



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

29th April 2016

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

The term has started well and we hope you can see just how much your children are enjoying school as well as making wonderful progress in their learning.

Mrs Maharasingam

RATHFERN SUMMER SCHEME

Rathfern are offering a summer scheme for children between 25th July to 12th August weekdays only.

There are 2 time slots:

9am – 3pm £18 per day

8am – 6pm. £25 per day

Breakfast and an afternoon snack will be provided for children attending a full day.

Further information can be obtained from the office.

YEAR 6

SATURDAY BOOSTERS: 10.00-12.30am

Maths 16th April Maths 30th April
English 23rd April English 7th May

SATS EXAMS:

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

SCHOOL DINNERS INCREASED TO £2.00

From **Tuesday 3rd May** School dinner will be £2.00 per day an **increase of 10p per day** This is an increase made by the council and the last one was 2 years ago!

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.

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH – LITHUANIAN

Thank you - Ačiū Please – prašau
Yes – Taip Hello - Labas

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

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DRAMA WORKSHOPS YEAR 6

I've had the most fun working with both Year 6 classes. At the beginning of the Spring term we were inspired by musicians from Senegal, such as Sister Fa, who are using Hip Hop music to express their creativity, struggles and dreams of a better life for all. The pupils of Oxford and Cambridge classes wrote their own musical poems, commenting about the issues of gender inequality and how communities could work together for a fairer and stronger "Senegal, Senegal Sene-Sene Senegal!" and performed these to much applause as part of the Global Café.

Also, preparing ourselves for the move to Secondary School, we have been using drama to explore the idea of People, Power and Politics. Questioning how our own moral compass and choices we make, have a valuable role within the global community. Allowing ourselves time to reflect on "who am I and what are the choices I can make".

Naomi Cortes – Drama Teacher.

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

We're already getting excited about the SUMMER FAIR in early June. Here's how you can help us raise money without lifting a finger: simply take a Reeds Rains estate agent board outside your home advertising our fair. They give us a donation for every board.

Reeds Rains will arrange putting it up and taking it down - it will be there from the end of May to the end of June.

Please let us know if you can take one by emailing rhiandouglas@yahoo.co.uk with your address. Or contact us via Facebook or Twitter.

We always need volunteers for our events and they are great fun to get involved with. Contact us if you have some time to spare.

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

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 Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com

Check our notice boards at school.

CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Kadiatu and the Chocolate Factory!

You will never guess where my class went on Monday. It was the Chocolate Museum in Brixton! When we arrived the irresistible smell of chocolate came from the kitchen. It was making me really hungry! My group went downstairs to learn all about chocolate and cocoa beans. Did you know that Africa grows the most cocoa beans but eats the least chocolate out of all the continents? Next we looked and tasted cocoa beans. They were a bit bitter but I still liked it. We also got to taste some chocolate. My favourite was the fruity chocolate that came from Madagascar. Finally our groups swapped and before I knew it I was making my own chocolate truffles upstairs. They were delicious!

By *Kadiatu Diallo* Bath Class

Keano and The Chocolate Factory!

You won't believe where I went with my class. I went to a chocolate museum! It was delicious, scrumptious and delectable! When we arrived the amazing smell of melted chocolate made me feel hungry. My group made chocolate first. Firstly we cut out different shapes from a chocolate fudge bar. Then we made chocolate balls for our truffles. We could only roll them for four seconds otherwise the chocolate would melt. Our hands were covered in chocolate and I wanted to lick my fingers but luckily I stopped myself. They were just so tasty.

By *Keano Yong* Bath Class

FRESHWATER THEATRE

On Wednesday 20th April, all of Year 4 were transported back in time to the ancient city of Palenque to discover incredible facts about a phenomenal civilisation – the Ancient Maya!

With the help of our friendly time traveller, we were whisked back to Mayan times where we found out about what the Mayan's ate, their writing and number system, the types of jobs they had, how society worked and visited some of their buildings and landmarks. The highlight of our trip was meeting the famous King Palenque who tried to help us work out what happened to this civilisation!

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM** (Nursery) – **Jashawn Jones & Abdulai Koni**
- **St Albans PM** (Nursery) – **Eunice Marshall & Dmitry Hudz**
- **Edinburgh** (Reception) – **Alex Morgan & Go-Go Tassie**
- **Carlisle** (Reception) – **Eman Hammoud & Princess Okameme**
- **Hereford** (Year 1) – **Abdul – Majid Issoufou & Yanni Sabir**
- **Canterbury** (Year 1) – **Andy Bianji-Mayap & Yanna Mongo**
- **Manchester** (Year 2) – **Robert Ladd & Lolo Mzyece**
- **Bath** (Year 2) – **Elsie Arno & Aayush Pathak**
- **Inverness** (Year 3) – **Nicole Iosub & Himayel Adnan**
- **Chichester** (Year 3) – **Arish Ketheeswararan & Amor Daniel-Kerr**
- **Colchester** (Year 3) – **Gabrielle Cousley-Ward & Shaun Soukou**
- **London** (Year 4) – **Wen Lin He & Shanna Gayle**
- **Brighton** (Year 4) – **Zia Gosai & Rita Hugh**
- **Exeter** (Year 4) – **Alex Crabtree & Kawthar Hammoud**
- **York** (Year 5) – **Raghavan Senthikumaran & Liepa Zukauskaite**
- **Liverpool** (Year 5) – **Rihana Clarke-Harvey & Raagulah Senthikumaran**
- **Cambridge** (Year 6) – **Sara Abdul-Rahman & Davern Lashley**
- **Oxford** (Year 6) – **Arinze Oraka & Kimiya Mowatt**

LEADING CITIZENS

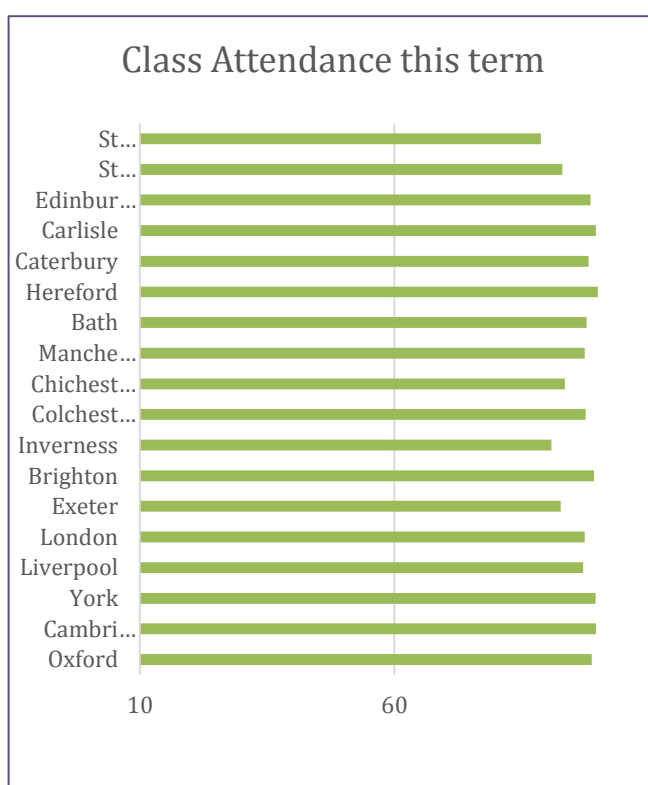
- **St Albans AM** (Nursery) – **Jashawn Jones & Sharon Ibeh**
- **St Albans PM** (Nursery) – **Joseph McLaren & Hareem Adnan**
- **Edinburgh** (Reception) – **Bintou Sumareh Touray & Tomas Barriball**
- **Carlisle** (Reception) – **Lily Aguguesi & Nicolas Kempley**
- **Hereford** (Year 1) – **Zharya Stephenson & Rio Singh-Dacres**
- **Canterbury** (Year 1) – **Miracle James & Jack Wise**
- **Manchester** (Year 2) – **David Ijaopa & Crystal Maduka**
- **Bath** (Year 2) – **Myka-Audrey Koffi & Laila Hansali**
- **Inverness** (Year 3) – **Devine Anglin & David Njoku**
- **Chichester** (Year 3) – **Naomi Radu & Elijah Iyere**
- **Colchester** (Year 3) – **Lucy Bushell & Nikita Eero**
- **London** (Year 4) - **Suviththa Kanesalingham & Naomi McClaren**
- **Brighton** (Year 4) – **Alan Mwamba & Sophia Huang**
- **Exeter** (Year 4) – **Amber Bowden & Rassul Vali**
- **York** (Year 5) – **Amari Campbell & Zohra Darwishi**
- **Liverpool** (Year 5) – **Holly Whittington & Brooke Miller**
- **Cambridge** (Year 6) – **Isabelle Crawford & Zion Williams**
- **Oxford** (Year 6) – **Beverley Quansah & Raisean Bailey**

Attendance Figures from 25/4/16 – 29/4/16

Well done to Hereford class for their outstanding attendance 100%.

We have had a wonderful start to this term. It's reassuring to see less absences and illnesses in the school this week with the whole school attendance at 97%. A special congratulations goes to Edinburgh, Reception, York Yr5, Oxford Yr6 and Hereford Yr1 for achieving 100% during the course of a week. Let's try & keep this up!

Heather



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.

PUNCTUALITY

A huge thank you to all those families who are making every effort to ensure their children arrive on time. However, a few families are persistently bringing in their children late. I will be contacting you to make an appointment to help you to bring your children to school on time. Children are losing learning time and this disrupts their learning.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

- **SATURDAY BOOSTERS: 10.00-12.30**
- **Maths** April 16th and 30th
- **English** April 23rd and May 7th
- **MONDAY 2ND MAY:** Bank Holiday – no school
- **TUESDAY 17TH MAY:** Open Morning 9.15am
- **MONDAY 9TH – 13TH MAY - SATs** for year 6 children.
- **WEDNESDAY 25th MAY** – Full Governors meeting 6.30pm
- **WEDNESDAY 25th MAY** – **Year 6 Final Installment of £50.00 for School Journey.**

FRIDAY 27TH MAY – INSET day

- **Friday Half Term MONDAY 30th May – Friday 3rd June**
- **6th – 11th JUNE** – **Year 6 School Journey to Wales**
- **Early June: Summer Fair**
- **WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE** – Secondary Transfer Meeting for year 5
- **THURSDAY 7th JULY:** Sports Day (change of date)
- **TUESDAY 19TH JULY:** Summer Concert
- **WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY :** Last Day of Term.

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- **SEPTEMBER 5TH AND SEPTEMBER 6TH INSET DAYS**
- **SEPTEMBER 7TH:** Children return to school from the summer break.

SCHOOL TRIPS – 2016

MAY

FRIDAY 6TH MAY: Year 3 trip to the Science Museum

MONDAY 9TH MAY: Year 5 trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum

THURSDAY 19TH: Year 1 visiting Crystal Palace

MONDAY 23rd : Year 6 trip to Royal Festival Hall

JUNE

MON 6TH JUNE – FRI 10TH JUNE: Year 6 school journey to Wales

TUESDAY 7TH – Nursery am children visiting Mud Chute Farm

THURSDAY 9th – Nursery pm children visiting Mud Chute Farm

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN ESTATE AGENT BOARD APPLICATION FORM

The summer fair is to be held in early June **YOU can help** us raise money without lifting a finger, simply by:

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

POSTCODE _____

I would like an estate agents board: TIE / NAILED

Signed