JUNE
- MONDAY 6TH JUNE – FRIDAY 10TH JUNE: Year 6 school journey to Wales