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

The term is flying by with only 2 more weeks left! The children have had many different experiences to enrich their learning from workshops and theatre groups to exciting days out; there is still so much more to come.

Naheeda Maharasingam  Julia Lannary
Executive Head    Head of School

Y5 & Y6 Leading citizens meet the Mayor of Lewisham

We had an exciting visit to the Civic Suite where we met the Mayor of Lewisham. We had the opportunity to go into the council chambers where councillors meet and discuss important issues. We asked a member of the young mayors team lots of questions and were involved in a debate.

We also went into the mayor’s chambers and learnt about the things that Steve Bullock does as the Mayor of Lewisham. We asked him questions such as…

- How is he going to change the pollution in Lewisham?
- What does he like about his job?

We had a great morning and even won a competition against other schools!

17th March 2017

Red Nose Day

This year we are raising money for Comic Relief by donating £1 to wear red clothes to school. Children and staff are encouraged to wear as much red as they can on Friday 24th March.

Red noses will be available to buy at the end of the day in the playground from Monday 20th March.

The money that is raised will help people that are less fortunate than ourselves, both in the UK and across Africa.

Chartwells

Our lunchtime caterers, Chartwells are recruiting…

- Cooks
- Kitchen assistants

If you feel you have the skills, are interested and want to find out more, please call the Head Office on…

020 8690 2149
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Maddi Hesketh & Evie Lewis
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Shayaan Yusufi Khan & Remi Forde-Simpson
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Mathias Nana & Ariana Betingyte Reid
- South Kensington (Reception) – Elsie Younger & Jacob Johnson
- Camden (Year 1) – Angelina Peart & Temani Wilks Hamid
- Angel (Year 1) – Trey Tomlinson & Yanislav Dimov
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Georgia Waterhouse & Yevgeny Hudz
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Barnaby Hayter & Abdul-Majid Issoufou
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Joel Barfi & Lolo Mzyece
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Roddy Douglas & Kadiatu Diallo
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Wahab Correia & Rashai Oshunkoya
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Eliss Burbeck & Emilia Hesketh
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Shyla Amadi Barrett & Azarai Conde
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Angel & Aminata Baanah - Jones
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Ella Louise – Duffield & Gospodina Rostas
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Sipho Khumalo & Alan Mwamba
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Bradley Chikadaya & David Uyiekpen
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Jhalen Braithwaite & Rihana Clarke-Harvey

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Oumar Fane & Temilade Olaniyan
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Eva Dillon & David Obayagbona
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Isaac Drummond & Serena Simans
- South Kensington (Reception) – Danny Sabir & Harry Healey
- Camden (Year 1) – Oliwia Douglas & Andreas Radu
- Angel (Year 1) – Fathi Abdifatah Mohamud & Logan Fierro
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Andy Biandji Mayap & Franki Pink
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Madeleine Pengelly & Rena Hugh
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Theo Barker & Pinthusha Sivakumar
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Jenaya Benjamin & Evie Clyne
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Tufan Turkoglu & Jessie Gambling
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Jake Lin & Jaida Benjamin
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Kwesian Barker & Arish Keteeswaran
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Aaron Alghali & Valon Hajrizaj
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Chante Lobban & Suviththa Kanesalingam
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Robert Singh – Riley & Rita Hugh
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Haja Konie & Gamze Karaoglan
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Ayman Chowdhury & Kaiya Beaton
Y5 Football

Well Done to the Year 5 team for going the whole season undefeated and winning the Y5 C league which was secured last Saturday after an impressive 6-0 win against Horniman Primary School! The players have been tremendous this year having a fully focused attitude towards training at lunchtimes every single day and now they have earned their reward.

Rathfern Year 5 Team One: Gaveran, Alan, Kay Kay, Musa, Aaron, Joshua B, Omari, Joshua D, Xander and Valon

Y2 Ragged School Museum

On Monday we went to the Ragged School Museum. In the Victorian classroom the teacher told us to write the date and learning objective on our slate boards. I couldn’t write on the slate board very well and my pencil fell down into the crack in the floor. I got in trouble and was told that I had to see Dr Banardo at the end of the day and tell him what I had done. Then we had to place our hands on our laps because they weren’t allowed on the table. I really enjoyed seeing the finger stocks that were used to stop children from fiddling with things. - Kyland - Marble Arch Class

Debate Mate Competition

Last Wednesday the Rathfern Debate Mate team (Year 5-6) participated in round 2 of the Urban Debate League. This time, we were competing against 3 other schools and luckily we won 5/8 debates! We were really proud of our results, especially when it was only our second debate ever!! The two motions we were debating about were: This house believes that it is better to give money to homeless charities rather than to give food, equipment or money directly to the homeless people and the other one was this house believes that adult children should look after their elderly parents. Some of our teams were proposition (agreeing with the motion); some were opposition (disagreeing with the motion).

Overall it was an amazing experience and we hope to become one of the best debating schools in the whole of the UK!!

Lillian

Mother’s Day Breakfast

Friday 24th March 7:45 – 8:30am in the Infant Hall
Earth Hour

Around the globe, millions of people, businesses, and landmarks set aside an hour to host events, switch off their lights, and make noise for climate change action. This year Earth Hour is at 8:30pm on Saturday 25th March 2017. Although we are not at school on that day take a moment to turn off all the electrical appliances not used, switch off lights that are not being used and think about the effect this will have on our planet. It makes such a difference!

For more information see the website on https://www.earthhour.org/what-is-earth-hour

Youth Games

On the 8th of March, 20 children were lucky enough to have the opportunity to be audience members at the Key Stage 3 London Youth Games Dance Competition. The competition was held at the very impressive Copperbox Arena in the Olympic Park. The standard of dance and choreography was incredibly high. It was inspiring to see, and has given the children an insight into what they could achieve in dance if they continue working hard!

Some of the children reflected on their day...

It was a wonderful experience seeing those young dancers. The audience loved every bit of it. It inspired all Rathfern pupils who were there and I guarantee you would have all loved it too! Thank you Miss Sophie and Miss Keira for taking us.

We had so much fun at the London Youth Games Dance Competition. I liked it when we got to dance in the breaks. I really enjoyed everyone’s performances. It was a very good experience for me.

Shianne

Mylca-Audrey

Old Royal Naval College
Year 6

Last week year six visited the ORNC (Henry VIII’s place of birth), for a Tudor study day. We were welcomed by a Tudor servant who taught us, the difference between rich and poor food, a Tudor dance and exposed us to Tudor clothing, which we even got to try on! Also we participated in a historical enquiry workshop, whereby we examined Tudor artefacts ad deciphered where they came from and what they were used for. It was a fantastic experience!
Come and see Anansi

On Monday a visitor came to Rathfern and told us a story about Anansi the spider and he was very funny. In the afternoon we had a workshop and made tableaus of our own Anansi stories. We had lots of fun. My favourite part of the day was when Anansi was tricking Bredda Puss and Bredda Tabbi.

Naythan and Lateef

“My favourite part was when we joined in to act out digging the hole. I liked it when he caught all of the different creatures and the snake.”

Alex

On Monday it was our lucky day. Adrian was telling us an Anansi story. We were all laughing and giggling.”

Tiffany

“It was funny and wonderful at the same time. I like it because it is a Jamaican book. Adrian shared a beautiful story with us.”

Parris

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

The price of a school dinner will increase by 10p per day to £2.10 from Tuesday 2nd May. £10.50 per week.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS

Friday 31st March is the last day for Nursery applications. If you haven’t applied yet make sure you do as availability is limited.

World Book Day and Beyond: Celebrating Poetry

Monday 20th March: Sharing Books with children Join us in KS1 Hall from 9.00 -9.30am. To find out more about reading with Children.

Wednesday 23rd March : Join us at 3.10 to share a Poetry Session

Friday 24th March: Red Nose Day : Everyone to wear Red and donate a £1 PLUS we will be sharing silly poems.

Tuesday 27th March: Book Swap day
Your child can bring in a book they no longer read and swap it for a book donated by another child.
FOOTBALL REPORT

Hello my name is Leshaya and I am a girl who loves football, it is my favourite thing to do in my spare time. I am very passionate about football and many other sports, but football will always be my favourite. On Monday 6th March 2017 my PE teachers Errison and Miss Sophie took me and a group of girls to participate in two school matches. The match was at Haseltine Primary School. On our very first visit a week ago, we lost the match so this week we wanted to do a lot better.

In the first match I started off in goal because nobody else wanted to. Within minutes Kia scored a goal for Rathfern, the other team were unable to get past me and we won 3-0. These matches are fun but I was a little scared, that’s because I am in year 4 and these matches are for children in years 5 & 6.

In the second match I was finally out of goal and up front. The other team scored 2 points while we still had none. With hard work and patience my school scored the equalising goals. I really thought we would win again but the other team scored their winning goal in the last minute.

It was amazing to have been given this opportunity to represent the school in these girl’s football matches. Thank you to Errison and Miss Sophie for the chance to improve my football skills, it was a huge privilege. Thank you to my other team mates, I hope that we get better as a team and that we have better games in the future.

Leshaya Year 4
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017

MARCH

Monday 20th
Poetry Week

Wednesday 22nd
Ensemble Performance

Friday 24th
Mother’s Day Breakfast
Infant Hall 7:45am – 8:30am

Friday 24th
Comic Relief Day – Everyone to wear red for £1

Monday 27th
Science Week

Wednesday 29th
Y6 SATs & School Journey Meeting

Friday 31st March
Last Day of Term

SCHOOL VISITS:

Monday 20th March
Visit to The Bank of England Museum Year 4

Tuesday 21st March
Gymnastic Competition Selected KS2 children

Wednesday 22nd March
WE Day Selected KS2 children

Easter Holidays
Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April
Children back to school on Tuesday 18th April

ASSEMBLY DATES:

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 5:
Tuesday 21st March: Shoreditch
2.45pm Wednesday 22nd March: Whitechapel
Friday 24th March: Hoxton
On 1st March the annual primary and secondary school dance festival was held in the Ken Kirby Theatre at Forest Hill School. The festival was a great success including dances from year 3 to year 12. There were 13 dances including solos, duets, trios and group dances from three primary schools, Year 11 girls from Sydenham School and Year 7 and 11 Forest Hill boys. The atmosphere was fantastic and the venue perfect!

The primary schools who took part in the festival were Horniman, Rathfern and Fairlawn. All of the dances were well rehearsed and very well executed. It was so good to see so many young people sharing their dances with each other. The primary schools were very excited to show their dances and thoroughly enjoyed watching students from Sydenham and Forest Hill. The secondary students were excellent role models for the younger children. There were over 100 spectators and over 100 dancers!

Well done to everyone who took part and a special thank you to the Dance department at Forest Hill School who organised the venue.

G. BURT SPORTS COORDINATOR