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

This year has flown by and you now have the summer holidays to recharge your batteries and rest with you children. We would like to thank you for all your support over the last year. Your children continue to thrive, achieve and love learning at Rathfern. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at Rathfern for making this year so successful...

- Teachers
- Teaching assistants
- Admin and premises
- Lunchtime supervisors
- Dining hall staff
- Wraparound team
- Cleaners

Mrs Maharasingam & Miss Lannary
Executive Head             Head of School

PS – I look forward to being back at the helm in September. I have missed you all!

Mrs Maharasingam

THANK YOU
We want to thank our Outstanding Chair of Governors and the Governing Body for all their support and hard work.

We would like to say farewell and very warm wishes to...

- Miss Chandni
- Miss Catherine
- Mr Leo
- Mr Aaron
- Miss Nimoh
- Miss Hettie
- Miss Callaghan
- Mr Swift

who will be leaving Rathfern. We will miss them dearly.
Events across the year 2016-17

- Debate Mate Competition
- Shakespeare’s ‘A Winters Tale’ performed at the Albany Theatre
- Learning attribute art projects across the school
- Centre of Excellence Inclusion Quality Mark
- DT workshops in all classes
- Sporting achievements
  - Tri Golf Competition
  - Basketball Competition
  - Netball Tournament
  - Quad Kids Athletics
  - Football Competition
  - Gymnastics Competition
  - Tag Rugby Competition
  - Dance Festival
  - Youth Games
- Success of the Lewisham Foodbank, 164Kg of food collected
- Leading Citizens meeting the Mayor of Lewisham
- Performance at the Turning of the Year Concert
- Early Years & Key Stage One Christmas Performances
- Performance at Dunstan’s College
- Djembe drummers performance at Kaleidoscope
- Choir performance at the Royal Festival Hall
- Winter Fair
- Author visits across the school
- Global Café
- Science workshops & assemblies for all classes
- Performance at Lewisham Live
- Mother’s Day Breakfast
- Eagle Heights visit to Rathfern
- Y6 School Journey to Wales
- Father’s Day Breakfast
- Summer Fair
- Drummers & Gymnasts performance at Blythe Hill Park
- Brazilian Drummers performance at Tower of London
- Careers Day
- Whole School Sustainable Goals Protest
- Sports day
- Y6 End of Year performance of Bugsy Malone
- Summer Concert
LEADING CITIZENS CLASS REPRESENTATIVES FOR 2016-2017

- Marble Arch (Year 2) - Ashton McClean Elliott
- Tottenham Court Rd (Year 2) – Barnaby Hayter & Yasmin Patel
- St James’s Park (Year 3) – Jake Connor & Tahliyah Codlin
- Wimbledon Park (Year 3) – Elijah Benjamin & Mylca-Audrey Koffi
- Oxford Circus (Year 4) – Jessica Gambling & Xander Hayter
- Baker Street (Year 4) – Nyasia Martin & Naomi John Odutuyo
- Regents Park (Year 4) – Shianne Henry & Jaydan Dunkley
- Shoreditch High St (Year 5) – McKaylah Wright & Amber Bowden
- Hoxton (Year 5) – Leila Issoufou & Wen Lin He
- Whitechapel (Year 5) – Delany Chuter Clarke & Kay – Kay Tassie
- Knightsbridge (Year 6) – Liepa Zukauskaite & David Uyiekpen
- Piccadilly Circus (Year 6) – Barrington Everett Howden & Davina Green Wright

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS
This time the award goes to the whole school for achieving so much and being such wonderful citizens of the Rathfern community of learners

GOODBYE YEAR 6
We wish you all the success for the future. Live and breathe the Core Values, apply the learning attributes and you will flourish, success comes to those who dare and act. So dare to be bold and resolute to succeed.

Head boy: Patrick Ladd & Tiara Walker
Deputy Head Boy: Vithun Gnameeswaran & Lillian Terletksa
Prefects: Haja Konie, Sindy Cupi, Joel Afful, Zohra Darwishi, Jackson Armstrong, David Uyiekpen, Rhiana Clarke Harvey, Brooke Miller, Issa Saidmeerasedah, Jhalen Braithwaite
DATES

September
INSET DAYS
Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th
Children return to school
Wednesday 6th
Soft start begins for Y1 – Y6
Monday 11th
Coffee mornings Y5 & Y6
Monday 11th
Coffee mornings Y3 & Y4
Tuesday 12th
Coffee mornings Y1 & Y2
Wednesday 13th
Community Tea Party
Friday 22nd 2pm – 3pm
How to nurture a love of reading
Tuesday 26th
October
Whole school individual photographs
Monday 11th
Managing Social Media – Parents, carers & school discussion
Tuesday 12th
Last day of term
Thursday 12th
Children return to school
Friday 20th
Monday 30th

ParentMail

From September we will be sending out ALL letters, forms and newsletters via Parentmail, except to those who have requested paper copies. Thank you to all the parents / carers who have signed up to this service, for those who haven’t informed us of their email address please do so as soon as possible. You can either email Gail at gfernandesjeth.209@lgflmail.org OR admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk Thank you for your support.

Soft Start

There will be no soft start for the first week of the Autumn Term. Soft start will begin on Monday 11th September for years 1 to 6.

Reception Classes

- We encourage you to support your child’s induction by taking them into class to settle then during autumn 1.
- For autumn 2 children join the rest of the school for soft start. This is where the reception teachers will meet and greet you at the entrance to the building.
Thank you to the following children who have represented our school so well and to their parents who have supported their children and the school.

Djembe Drummers - Remi Uzdras
Kaleidoscope Workshop for hearing impaired children, Global Cafe, Supporting younger years in July Drumming assemblies.

Nathan Hiatsi
Amari Campbell
Jackson Armstrong
Cienna Ramlal - Henry
Isaiah Daapah
Ayman Chowdhury
Adam Bouhenniba
Barrington Everett Howden
Ana Teixeira
Nelson Salami
Jumana Rakik

Brazilian Drummers - Sally McPherson
Royal Festival Hall Gala Concert, Summer Fair, Blythe Hill Fair, Tower of London, Global Cafe

Raven Pink
David Njoku
Tommy Hai Le
Tyrique Gabbidon
Joshua Daniels
Khairy Jarrett
Cienna Ramlal- Henry
Samuel Samba
Hawa During
Elizabeth Mensah
David Israel
Paris Wales
Crisssan Marshall
McKaylah Wright
Cecil During

Ensemble - Summer Fair - Alon Ramage

Issa Saidmeerasah
Tyrique Gabbidon
Destiny Anglin
Alyse Townsend
Sipho Khumalo
Alex Crabtree
Dancers

**Year 2 Dance Club**
Amari Renee' Jackman-Kallo
Destiny Brown
Desire Brown
Aishat Rasheed
Eshe Hibbert
Devina Afful
Thierry Ramalal-Henry
Rio Singh-Dacres
Andy Pierre Kameni Biandji Mayap
Ashton Mclean-Elliott

**Keiras Dance Team**
Milandra Bonelli
Jessie Gambling
Max Dodsworth
Melita Londhe McKechnie
Laila Hansali
Evie Clyne
Keira Bailey
Zara Ndinguri
Lexie Houghton
Karla Ogbeifun
Briana Jones Kesler
Amaiayah Mortley Simms
Kie Purnell
Ana Benefo
Elena James
Jay Patel
Janelle Hiatsu
Chante Lobban

**Reece's Dance Class**
Nelson Salami
Musa Conteh
Kay – Kay Tassie
Churchill Turner
Yusuf Olabiyi
Al-Wasy Alam
Robert Singh Riley

**Errisons Football Teams:**

**Year 5**
Gaaveran
Omari
Joshua B
Joshua D
Alan
Giles
Kay Kay
Musa
Valon
Aaron

**Year 3&4**
Charlie
Xander
Issac
Cillian
Shaun
Bilal
Micah
Andy
Theo

**Year 1&2**
Jugga
David P
Barnaby
Go-Go
Thierry
Rio
Yaad
Filip

**Year 6**
David U
Bradley

Well done to our year 6 hockey winning the annual Sami Sports Hockey Competition held at Sedgehill Secondary School.
The achievement was impressive as we didn't even concede a single goal.
Well done to David U, Chole, Liepa, Joanna, Amari, Joel, Bradley, Maryam, Jeremy and Sandreen.

It's been the best year ever for Rathfern with our sporting achievements.
Well done to all involved.

A special thank you to all the parents and carers for your support.
On Thursday the 6\textsuperscript{th} of July 2017 our Borough Champion Gymnasts did an amazing job representing Lewisham at the London Youth Games. We would like to congratulate them on their outstanding commitment and achievements this year. We didn’t medal at the games, but are going to continue working hard and come back next year even stronger!

**The Squad**

Matilda Broughton  
Sophia De Pantaleone  
Himayel Adnan  
David Israel  
Joel Afful  
Kaiya Beaton  
Delaney Chuter - Clarke
Music Exam Results

We would like to say a special congratulations to our keen musicians who have studied for and passed music exams this year, they have shown real dedication to practising their instruments. We hope that they will go on to pursue further musical opportunities and higher grades, and will find the necessary focus and perseverance that this will entail.

**Piano Prep Test**
Jaida Benjamin - Baker Street
Harisana Kantheepan - Regents Park
Akia Stewart Hinds - Baker Street

**Grade One Piano**
Ayman Chowdhury - Piccadilly Circus

**Grade One Violin**
Destiny Anglin - Piccadilly Circus

**Grade One Drum Kit**
Tyrique Gabbidon - Hoxton - Passed with Distinction

To take an instrumental exam children need to be attending instrumental lessons, have been learning for at least one or two years, be able to read music notation and ideally to be practising every day. If you would like your child to be considered for a music exam, please make this known to your music tutor, and they will be able to let you know if your child is ready.

Please note that not all children find that the music exam path is right for them, some musicians prefer to learn without reading music, and some without taking exams. We are happy to discuss with you which approach may be best for your child.