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

The children have had a wonderful spring term. They continue to show commitment to their learning and we are sure that they will create some fantastic projects over the Easter Break. Have a wonderful rest. We look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

Naheeda Maharasingam  Julia Lannary
Executive Head  Head of School

31st March 2017

Red Nose Day
We raised a whopping £187.87
Thank you to all of the children and families that supported through buying red noses and raffle tickets and by wearing red to school.

Thank you too to Elena James who raised £10 from making and selling cakes for Red Nose Day.

Winner of the Raffle – Red Nose Nose – Leila in Hoxton class.

Dinner Money

There will be an increase of 10p per day for dinner money payments from Tuesday 2nd May. This is an increase made by the Local Authority.

Reception Times

We would like to remind all parents of the opening and closing times for the school.

Gates will not be open before 8.45am

School Office Opening:
Morning: 8.45am-9.30am & Afternoon: 3.15pm – 4.00pm.

Nursery:
- 11.45 for morning pick up
- 12.45 for Afternoon drop off.

We cannot open the gate before these times for safety reasons.

Noticeboards

Please look out for the changes to the noticeboards in the playgrounds

Infant building – Friends of Rathfern & key information
Junior building – Newsletter & club information
Reception – Important notices
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Lowrie Pelling & Azra Ermis
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Eelavan Gnaneswaran & Zach Connor
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Abdulai Konie & Mercy Odumade
- South Kensington (Reception) – Iman Yong & Prince Mensah
- Camden (Year 1) – Bulut Yesibulut & Clinton Chima Amadi
- Angel (Year 1) – Trey Tomlinson & Yanislav Dimov **
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Jeremih Whyte & Desiha Brown
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Kejsi Salkurti & Destiny Brown
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Max Dodsworth & Janelle Hiatsi
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Naveen Gnaneswaran & Cecil During
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Sumaela Sumareh Touray & Lucy Bushell
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Eliss Burbeck & Emilia Hesketh **
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Elizabeth Mensah & Aedan Branker - Olojugba
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Cameron Achille – Dillon & Adriano Lee Wynter Thompson
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Naomi McLaren & Izzabel Redman
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Shade Oshunkoya & Musa Conteh
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Sandreen Brown & Jeremy Sanmoogan
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Kaiya Beaton & Jhalen Braithwaite

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria (Nursery) – Evie Lewis & Athiyah Uthayachandran
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Rhea Whyte & Hao Lin
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Kelvina Aidooh & Joseph McLaren
- South Kensington (Reception) – Harry Healy & Minnie O’Shea
- Camden (Year 1) – Lateef Correia & Leon Connor
- Angel (Year 1) – Fathi Abdifatah Mohamud & Logan Fierro **
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Zenia Hudz & Eshe Hibbert
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Vehbi Mehmet Turkoglu & Fatima Sumareh Touray
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Tricia Mansaray & David Ijiapo
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Chika Oraka & Melissa Clayton - Bainbridge
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Tom Holland & Alisha Robinson
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Jake Lin & Jaida Benjamin **
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Karla Ogbeifun & Cassandra Onica
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Rassul Vali & Ana Teixeira
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Ethan Fagan & Alba Mato Santana
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Gaveryan Uthayakumar & Rebecca Bushell
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Kavi Prapagaran & Savanna Davis – Thompson
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Destiny Anglin & Brooke Miller
Football

“An athlete cannot run with money in his pockets. He must run with hope in his heart and dreams in his head.”
- Emil Zatopek

Well Done to the Year 5 football team for winning the Lewisham school’s league and making it through to another cup final. Alan, Kay-kay, Musa, Gaveran, Joshua B, Joshua D, Omari, Xander, Valon and Aaron.

Congratulation to the Year 3 & 4 for winning the LSC football festival last Thursday, two 1-0 victories against Gordonbrook and St Michaels followed by two 0-0 draws with Haseltine and Dalmain was enough to secure 1st place. Well done - Xander, Cillian, Kaycey, Micah, Theo, Charlie, Bilal, Issac, Shaun and Andy Year 2.

Girls Football

Our Year 5 & 6 girls team produced another solid performance with a well earned 0-0 draw against Kelvin Grove. Woman of the match, Sophia, playing her best game ever to single-handedly shut out every attack thrown at her by the other team. Well done Sophia!

Girls Team: Liepa, Lucy, Sandreen, Kaiya, Kia, Chloe, Leshaya, Sophia & Aidreana
**Y4 Bank of England Museum**

On Monday 20\textsuperscript{th} March, Year 4 visited the Bank of England in central London. We took a train to Lewisham and then the DLR to Bank. After a short stroll we arrived at the Bank of England. Inside we learnt about the history of money, when the bank was built and we got to play some interesting games about interest rates. We ate lunch on the steps of the Royal Exchange before making our journey back to school. I would give the trip 4½ stars out of 5 because it was amazing!

By Reuben Oxford Circus Class

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**The Riot Act**

Last week ‘The Riot Act’ visited year six to deliver a road safety theatre production. The children had to use the clues to decipher how the accident occurred and gathered tips on how to stay safe when using public transport and crossing the road!

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**DEBATE MATE:**

On Thursday the Debate Mate Team went to Goldsmiths University to participate in exciting debates. We were separated into two teams and competed against other schools, we even made some friends. One of our motions was to give children money for good exam results. After, Miss O’Sullivan even got into a debate, her team didn’t win but it was still great fun. Kia even won a Nandos voucher for her amazing floor speech. Overall, it was a great day and we would love to go again. Our school came 3\textsuperscript{rd} out of 32 schools.

Debate Mate will start again in September for years 5 & 6.

Milandra – Hoxton Class & Lexie - Oxford Circus Class

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**Dance Team**

**Lewisham Live Festival**

On the 16\textsuperscript{th} March, 18 children from Miss Keira’s dance club went to Catford Broadway Theatre to participate in the Lewisham live festival. We were able to showcase our amazing talent to an audience of parents and carers.

We had been practising a dance routine for 6 weeks, which was hard but it was all worth it.

On the night we were all excited but scared at the same time, there were lots of lights and people. However it felt fantastic to perform with our friends!

Lexie (Oxford Circus Class)
Rathfern Gymnasts win the Lewisham Borough Finals!

30th March 2017

We are extremely excited to announce that both the Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 Gymnastics Team won their Lewisham Borough Key Steps Gymnastics Competition! They will now go on to represent the Borough in the London Youth Games, competing against the other London borough winners.

The squad have committed many hours of their own time to learning routines and training. It was a wonderful moment to see all of their hard work pay off, and prove that Rathfern really are the best in the borough!

The PE team are very proud of our gymnasts, and hope that this goes to show that anything is possible if you put your mind to it!
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017

APRIL
Tuesday 18th
Children **RETURN TO SCHOOL**

MAY
Monday 1st
Bank Holiday **SCHOOL CLOSED**
Throughout May
Y2 SATs
Monday 8th –
Y6 SATs
Thursday 11th
Wednesday 17th
Year 6 Final school journey meeting
Friday 26th
Last day of term

SCHOOL VISITS:
Friday 28th April
V & A Museum
Year 5 Shoreditch & Hoxton
Wednesday 10th May
Museum of London
Year 4
Friday 12th May
V & A Museum
Year 5 Whitechapel
Thursday 15th June
Science Museum
Year 5 Hoxton
Friday 16th June
Science Museum
Year 5 Shoreditch & Whitechapel
Monday 22nd May
Wide Horizons
Year 4

Uniform
As the weather becomes warmer children may wear a green summer dress or grey school shorts to school.
Please remember that children should only wear small studs or sleepers to school. Larger hooped earring can be dangerous as children can get them caught in clothing or have them accidently pulled from their ears.
Children from Y3 – Y6 may wear a small wristwatch to school.
A small religious neck chain may also be worn but must be tucked under clothing and removed for PE.
You can now order uniform online at
[http://wearaboutsschoolwear.co.uk](http://wearaboutsschoolwear.co.uk)

Mother’s Day Breakfast
Thank you to the Friends of Rathfern for hosting an amazing Mother’s Day Breakfast on Friday 24th March. Our families thoroughly enjoyed it and appreciated the thought.