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

27th January 2017

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

- Coffee Mornings
- Year 1 visited the Museum of London
- Year 2 visited the Saw Raptorxotics
- Year 3 Water walk
- Year 4 visited the Museum of London
- Year 6 meeting Heidi Alexander at the Houses of Parliament

Global cafe

Our annual Global Cafe will be held on Thursday 2nd February at 4.00pm and will end at 5.00pm. This is a very important event in our school year as it celebrates our diverse and global school community.

At the event you will be able to sample food from around the world, as well as be entertained by our choir, drummers and Sally's band. There will also be wonderful exhibition to showcase our learning based on the global 'Sustainable Development Goals'.

Tickets will be on sale in the school playground every morning and afternoon of the week beginning Monday 23rd January.

Tickets: £1.00 per person/child

Your contributions of food for this event are ESSENTIAL. Please bring in your delicious dishes in on the morning or during the day of the Global Café.

Clubs on the day:

Capoeira cancelled.
Drama will be held in a year 6 classroom.
Hockey will still be held in the back playground.
Creative Art as normal please pick up via the side entrance.

ORGANISATION IS THE KEY

Take responsibility is one of our Core Values and should start at a young age. Encourage your child to show you how good they are at remembering their own:

- Swimming kits
- Lunch bags
- PE kits

DOCTORS AND DENTIST APPTS

May we please request that any Doctor or Dentist appointments are made before or after school. Taking your child out during the day interrupts the flow of learning and children miss important learning time at school.

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OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Cezenia Perta & Yusuf Leo
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Rhea Whyte & Shakira Owolabi
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Amari Dixon & Markiyan Terletskiy
- South Kensington (Reception) – Beatrice Douglas & Talyn Monteith
- Camden (Year 1) – Niamh Drummond & Jahvari James - Richards
- Angel (Year 1) – Trey Tomlinson & Fathi Abdifatah Mohamoud
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Jeremih Whyte & Aishat Rasheed
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Zharaya Stephenson & Yanni Sabir
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Jessica Krishnakumar & Alex Harding
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Ayman Ahmed & Keano Yong
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Karim Soumahoro & Soraya Cumberbatch
- Baker Street (Year 4) – David Njoku & Eliss Burrbeck
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Kwesian Barker & Mercedes Boakye Ansah
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Emmanuel Okameme & Ruweyda Ahmed
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Izzabel Redman & Michaela Donkor
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Sophia Huang & Musah Conteh
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Dzesika Biela & Mekhi Millwood
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Desharne Allen & Destiny Anglin

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Samuel James & Louie Domala
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Zeshai Smith & Esme Kelly
- Sloane Square (Reception) – CJ Bryan & Dylan Kunn
- South Kensington (Reception) – Veledin Hajrizaj & Musab Ozyurt
- Camden (Year 1) – Ata Ermis & Patrick Moseray
- Angel (Year 1) – Go-Go Tassie & Khalid Adedolapo Bello
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Chajettha Nimalan & Desiha Brown
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Keji Selkurti & Aicha Toure
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Rianna Babalola & David Ijaopo
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Marley Sablier & Mylca – Audrey Koffi
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Kyla Amadi – Barrett Shawnna Lee
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Emiliach Heskeith & Raven Pink
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Joseph Burrell & Faatin Abdifatah Mohamud
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Bisola Bashiru & Mamadou Barry
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Joshua Daniels & Cienna Ramial- Henry
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Rebecca Bushell & Ashley Edwards
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Zohra Darkish & Chloe Ajala
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Sarita Drayton – Horne & Tiara Swaby
Rathfern Food Bank
Thank you for your support in donating food items to the Rathfern Food Bank. To date we have received a fantastic response and are able to support the important work carried out by Lewisham Food Bank. Please continue to donate the items into the food bins which are located at the school gates.

- Rice
- Noodles
- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Meat
- Tea
- Tinned Fish
- Coffee
- Tinned soup
- Toiletries
- Biscuits

Please do not donate any fresh food. We will donate these items to our partners in the Lewisham Foodbank services who will distribute them to people who need support.

Sports News
Basketball borough competition
Well done to the Basketball team who unfortunately finished 2nd place in the group stages at the Lewisham borough basketball competition. It was a spirited performance despite not losing a match it wasn’t enough as several teams had a better goal difference. Well done to all who participated.

- Y5&6 Football reach the semi-finals of the Kids Cup competition held at Millwall football club.

- Well done to the Year 5&6 football team who on Monday evening won the Sydenham schools after school league beating Fairlawn primary school in a competitive match 3-1. Congratulations to Musa, Kay-Kay, Alan, Nelson, David U, Bradley, Giles, Joshua D, Omari, Gaveran, Aaron, Joshua B and everyone else who plays football at Rathfern!

What Makes you Happy? Reception
This week Reception have been reflecting on what happiness is. We took part in a workshop where we thought about the things that make us happy.

Sophia "Ummm, cats cos they will make happy and really enjoy having them"

Musab - "Avengers, coz Avengers so strong".

Chika- "The beach, coz I like I like building sandcastles and ice cream."

Khadijat- "Music and ice cream and lions"
Water aid Visits Year 3
On Monday 23rd January, Roger Brown, a speaker from Water Aid an international charity, visited our school to teach us about clean water, sanitation and hygiene. This links with our Sustainable Development Goal, Clean Water and Sanitation. We learnt that developing countries have very little access to clean water and sanitation, which causes illnesses, diseases and could lead to death of a child every 20 seconds.

We felt saddened when looking at pictures of people in different parts of the world and were mindful of their lives and living conditions. We were shocked to find out that women and children in developing countries have to wake up very early in the morning to fetch water from miles and miles away from their homes. We also found it shocking to know that some countries did not even have toilets to get rid of their waste.

We are extremely lucky to have access to clean water and flushing toilets and we really hope that the Sustainable Development Goals will sort out this problem by 2030.

Water Walk to Blythe Hill –
On the 24th January Year 3 took part in a water walk carrying 2L of water up the hill to Blythe Hill Fields. This was so we could experience how it felt for other children in developing countries who have to walk very far to collect water. Sometimes they even have to walk up to 3 times a day.

We experienced how this must feel for them. We were only half way up when we started to complain and moan about how tired we were and how sore our legs and arms felt.

Marley said, ‘Roddy let’s swap hands’
Cecil said, ‘Isaac, don’t waste the water’
Elsie said, ‘Norah and Keano stop spilling the water’

We were glad that we had the opportunity to experience how other children and families go through this everyday.

We would like to remind everyone that water is precious and that we need to save it!!!

David Fielding - Oxfam
Kai (Shoreditch class)
On Wednesday 25th January, as part of Global Learning week, we had a terrific visit from Will who was representing the charity Oxfam. He taught us about poverty and how it affects people around the world. We also learned that in the Philippines, a coconut farmer’s house had been destroyed by a typhoon and destroyed all his trees containing his crops. Surprisingly his house was the only thing left standing. Will told us how Oxfam helps these types of people, whose livelihood has been stolen from them, by providing them with a chainsaw to cut down the trees and sell the remaining wood. They also gave them seeds to grow more trees to replace those lost by the natural disaster.

Ben (Shoreditch class)
Will also told us about how women do not have the same rights or voice around the world. He told us about how Oxfam help these women to develop forums for them to have political discussions so that they can be successful figures in history. Oxfam have also helped public resources such as toilets, buckets to contain water. They have also helped those in need by donating cows so that they can make their own milk and cheese to earn money. Most women that once experienced poverty are now shop-owners or farmers and are glad that Oxfam has helped them.

Year 6 – Houses of Parliament
On Monday 23rd January, both year 6 classes were given the opportunity to go to the Houses of Parliament. We embarked upon a tour and had the chance to visit the 3 chambers: House of Commons; House of Lords and the Monarch Chamber, at the end we also got to meet our local MP (Heidi Alexander).

All in all it was a fascinating experience and one to remember.

Holly, Vithun & Thanuja
On Wednesday 25th January 2017 60 KS1 pupils attended a festival at Forest Hill.

Six primary schools who are part of the Sydenham & Forest Hill cluster, gathered in the sports hall at Sydenham School for a fun packed festival. Dalmain, Elbit Bank, Haseltine, Rathfern, St Bartholomews & St Michael’s each brought a team of 5 boys and 5 girls from years 1 & 2 to try out agility, balancing and coordination skills.

They were all very excited and after a welcome to the pupils, teachers, parents and carers, the Year 9 Sports Leaders from Sydenham introduced themselves and each led a school around the 12 different activity stations, demonstrating, officiating and encouraging the pupils enthusiastically! They were superb leaders and role models!

The emphasis was not totally competitive, but each group were divided into two teams who did compete against each other in a friendly and fun way. The idea of this festival was more social and the challenge of new experiences. The atmosphere was quite electric with so many children working hard racing with big feet, balancing on beams, bouncing balls, skipping, throwing bean bags and many more exciting activities. There were approximately 60 spectators!

Every pupil received a certificate and a plastic certif-card.

0. HUNT SPORTS COORDINATOR
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

Monday 13th – Fri 17th Half Term

Whole school Target Settings: Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd Feb
Nursery Target Settings: Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd Feb

Wednesday 1st March & Thursday 2nd March

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 22nd – Florence Nightingale visiting reception

MARCH

Thursday 2nd March World Book Day

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