



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

10th November 2017

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

Welcome back after the half term break, we hope you had a good holiday.

The children are engaged in their learning and are continuing to become increasingly effective learners.

Best wishes for a restful weekend.

Naheeda Maharasingam

Mrs Maharasingam

Head Teacher

Target Setting Meetings.

Many thanks to all those parents who met with class teachers last week to find out about their child's progress and current targets.

I hope you found them useful and will work with us to ensure your child continues to make progress.

Please give us feedback.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Many thanks to parents who spent time to fill in the questionnaires we received over 150. There will be a report on the results in the next newsletter.

PASSPORT / LETTER FEES INCREASE

The passport fee will be increasing from £5.00 to £10.00 per application for adult or child as from this week.

We are also introducing a £5.00 fee for any letter request to "Confirm your child attends Rathfern Primary" currently or historically. Please also allow 5 working days for such requests.

RECEPTION – Soft Start

As of next Monday, 13th November, the children will be able to come into class from 8.45am, across a ten minute period. They will say good-bye to you at the main door to the Infant Block and come into class by themselves.

This is the system we operate across the whole school; we have found that it works really smoothly and the children come in calmly and settle quickly to learning. Registration is still at 8.55am.

End of the day arrangements will stay the same: please wait in the hall to collect your children at 3.30pm

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SCHOOL VISITS

Year 4 Visit to the Science Museum

On Monday 6th November, Year 4 visited the Science Museum Wonderlab. Here we had the chance to explore different areas of science we have studied, and explore how the world around us works in a fun and practical way. First, we put our knowledge of friction to the test as we slid down different surfaces. Then we had a chance to play tag in the dark, using our knowledge of reflecting light. Finally, our curiosity was sparked during an electricity show, where we discovered how electricity is generated and were even able to generate our own electricity by building a human circuit! A great day was had by everyone, and we can't wait to continue exploring the science happening in the world around us.

Year 5: The Greek Drama Hut

'Last week Year 5 were lucky enough to take part in an immersive theatre work shop, kicking off our new topic 'Ancient Greece; a European legacy'. During the work shop Year 5 re-enacted famous Ancient Greek myths, became statues of Gods and Goddesses and even learned about Ancient Greek buildings such as the Pantheon. The children really enjoyed the experience and used their new knowledge of Ancient Greece in their writing.'



Debate Mate Launch trip

The Debate Mate launch was amazing! It was such fun to see where so many celebrities were standing including Stormzy! We were even watching some Debate Mate experts present a debate to us and show us how it works. To top that off, we even got to be the floor and ask questions to the teams. Everybody took part and made this 10th year start the best ever! Now our Debate Mate learning starts, we will be learning about all the different skills of debating. We will be learning about, P.E.E.L and why we should use it in every debate. I strongly believe that this year we will be 1st instead of 3rd because we have a strong debating team and Rathfern Primary School cheering us on!



Shade Year 6

LIBRARY CERTIFICATES

Andrew Tamlyn (Senior librarian at Lewisham) visited Rathfern to handout Summer Challenge certificates.

We are delighted that we were the top school in Lewisham for participating and COMPLETING the library challenge so THANK YOU to those families that supported their children to achieve this.



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.

My name is Sam and I work for a TV-production company called Love Productions - makers of 'The Great British Bake Off'!

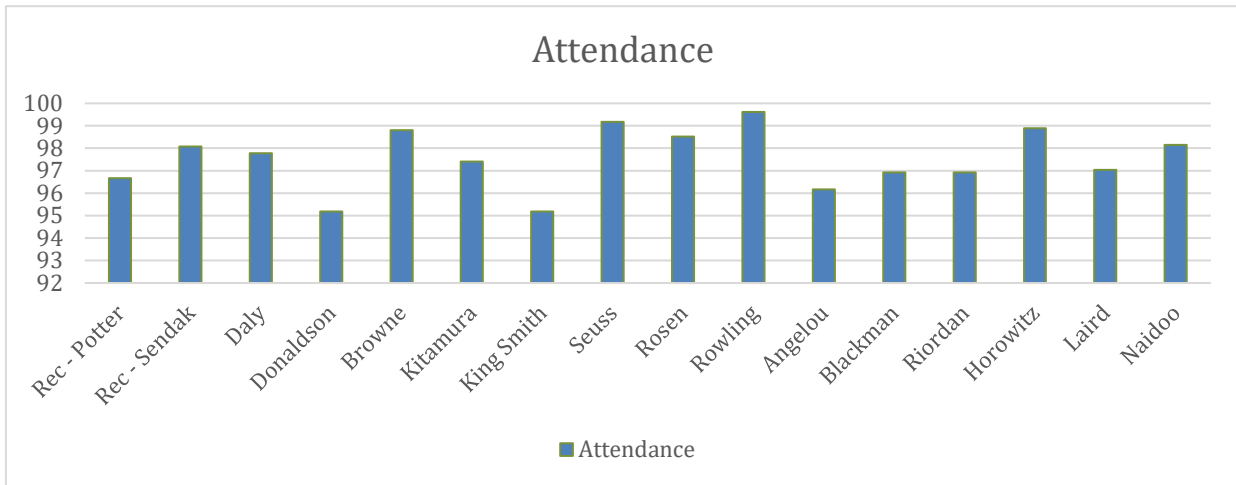
We are currently looking for a fresh batch of brilliant, amateur bakers who would love to enter the tent for our ninth series of the show. I wanted to find out if you would be happy to help us spread the word by circulating one of our flyers to your students and their parents or by posting it on your staff intranet to see if any employees are interested in the opportunity to take part?

To apply, please visit: www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk or call / text: 07384 748 225.

Applications close on Sunday 7th January 2018.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

Attendance Statistics for period 06th Nov – 10th Nov Whole School Attendance 97.1%

" Thank you to parents who are sending their children to school every day and on time. Did you realise that children who attend school regularly make much better progress in school? If you want your child to do well keep their attendance high!

Our top attenders this week are: Year 4 Rowling and Year 3 Seuss for achieving above 99% this week.

Also well done to Year 6 Horowitz, Year 4 Rosen, Year 2 Browne and Reception Sendak for all achieving above 98%. Please keep it up.

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

Language of the Month Arabic

الحب Love	الحكمة Wisdom
السّلام Peace	الحياة Life

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Please don't forget to return your child's photograph envelopes by Monday 13th November. Containing the exact money

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2017

Christmas Holidays 20th Dec – 2nd Jan 2018

NOVEMBER

- 15th Inclusion Quality Mark Centre of Excellence
- 16th Managing Social Media Parent / carer & school discussion
9.00-9:30 and 5.00-5:30pm
- 16th Meeting for Year 6 parents regarding the school journey
- 17th Y5 to visit the British Museum
- 20th St Augustine & Fairlawn visiting Rathfern for Peer Review.

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

JANUARY

- 3rd Back to school

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Reception & Nursery	Thursday 7 th	2.00pm
	Friday 8 th	10.00 am
Year 1 & Year 2	Thursday 14 th	2.00pm
	Friday 15 th	9.30am
Year 3 – Year 6	Wednesday 20 th	2.00pm
	Christmas Concert at St Dunstan's	

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

15 th November	Kitamura Class	9.15am - 9.30pm
16 th November	Browne Class	9.15am – 9.30pm
21 st November	Riordan Class	2.45pm – 3.20pm
1 st December	Rowling Class	2.45pm – 3.20pm
4 th December	Rosen Class	2.45pm – 3.20pm
14 th December	Seuss Class	9.15am - 9.30pm
15 th December	King Smith Class	9.15am - 9.30pm

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Hao Lin & Zach Connor
- **Potter** (Reception) – Nishaan Singh & Ivy Dwyer-Losinski
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Naomi Burrows & Yaan Adigun
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Shanuki Appuhamy & Ibrahim Barry
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Dylan Kuun and Joseph McLaren
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Filip Borkowski & Bulut Yesibulut
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Kisara Manavalagan & Immanuel Dapaah
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Walentyna Natterman & Abdul Karim Sillah
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Godwin Mensah & Rena Hugh
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Chika Oraka & Artyom Eero
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Tricia Mansaray & Iris Kinnaird
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Alisha Robinson & Xander Hayter
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Azarai Conde & Yasmin Mark-Zeeno
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Eliss Burbeck & Larisa Olaru
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) – Sami Shabazz & Mariah Carman-Johnson
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Valon Hajrizaj & Illias Hansali
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Chidi Okara & Ashley Edwards

LEADING CITIZENS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Nimota Rasheed & Theron Mahoney-Bostridge
- **Potter** (Reception) – Remi Forde-Simpson & Haresh Kantheepan
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Elana Branker-Olujugba & Stefan Sheppard
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Jacob Johnson & Hareem Adnan
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Jasmitha Johnson and Ariana Betingyte Reid.
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Temani Wilks-Hamid & Menelek Jones
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Romeo Ajetunmobi & Naomi Nwanedo
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Stacy Cupi & Yaad Ali
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Ella Nandoo & Aicha Toure
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Samara Benjamin-Thompson & Aayush Pathak
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Max Dodsworth & Khadija Konie
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Sophia DePantaleone & Soraya Cumberbatch
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Aadan Branker-Olojugba & Cassandra Onica
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Leshaya Monerville & Theo Gayle
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) – Milandra Bonelli & Alba Matos-Santos
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – Ruweyda Ahmed & Rassul Vali
- **Laird** (Year 6) – Sana Parwani & Rebecca Bushell
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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