



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

20th October 2017

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

It has been another successful half term at Rathfern and children have continued the great start they have made to this new term.

Just a reminder that this half term ends today and the children return to school on Monday 30th October at 8.55 am.

Best wishes for a restful half term.

Mrs Maharasingam

Head Teacher

Target Setting Appointments

Letters went out this week in preparation for Target Setting meetings in the week after half term. Please see your child's class teacher if you haven't booked an appointment.

STARTING SCHOOL 2018 NURSERY

Parents please note that if your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, your child is eligible to start Reception at Rathfern in September 2018.

Applications need to be made online at admissions at www.eadmissions.org.uk.

The deadline for applications is 15th January 2018 however it is recommended you apply by Monday 8th January 2018.

All the information you need to apply for a primary school can be accessed by the Local Authority's website at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primary

Please see the website for our Open Mornings.

PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE

Lost learning time has a detrimental impact upon your child's learning progress.

Effective learners have excellent attendance and punctuality.

Thank you to those parents who are punctual I do notice you!

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

Changes to the end of day picking up arrangements need to be phoned through to the school office before 3pm.

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SCHOOL VISITS

Horton Kirby Year 3

On Tuesday 10th October, both year 3 classes visited Horton Kirby to learn more about our topic, The Stone Age. We were greeted by a lovely lady, Miss Tracey, who was our educator for the day.

We took part in many exciting and engaging activities such as, creating a human timeline, making real cave paintings, lighting a fire using flint and steel, excavating for real Stone Age artefacts and even becoming part of a tribe to hunt for animals!!!

We had a fantastic day out at Horton Kirby and we were exhausted by the time we got back to school.

King Smith Class



Year 5 Tower of London

On the 3rd October Year 5 went on an incredible trip to the Tower of London. We travelled on public transport and once we arrived at the big castle, everyone buzzed with excitement. Each class got to take part in three activities. We got a glimpse of the majestic and spectacular Crown Jewels. We also visited the White Tower and the Bloody Tower. Here we learnt about the history and discovery of the two princes that mysteriously died there. After much excitement we finally got to learn about the wives of Henry VIII and we re-enacted some of the historical scenes with our guide. We have learnt so many new things about Kings and Queens and we loved every moment of our trip.

Year 1 Red Bus Tour

On Thursday Year One went to London on an old red bus. We saw Tower Bridge and the Shard. We saw lots of sights but The London Eye was my favourite. We had our lunch at the park where we got to play after. It was a very fun trip!

Olivia

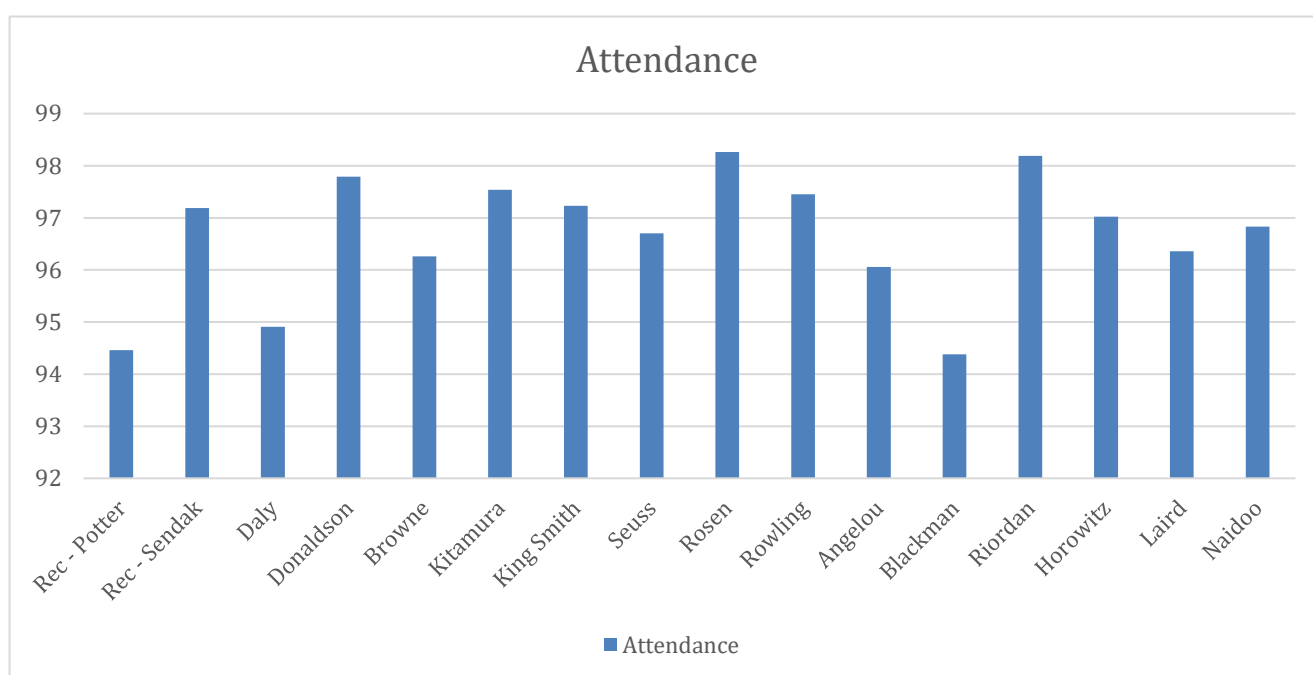


ATTENDANCE MATTERS

"It has been a disappointing start with attendance this term, with 16 families on holiday during the first two weeks of school. Just to remind you that the government expectation for attendance is over 95% for every child. Any attendance under 90% will be considered a persistent absence. It is parent's responsibility to ensure regular school attendance and failing to do so may lead to legal action being taken. "

Thank you to all those parents who ensure excellent attendance (96.5%+).

Congratulations to **Year 4 Rosen** for achieving the highest attendance this half term. Closely followed by **Year 5 Riordan**, and **Year 1 Donaldson**. Thank you to all the parents/carers who support their children in arriving on time, and attending school every day. *Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.*



Attendance Statistics for period 04 Sep 2017 - 20 Oct 2017
Whole School Attendance 96.5%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017

23rd – 27th October HALF TERM

OCTOBER

****Clubs recommence on week beginning 6th November****

31st **Target Setting 3.40pm – 6.00 pm**

Debate Mate – 16 children from Years 5 & 6

Coffee Morning for Reception Parents

NOVEMBER

2nd **Target Setting 3.40pm – 6.00 pm**

Netball Competition

3rd Open Morning

6th Y4 visit to the Science Museum

9th Angelou class performing The Tempest at the Catford Broadway Theatre.

Primary Penathlon – Sports festival for children with SEN

10th Immunisations for children in Reception – Year 4

16th Managing Social Media Parent / carer & school discussion

9.00-9:30 and 5.00-5:30pm

17th Y5 to visit the British Museum

DECEMBER

6th Turning of the Year Concert Year 4 – 6 Choir

at Blackheath Halls - 7.00pm

8th Open Day for new Parents & Carers – New date added

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Reception & Nursery Thursday 7th 2.00pm

Friday 8th 10.00 am

Year 1 & Year 2 Thursday 14th 2.00pm

Friday 15th 9.30am

Year 3 – Year 6
at St Dunstons Wednesday 20th 2.00pm

ASSEMBLIES

15th November Kitamura Class 9.15am - 9.30pm

16th November Browne Class 9.15am – 9.30pm

21st November Riordan Class 2.50pm – 3.20pm

FOOTBALL



**SYDENHAM &
FOREST HILL
PRIMARY
SCHOOLS
12TH OCTOBER
2017**

OCTOBER 2017

YEARS 5 & 6 GIRLS & BOYS



RATHFERN



FOOTBALL FESTIVAL....

On Thursday 12th October 2017 SIX primary schools attended a festival at Elm Lane.

The standard of football at the year 5 & 6 football festival held at Elm Lane was excellent! The pace was fast and there were some amazing goals scored. The weather was dry and sunny. Six schools competed against each other in a boys round robin tournament and all six schools entered a girls team too. The atmosphere was exciting and it was lovely to see the players all shaking hands at the end of each match. It was good to see players meeting peers from neighbouring schools and meeting new challenges. Well done to Rathfern boys and to Horniman girls teams! Some schools scored the same points so the number of goals they scored had to be taken into account.

All pupils were given a certificate each and the winning teams, a medal each.

There were approximately 120 pupils taking part and about 100+ spectators!

The festival was a great success!
Well done everyone!

BOYS RESULTS POINTS

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| 1st | RATHFERN | 13 |
| 2nd | GORDONBROCK | 12 |
| 3rd | DALMAIN | 11 |
| 4th | ELIOT BANK | 10 |
| 5th | PERRYMOUNT | 9 |
| 6th | HORNIMAN | 5 |

GIRLS RESULTS

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|-----|-------------|----|
| 1st | HORNIMAN | 14 |
| 2nd | DALMAIN | 12 |
| 3rd | RATHFERN | 12 |
| 4th | GORDONBROCK | 10 |
| 5th | PERRYMOUNT | 6 |
| 6th | ELIOT BANK | 6 |



G BURT SPORTS COORDINATOR



ERRISONS SPORT REPORT

"Congratulations to the Year 6 quicksticks hockey team who came runners up in the Lewisham Borough hockey finals last week. Rathfern lost a close fought match against Brindish Green 1-0, however reaching the finals after only 4 weeks of training is a great accomplishment in itself. Well done guys.

Amber, Parris, Kaci, Keira, Delaney, Musa (Captain) Jagjit, Gaveran, Sami, Omari and Kay Kay."

Well done to all the classes from year 3-6 participating in 'The Daily Mile' please try to continue running and walking for at least 15 minutes a day during the half term break

The PE team are pleased to announce that there will be free extracurricular activities starting after half term

- Basketball Club - Mixed
- School football team training sessions - Mixed
- Change for Life Football Club - Mixed

Letters for these extracurricular clubs will be given out when we return after half term

SECONDARY TRANSFER

Thank you to those parents who have already come and discussed their final choices for schools next year. I look forward to meeting more of you. If you haven't attended please book a date via the school office.

Closing date for applications:

Apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

October 2017)

Tuesday 31st October 2017

(we recommend you submit your online application by Friday 20th

Closing date for supplementary forms (if required) Tuesday 31st October 2017

To be returned direct to the school

PARENT DROP IN –DON'T FORGET.

Tuesday: 9.00-9.20 a.m.

Tuesday: 5.30-6.00 pm

Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me

ENGLISH LESSONS

Miss Natasa is hoping to hold free English lessons for those who would like to improve their spoken English. If you are interested please contact Miss Natasa.

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Nishan Sivakumar & Inez Harpley - Abdo
- **Potter** (Reception) – Lowri Pelling & Davi Paulino Pinto
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Habeebat Folami & Beckett Cross
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Veledin Hajrizaj & Kourtney Stephenson
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – C J Bryan & Kelvina Aidooh
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Andreas Radu & David Maduka
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Tomas Barriball & Fathi Abdifatah Mohamud
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Stacey Cupi & Joshua Orumbie
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Mustafa Ozyurt & Supriya Devkota
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Ayomide Ogunsina & Melissa Clayton Bainbridge
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Iris Kinnaird & David Ijaopo
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Soraya Cumberbatch & Kyla Amadi - Barrett
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Tanaya Joseph – Batson & Amor Daniel-Kerr
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Tommy Hai Le & Himayel Adnan
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) – Ethan Fagan & Izzabel Redman
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Khiel Thompson – Goode & Aidreana Huxtable
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Kay Kay Tassie & Raudhet Saleh

LEADING CITIZENS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Aleena Jervier & Thirikshan Manavalagan
- **Potter** (Reception) – Tishen Brooks & Samariah Dauswell
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Lenaeah Prentis & Yaan Adigun
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Zhong Hau Kamau & Talyn Monteith
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Khaleed Owolabi & Khadijat Olabiyi
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Aya Houssein & Niamh Drummond
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Davina Oruma & Prince Okameme
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Patricia Klim & Seth Bowden
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Kejsi Salkurti & Pippa Broughton
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Evie Clyne & Micah Coward
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Nithila Johnson & Robert Ladd
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Tom Holland & Alisha Robinson
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Casey Best Bedeau & Elizabeth Mensah
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Halima Houssein & Anna Benefoe
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) – Michaela Donkor & Ella-Louise Duffield
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Bridgit Corcoran & Bisola Bashiru
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Siphon Khumalo & Giles Aguguesi

CURRENT NEEDS

Due to peoples' generosity we have plenty of pasta, beans and tea, but we are really short of:

- Tinned meat
- Fruit juice
- Tinned veg
- Tinned fruit
- Noodles
- Fruit juice
- UHT Milk
- Toiletries



The food you give will be distributed to local people in need in who have been referred to Lewisham Foodbank.

Thank you for your generosity