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

We have had a fantastic half term and your talented children continue to make outstanding progress across the school.

10th February 2017

Naheeda Maharasingam Julia Lannary
Executive Head Head of School

ANNUAL SCHOOL TRIPS

Please can you ensure you have paid the £30 contribution as a matter of urgency. We do have a number of parents who have some outstanding arrears.

It is really important that we are able to send our children on these trips as they enrich their learning. If you are having difficulty please speak to Gail in the school office and we will arrange a payment plan for you.

Payment can be made via ParentPay, cheque or cash.

TARGET SETTING MEETINGS

Please make sure you have booked an appointment to meet your child’s class teacher. Please refer to ‘Dates for your Diary’.

SUMMER CLUB.
REGISTER OF INTEREST

Last year we provided a summer play scheme. Sadly the take up was inconsistent and we ended up running it at a loss. Some parents/carers have expressed an interest in Rathfern providing this service again this summer. We appreciate the challenges that the long summer break presents to working parents and are committed to supporting our families.

However, we would need to have at least 20 children each day to cover the costs. The cost of the summer scheme would be approximately £25 per day. If you are interested in taking up this service this summer, please register your interest by e-mailing Gail in the office at g.fernandesjeth@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEPTEMBER

Apply now for children aged 3 by the end of August 2017
Please call into the office to collect an application form.

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OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Nishaan Singh & Jasper Ho
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Shai Peterson – Howitt & Asiya Hossain - Khel
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Chika Michael & Matthias Nana
- South Kensington (Reception) – Beloslava Georgieva & Isaiah Miller
- Camden (Year 1) – Anabelle Hulbert & Keshika Mohanarajan
- Angel (Year 1) – Leo McMasters & Moseray Fadika
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Davina Aful & Miracle James
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Pippa Broughton & Abdul Majid Issoufou
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Sudanaz Gecsoyler & Raheem Russell
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Elsie Arno & Roddy Douglas
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Hawa During & Jay Patel
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Theo Gayle & Oshai Davis Thompson
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Amor Daniel – Kerr & Leah Miller
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – McKaylah Wright & Alex Crabtree
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Naomi McLaren & Milandra Bonelli
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Jagjit Singh & Sipho Khumalo
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Sindy Cupi & Liepa Zukauskaite
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Issa Saidmeerasah & Raagulan Senthilkumaran

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Oveya Prapagaran & Kaiden Ebie
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Dmitry Hudz & Elsie Clarke
- Sloane Square (Reception) - Elysia Wilks & Rah’Niyah Cato
- South Kensington (Reception) – Lachlan Arno & Samuel Clyne
- Camden (Year 1) – Princess Okameme & Fatoumata Tukara Sillah
- Angel (Year 1) – Davina Oruma & Immanuel Dapaah
- Marble Arch (Year 2) - Shareefa Henry & Thirusuthan Prapagaran
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Riyaan Ahmed & Destiny Brown
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Pinthusha Sivakumar & Robert Ladd
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Laila Hansali & Chika Osaka
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Lucy Bushell & Lexie Houghton
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Leshaya Monerville & Bobbi Rose Barker
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Hope Wise & Cillian Farrell - Bryan
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Ana Teixeira & Joshua John
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Shanna Gayle & Keira Bailey
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Raudhat Saleh & Gaveran Uthayakumar
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Patrick Ladd & Shamar Murphy
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Lillian Terletska & Adam Bouhenniba
Rathfern Food Bank

Thank you for your support in donating food items to the Rathfern Foodbank. To date we have received a fantastic response and are able to support the important work carried out by Lewisham Foodbank.

Please continue to donate the items into the food bins which are located at the school gates.

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

We will donate these items to our partners in the Lewisham Foodbank services who will distribute them to people who need support.

Please also see the poster competition for children on a separate flyer.

Debate Mate

Last Tuesday the Rathfern debating team were given the opportunity to attend our first Debate Mate competition. At first we thought the debate was very challenging but after a while we got used to it and it felt more comfortable. We won 5 out of 8 debates and we felt very proud and confident after. Overall, it was a fun experience and one to remember.

Holly & Lillian

Natural History Museum

Last week Y5 visited the very busy Natural History Museum to take part in a Volcanologist Workshop. In the workshop we learned more about how seismology can affect our world and have devastating effects on the environment. Whilst there, we also visited the earthquakes and volcanoes exhibition where we had to find the answers to a series of questions that Mr Fielding set us.

Shoreditch class

Fairytale Workshop

This week Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in a Fairytale Workshop with the Funky Fairy. The children were all really engaged and loved the workshop!

'I liked it when she took us to the fairy princess castle.'

Ailsa Reception

'I liked it when the queen ran away because we ate the pie.'

Andreas Year 1

'I liked the part when the queen brought the apple crumble for us to eat and we ate it. When she returned she was to crying but we were only pretending.'

Holly & Lillian

Shoreditch class
**Uniform**

Please ensure your child wears the correct school uniform.

The correct uniform for Nursery to Year 3 is a green sweatshirt, white polo shirt and grey trousers or a grey skirt and black shoes.

For children from year 4 to Year 6 the Sweatshirt changes to a V-Neck pullover, a white shirt and tie.

Children look very smart in their uniform and it makes life so much easier for you. Please make sure that you label their clothes.

**PE Kits**

Please ensure that your child brings in their PE kit on Monday and takes it home on Friday to be washed.

Children MUST wear their PE kit for PE lessons.

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**Royal Festival Hall**

Musical Extravaganza!

On Monday we went to the Royal Festival Hall. First we travelled to the Waterloo train station on the bumpy train. Then we arrived at the grand theatre. We sat in our comfy seats to watch the orchestra. There were lots of primary schools watching and we all sang the songs we had learnt in music as loudly as we could. We enjoyed watching the violin calmly playing the songs. The music was so happy and lively it made us smile. We had our delicious lunch by the London Eye watching the boats splashing in the River Thames. Finally, it was time to go back to school. We had so much fun we didn’t want to go back.

What a musical day!

Amari Year 2

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**Global Cafe**

Thank you to all of our friends and families who joined us at the Global Café last Thursday; it was a great success! We shared some wonderful food from around the world, listened to amazing musicians and singers and engaged in a fantastic exhibition of children’s learning. A special thank you to everyone who cooked and donated food for the café.

**Our Experience at the Global Cafe**

On Thursday 2\(^{nd}\) February, as part of Global Learning week, we held our annual Global Café. We celebrated our diverse and global community and our different cultures that we have at Rathfern. There were lots of performances and we got the opportunity to perform in the Choir. The experience was awesome. When so many people clapped at the end we felt so elated. Miss Sally sang a song from Portugal and we were doing a really fun circle dance. At a few points we even got to join in!!!

We had lots of dishes donated from many of our lovely parents and carers who cooked delicious meals for all the children to enjoy. There were all different varieties of food like chicken, dumplings and cakes. It was an amazing experience, like visiting different countries.
Sports News

Our Year 4 mixed football team competed in the annual St Dunstan’s Football tournament at the Jubilee Sports Ground on Monday afternoon. Unfortunately, even with victories over St Dunstan’s and St Christopher’s our team finished third in their group just losing out to Farrington’s and Breaside who went onto the semi-finals.

The Year 4 football team are on course to finish joint second in the Blackheath Schools League as Stillness have been crowned winners and can’t be caught by any of the other schools. The Year 5 team will win the league if they win their remaining league matches. Please stay focused lads!

Well done to the Year 3 Football Team after beating Haseltine 14-3 in a friendly but very competitive match played at the Bridge Leisure Centre two weeks ago. A fantastic result, keep up the hard work!

It was wonderful to finally see our Year 1 & 2 Football Team playing in their first match against Haseltine's Year 2 team.

Finally, a special thank you to all the pupils and parents who have attended Sunday Sports School this term. We will continue again after the half term break with Mixed Tag Rugby, Football and Mixed Basketball.

Please all pupils keep practising your ball manipulation skills at home during the half term break!

"Winners don’t sit around watching TV and playing on game consoles waiting to collect trophies and medals. They are always finding ways to improve themselves on a daily basis!"

Errison Ahwan

Year 6 – Dates for your diary

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017

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 World Book Day

SCHOOL VISITS:

Thursday 2nd March National Maritime Museum Year 5:
Shoreditch & Whitechapel

Monday 6th March National Maritime Museum Year 5: Hoxton

Thursday 9th March Old Royal Naval College Year 6

Monday 13th March Ragged School Museum Year 2

YEAR 6 DIARY DATES: SEE BOX ON PREVIOUS PAGE

ASSEMBLY DATES:

Reception: Thursday 16th March South Kensington
9.00am Friday 17th March Sloane Square

Year 1: Thursday 23rd March Angel Class
9.15am Friday 24th March Camden Class

Year 3: Wednesday 29th March St James’s Park
2.45pm Thursday 30th March Wimbledon Park

Year 4: Wednesday 15th March Oxford Circus

Year 5: Tuesday 21st March: Shoreditch
2.45pm Wednesday 22nd March: Whitechapel

Year 5: Thursday 22nd March: Hoxton
2.45pm Friday 24th March: