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

We’ve already had an action packed half term and are looking forward to many more exciting events before we break up for the Autumn Term.

Naheeda Maharasingam Julia Lannary
Executive Head Head of School

Road Safety Pledge

Please help keep our children safe by NOT parking on the zigzags or on the double yellow lines outside the school. Parking in these restricted zones makes it difficult for children to cross the road safely.

Three point turns at the junction of Pattenden Road and Rathfern Road are extremely dangerous at key times of the morning and afternoon. Rathfern Road is already congested during these times and turning like this makes it difficult and unsafe for children to cross from Pattenden Road to school.

We have requested that parents and carers are considerate of this on numerous occasions in the newsletter, however we feel that the situation has not improved. Therefore we have requested the support of the police and Lewisham Council.

Newsletters from January 2017

We will be emailing our newsletters from January 2017 to all parents.
We will make a significant saving to our stationery bill, which we can then spend on developing our children’s learning experiences. In preparation for this we must ensure we have correct email addresses.

We would appreciate if you could send an email to:
gfernandesjeth.209@lgfmail.org

Stating:
o Your name
o Child’s name
o Child’s class

The newsletters will be uploaded onto our school site the same day as it is issued.

If any parents wish to continue to receive a paper copy please register with the school office.

Many thanks

25th November 2016

We raised an amazing £162.22 for the MacMillan Cake Sale.
Thank you
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Nishaan Singh & Yusuf Alam
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Eva Dillon & Reyhan Acar
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Abdulai Konie & Eva Dillon
- South Kensington (Reception) – Veledin Haji & Harry Healy
- Camden (Year 1) – Patrick Moseray & Maya Kaur
- Angel (Year 1) – Leo McMaster & Isabella Hulbert
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Patrick Corcoran & David Perta
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Barnaby Hayter & Fatima Sumareh Touray
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Tricia Mansaray & Kacper Borkowski
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Mylca- Audrey Kofi & Cecil During
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) - Reuben Forde - Simpson & Lexie Houghton
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Anna Benefo & Bilal Abrahami
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Hope Wise & Elizabeth Mensah
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Leo Gayle & Paris Wales
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Yasmin Loudiyi & Gospodina Rostas
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Robert Singh & Jumana Rakik
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Abdirashid Mohamed & Ajanhi Olibert
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Thanuja Johnson & Ayuob Rahman

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Cezara Perta & Haja During
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Abigail Daniels & David Obayagbona
- Sloane Square (Reception) - Ariana Betingyte Reid & Serena Simans
- South Kensington (Reception) – Acacia Niangombale & Iman Yong
- Camden (Year 1) - Lateef Correira & Nicholas Kempley
- Angel (Year 1) – Glory Moody Brown & Alex Morgan
- Marble Arch (Year 2) - Niall Brooks-Smith & Miracle James
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Amari Renee Jackman – Kallo & Barnaby Hayter
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Jessica Krishnakumar & Fadwa Abdifatah Mohamud
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Elsie Arno & Aayush Pathak
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Alisha Robinson & Tufan Turkoglu
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Khadra Hassan & David Njoku
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Faatin Abdifatah Mohamud & Joseph Burrell
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Illias Hansali & Angel Baanah - Jones
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Nathan Hiatsi & Ella - Louise Duffield
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Prithvi Johnson & Rebecca Bushell
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Savannah Davies – Thompson & Gamze Karaoglan
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Kaiya Beaton & Rihana Clarke- Harvey
Shakespeare Performance

Year 5

Last Tuesday, my class (Shoreditch) took part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival and performed A Winter’s Tale. This experience has been the most nerve wracking but also rewarding experiences of our lives. When I stepped out on stage, I felt so proud of myself for getting so far. I am so much more confident as a person and I think the Shakespeare Schools Festival has helped all of us to develop our self esteem. When I think back, I cannot believe that it really happened and how the audience reacted! We were the only school at the festival who got a standing ovation!!! I am so proud of us all!!

Quote from Illias who played Leontes in A Winters Tale

HMS BELFAST

On Monday 14th November, Oxford Circus Class went on a trip to the HMS Belfast as part of our topic about WW2. At first, we had to climb up a special ship ladders and they were incredibly steep! These ladders led to one of our favourite and most fascinating parts of the ship - the engine room! We saw lots of other tools and some groups even managed to get lost. Soon after that, we had a scrumptious lunch on the desk but sadly it was time to go home it was a wonderful trip!

Matilda & Lucy – Oxford Circus
I went to see Aladdin at the theatre on Wednesday night. We got to the Theatre by train. I liked Aladdin because it was magical and fun, my favourite part was when the Genie came out of the lamp.

Andy – Marbe Arch Class
We are pleased to announce that Wearabouts on Sydenham High St is the school supplier for our uniform. We no longer supply school uniform from the office.

**FINES FOR LATE PICK UP**

After 3.45pm there will be a fine of £5.00 for every 15 mins you are late to pick up your child/children. This will include Boosters & Activity Clubs.

**ATTENDANCE FIGURES FROM 14th NOV – 25th NOV 2016**

Whole school attendance for 2015/16 = 95.2%

Congratulations to KS1: Camden Class & KS2: Knightsbridge for achieving the highest attendance.

Please could you remember to report it by either; using the Rathfern 'mySchoolApp', leave a message with the office, or by emailing Fiona at f.taylor@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

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

**MEDICATION**

We would like to remind parents that any medication that your child needs to take in the school day must be PRESCRIPTION ONLY and handed into the school office. A form will need to be filled in for the Head of School to authorise.
Dear Parents, we will have two 6 ft Christmas trees that we are able to donate to two Rathern families. If you wish to be put into the draw for a Christmas tree, please give your name to the office. The draw will take place on Friday 2nd December 2016. We will notify the winners on Monday 5th December 2016. The Christmas Trees must be collected on Wednesday 21st December. Please note the decorations & lights are not included.

YEAR 3 FOOTBALL

Well done to:

- Year 3 footballers playing in the year 4 team at the Lewisham schools league
- Year 5 ‘A’ team started the season by winning both their opening matches.
- Whitechapel class who took part in a friendly Tag-Rugby competition against Year 5 from Torridon Junior school.
- Tennis coach Michael Stephens from South East London Tennis came in last week to hold tennis trials for our lunchtime club. He commented that our pupils were of an excellent standard considering no formal tennis coaching has taken place.

Visit to Torridon Juniors

On Monday 14th November Leading Citizens from last year went to Torridon Junior School to lead assemblies. The assemblies were to inform the children there about what it means to be a Leading Citizen. We explained to them why we were Leading Citizens and what our behaviour had to be like. Because our Core Values and School Poem are really important to us we shared them with the children there. We really wanted to make sure that the children were inspired and motivated to become a Leading Citizen just like us. Just as the children at Torridon Juniors learnt lots so did we.

We learnt to be more confident speakers and to think quickly about answers to questions that we were asked. It was an extraordinary experience and we would definitely do it again!
**Year 3 visit to the British Museum**

Last week, both year 3 classes visited the British Museum to explore and discover the world of Egypt. We had an exciting day exploring the Egyptian Galleries where we admired all the precious artefacts and Egyptian sculptures.

We were fascinated by the size of the sculptures and the detailed hieroglyphics. One of the highlights of the trip was seeing a mummy and how well it was preserved after all these years. We were also excited to spot famous pharaohs we have learnt about, as well as seeing canopic jars and all the clothing and jewellery the Egyptians wore and used. Some of our favourite moments were:

- **Elsie**, “I liked the mummies who were buried in the sand and the wooden coffin.”
- **Bethany**, “I liked the clothing that they wore and their jewellery.”
- **Roddy**, “I enjoyed the Rameses II upper body statue.”
- **Jaydon**, “I liked the statue with the cat.”
- **Marley**, “I liked when we saw the statue of different animals, one of them was the deer and another one was a crocodile.”

**YEAR 6 VISITS TO BRITISH MUSEUM**

On Thursday 17th November Y6 visited the British Museum so that we could learn more about the ancient Kingdom of Benin. We had a lecture while we were there and looked at lots of pictures of ancient Benin. In the African Gallery we saw lots of artefacts such as weapons, ivory objects and bronze plaques. We had an amazing day and left the British Museum knowing lots more about Benin.

**AND THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM**

On Monday 21st November we went to the Horniman Museum where we had a workshop. We handled lots of replica artefacts. We learnt how the bronze plaques were made. In a plaque it showed the Oba (The King) holding leopards in his hands, this showed that the Oba was the most powerful. In ancient Benin times when someone important visited cow bells and drums were played, the musicians had to play them perfectly. Only important people were allowed to wear coral, this controlled the sea and the land. Now we understand even more about the Kingdom of Benin.

**Year 2 Rainbow Theatre.**

We had a visit from the Rainbow theatre company. They were here to teach us about the Great Frire of London. We really enjoyed acting out part of the play. My role was to play a nurse and Desiha’s role was to play a volunteer to help put out the fire. Our favourite part was watching our friend play the dog, who was cute and barked like a real dog.

Patrycia & Desiah – Marble Arch Class
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

NOVEMBER

Monday 28th – Year 2 to visit Museum of London Fire Fire! Exhibition
Tuesday 29th – Year 1, 2 & 3 Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 30th – Year 4, 5 & 6 Choir performance
   at Blackheath Music Halls 7.00pm

DECEMBER

Friday 9th - EYFS Christmas performance
   • AM: South Kensington & AM Nursery
   • PM: Sloane Square & PM Nursery
Wednesday 14th – Whole School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15th – KS1 Nativity Play - In the Infant Hall
   • 9.30 Camden & Tottenham Court Rd
   • 2.15 Angel & Marble Arch
Friday 16th – Reception visit to Albany Theatre – The Snail & the Whale.
Wednesday 21st - Christmas Concert at 2pm in St Dunstans For years 3-6
   – Last day of term for the Christmas holidays

21st December – 4th January Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Tuesday 3rd Jan – INSET Day
Wednesday 4th Jan – Children return to school

OPEN MORNINGS – For prospective Reception parents.

Thursday 1st Dec. at 9.15am

CLASS ASSEMBLIES:

8TH December: 2.50-3.10pm Wimbledon Park Class
9th December: 2.50-3.10pm St James’s Park Class

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