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

The term is now in full flow. There are lots of exciting educational visits planned to enhance the children’s learning experiences. Thank you to everyone who managed to meet their child’s class teacher and continue to support their learning journey at Rathfern. Thank you to those of you that have completed the Parent Questionnaire, if you haven’t done so already, please complete it and return to the school office by Wednesday 8th March.

Naheeda Maharasingam    Julia Lannary
Executive Head          Head of School

ANNUAL SCHOOL TRIPS

Please ensure that you have paid the £30 contribution for school visits.

We do have a number of parents who have outstanding arrears.

It is really important that we are able to send our children on these visits 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.

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 and it would take place during the first 2 weeks of the summer break (24th July to 4th August). If you are interested in taking up this service this summer, please register your interest by Friday 9th March by e-mailing Gail in the office at:

g.fernandesjoeth@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

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) – Lucia Von Tunzelmann & Samuel James
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Soulaimage Izerkhef & Michael Oruma
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Markiyan Terletskiy & Isaac Drummond
- South Kensington (Reception) – Talyn Montieth & Musab Ozyurt
- Camden (Year 1) – AnaJahvari James Richards & Joseph Temple
- Angel (Year 1) – Bintou Sumareh Touray & Moseray Fadika
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Ava Arivo & Patrick Corcoran
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Jugga Singh & Rebekah Johnson
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Rianna Babalola & Hilal Abrahimi
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Elijah Benjamin & Micah Coward
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Tufan Turkoglu & Tom Holland
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Tommy Hai Li & Larisa Olaru
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Harisana Kantheepan and Shianne Henry
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Elena James & Crissan Marshall
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Yasmin Loudiyi & Samuel Samba
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Jumana Rakik & Giles Aguguesi
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Mekhi Millwood & Ajanhi Olibert
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Lillian Terletska & Ashwin Uthayachandran

LEADING CITIZENS

- Victoria AM (Nursery) – Nimota Rasheed & Yann Adigun
- Victoria PM (Nursery) – Zach Connor & Shyanna Peterson-Howitt
- Sloane Square (Reception) – Angel James & Khadijat Olabiyi
- South Kensington (Reception) – Beloslava Georgieva & Samuel Okpara
- Camden (Year 1) – Angelina Peart & Aisha Ahmed
- Angel (Year 1) – Fathi Abdifatah Mohamud & Jack Waterhouse
- Marble Arch (Year 2) – Stacey Cupi & Abdul Majid Issoufou
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Ella Nando & Samuel Okpara
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Jessica Krishnakumar & Pemisire Bolanle Amure
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Kadiatu Diallo & Artyom Eero
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Kyla Amadi – Barrett & Wahab Correira
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Devine Anglin & Bilal Abrahimi
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Naomi Radu and Temani Padmore
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – Cameron Achille - Dillon & Benjamin Brooks - Smith
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Zara Nding’uri & Sami Shabazz
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Alan Mwamba & Ashley Edwards
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Cloe Ajala & Hanan Ahmed
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Mischa Soobramony & Holly Whittington
Rathfern Food Bank

Thank you for your continued support in donating food items to the Rathfern Foodbank. To date we have received a fantastic response and are able to continue 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.

Multi Skills Festival

Rathfern pupils attended a multi-skills festival at Sydenham School, where we were able to experience a range of Olympic and Paralympic events such as Curling, Boccia and Seated Volleyball. We had so much fun learning about new sports and meeting children from other local schools.

Two of our pupils reflected on their day...

The three games I liked the best were Wheelchair Basketball, Seated Volleyball and Curling. Wheelchair Basketball was my favourite game because I like saving goals. I had lots of fun on the blue team.

Jaydon – Wimbledon Park Class

I had an exciting day learning new skills. I loved playing the Wheelchair Basketball, and aiming the red ball at the target in the game of Boccia.

Raheem – St James Park Class

Addleshaw Goddard

Last Friday, some of the Year 6 class got the opportunity to visit Addleshaw Goddard which is a large lawyers firm in the City of London. We got to meet the people who work there as lawyers and other roles within the company. We got to explore the different parts of this amazing building and found out about the different departments and how they work collaboratively.

We were very grateful for this opportunity and experience and it opened our minds to new job opportunities in our futures.

By Brooke and Kaiya

Florence Nightingale

Last week Florence Nightingale visited the Reception classes.

This is what the children thought...

I liked it when all the people dressed up.
She does the medical on soldiers.
I was the very special man that let her be a doctor.
I enjoyed it when I had the lamp and when we got to touch the green soap.
I played her sister.
I liked it when we smelt the white soap.
Her sister is called Pop.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017

WHOLE SCHOOL EVENTS

Friday 24th March
Red Nose Day – Comic Relief

Friday 24th March
Mother’s Day breakfast 7:45 – 8:30am

20th March
Poetry Week

27th March
Science Week

SCHOOL VISITS:

Monday 6th March
National Maritime Museum
Year 5: Hoxton

Monday 6th March
Junior Citizens Day
Year 6

Wednesday 8th March
Round 2 of the Debate Mate Competition
Children from Years 5 & 6

Wednesday 8th March
Inspirational Youth Games
Children from Years 3 - 5
- dance group

Thursday 9th March
Old Royal Naval College
Year 6

Monday 13th March
Ragged School Museum
Year 2

Easter Holidays

Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April

Children back to school on Tuesday 18th April

ASSEMBLY DATES:

Reception: Thursday 16th March
9.00am
South Kensington

9.15am
Sloane Square

Year 1: Thursday 23rd March
9.15am
Angel Class

Wednesday 29th March
2.45pm
Camden Class

Thursday 30th March
Wimbledon Park

Year 4:
Wednesday 15th March
Oxford Circus

2.45pm
Shoreditch

Year 5: Tuesday 21st March:
2.45pm
Whitechapel

Wednesday 22nd March:
Friday 24th March:
Hoxton

Year 6 – Dates for your diary

24th Feb
Final date for £80 deposit

16th March
2nd instalment £60.00

29th March
School Journey & SATS meeting at 6pm

20th April
3rd instalment £50.00

8th May
Y6 SATs WEEK

17th May
Final school journey meeting 6pm

18th May
4th instalment £50.00
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
Wednesday 22nd February 2017 over 60 pupils attended a festival

Eight primary schools who are part of the Sydenham & Forest Hill cluster, gathered in the sports hall for a fun packed festival on Wednesday afternoon. Dalmain, Rathfern, Horniman, Eliot Bank, Fairlawn, Perrymount, St. Michael’s & Haseltine each brought a group of pupils from reception to year 6 to try out agility, balancing and coordination skills.

This was the third time to run an inclusive multi skills festival and it was so successful again. My aim was to involve pupils of all ages who may not usually have the opportunity to take part in other festivals. I wanted pupils to experience Paralympic events such as sitting volleyball, wheelchair basketball, curling and boccia and also a ‘fun zone’. Each pupil spend fifteen minutes at each event which was led by year 6 buddy’s from Perrymount Primary School and Sports Leaders from Sydenham School, then moved on to the next activity. They were given extra time at the end to re visit activities that they particularly liked. They were all very excited and thoroughly enjoyed the leaders joining i. They were superb leaders and role models!

The festival was a good experience for pupils to meet children from other schools and to visit a Secondary School. It was fantastic to see the children mixing and playing games with pupils from other schools 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 and concentrating on their new sports.

There were approximately 80 adults too, so cameras were clicking and i pads filming non stop! Several parents said that their child had a brilliant time and it was amazing to see their child mixing with children from other schools and smiling the whole time!

I would like to thank Ann Pittman from Perrymount School for her help and the loan of the equipment.

Every pupil received a certificate.

G. BURT SPORTS COORDINATOR