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

Learning at Rathfern continues to inspire and engage our children. All of our children are learning and making progress.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

Rathfern Centre of Excellence for Global Learning
Rathfern has been invited to lead a workshop at the Global Learning Conference on October 13th in Central London.

Our presentation title is: From Charity to Social Justice - Embedding a global learning ethos across the whole school.

PARENTMAIL
If you are receiving this via Email – thank you for registering we are hoping to send all our letters, forms, newsletters and Target Setting bookings via Parentmail, except to those who have requested paper copies. 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER
Change of date
The school photography session has been postponed and will now be held on Wednesday 18th October.
This is for individual photos and siblings. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and girls do not wear any green hair bows or bands.

Congratulations
Well done to Tyrique in Year 6 who won a prestigious Music Scholarship his hard work and dedication has been recognised.

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READING WORKSHOP
Nurturing a Love of Reading
Thank you to parents who attended our Reading Workshop we hope it inspires your children to read.

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.

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](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

Closing date for supplementary forms (if required)
To be returned direct to the school

Tuesday 31st October 2017
(we recommend you submit your online application by Friday 20th October 2017)

Year 1 visit to Lewisham
On Friday, Niki Daly and Julia Donaldson class went to Lewisham. We first went to the Hindu Temple. There were statues of gods at the temple. Next we went to the market and we bought sugar cane and material. After that we went to the park to eat our lunch and played. We got muddy but it was time to go the fire station. We sprayed the hose and got to go on the fire truck. Finally we got back to school and tried some of our fruit.

Written by Nasra

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

LOST PROPERTY
Any items found in the playground or in school will be placed in the green lost property bins near the dining room. PLEASE make sure that you close the box as items get wet when it rains.

REMINDERS
PE KIT
Please make sure your child wears their PE kit for all Physical Education lessons. Black Shorts, White T-Shirt, Black trainers or plimsolls

MEDICATION
We would like to remind parents that any medication that your child needs to take in the school day must be PRESCRIPTION ONLY and handed into the school office. A form will need to be filled in for the Head Teacher to authorise.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017

OCTOBER
Thursday 12th - Year 1 visiting London
Year 6 Hockey Competition
Tuesday 17th - Full governing body meeting
Managing Social Media meeting – to be rescheduled
Wednesday 18th - School Photographer
23rd – 27th October HALF TERM

Tuesday 31st Oct & Thursday 2nd Nov – Target Setting 3.30 -6.30pm
**Clubs recommence on week beginning 6th November**
High 5 Netball Festival

28th September 2017 - Year 4

Our Year 4 Netball squad spent the afternoon at Prendergast Playing Fields participating in an introductory session of High 5 Netball. Children learnt about the key rules, positions and court restrictions, footwork, passing and shooting techniques. We were lucky enough to work with expert coaches, and thoroughly enjoyed getting to grips with the sport. Rathfern children represented us wonderfully and all went home with very special medals. Laila from Rosen Class was also selected by coaches to receive a Sporting Spirit award for Self-Belief! Fantastic work Year 4!
Sports Hall Athletics Competition

28th September 2017 – Year 5/6

Silver – 2nd place!

A team of 16 Year 5 and 6 pupils spent the afternoon at Sydenham School participating in a Sport Hall Athletics Tournament. Children took part in sprint races, as well as field events including the javelin, long jump, speed bounce and chest push. They collaborated extremely well as a team, supporting each other and encouraging one another not to give up. Out of all the schools that attended, Rathfern came 2nd place! What a fantastic achievement!
Rathfern has just launched an in house Change For Life (CFL) club, and we have enlisted the help of some enthusiastic pupils to take part in, and help run fun activities for other children. Change For Life is about doing our very best to lead healthy and active lives. It will be the job of our Change For Life ambassadors to work together to promote physical activity and healthy eating across the school.

The Change for life MegaFest was a training opportunity to ensure that our ambassadors were equipped with the necessary skills to be confident in running CFL clubs, and gain knowledge of the many ways that we can make small changes to improve our health. We had a great time making delicious yoghurt smoothies, and estimating the sugar content of some popular foods and drinks in our sugar smart workshop.

The team are encouraging children and parents to visit the Change for Life website below for recipe ideas, sugar swaps, and simple 10 minute exercise activities that can be completed almost anywhere!

https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Kavell Clarke – Chambers & William Odumade Balogun
- **Potter** (Reception) – Temilade Olaniyan & Yusuf Leo
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Cesar Rosales & Louis Domala
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Ella Wheatley & Joshua Eriyo
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Isaac Drummond & Ailsa Abbot
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Eman Hammoud & Naythan Burbeck
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Parris Kelly & Alex Morgan
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Yaad Ali & Deborah Ijaopo
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Vehbi Turkoglu & Rebekah Johnson
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Kadiatu Diallo & Elijah Benjamin
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Jake Connor & Sudenaz Gecsoyler
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Lexie Houghton & Reuben Forde-Simpson
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Kaycey Biandji - Mayap & Harisana Kantheepan
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Emilia Hesketh & Melita Londhe - McKeachie
- **Horowitz** (Year 5) – Wen Lin He & Suvitha Kanesalingam
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Ana Teixeira & Adriano Wynter Thompson
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Robert Singh Dacres & Pooja Kaur

LEADING CITIZENS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Asiyah Leo & Christian Hailmariam
- **Potter** (Reception) – Sam Salamone & Ezme Kelly
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Michele Allen & Dmitriy Hudz
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Jacob Johnson & Injeera Rostas
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Mercy Odumade & Emir Yesibulut
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Clinton Chima Amadi & Oliwia Douglas
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Keshikan Mohanarajan & Tomas Barriball
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Ashton McLean Elliott & Davina Afful
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Aiche Toure & Yanni Sabir
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Hong Zhau Kamau & Laila Hansali
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Pithusihla Sivakumar & Fadwa Abdifatah Mohamud
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Amaiyah Mortley Simms & Nikita Eero
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Karla Ogbeifun & Joseph Burrell
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Tommy Hai Le & Khadra Hassan
- **Horowitz** (Year 5) – Omari Hibbert & Naomi McLaren
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Amber Bowden & Ruweyda Ahmed
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Robert Singh Dacres & Gaveran Uthayakumar