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

Thank you for attending Target setting meetings last week, I hope you found them useful. You should have a clear picture of your child’s progress and attainment. Please talk with your child about their targets and help them to work on them.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
For all Mums, Carers, Grandmas and Aunts
FRIDAY 9TH MARCH
At 7.45am – 8.30am
In the Infant Hall

**Calling all Dads & Carers**
We need your help for the Mother’s Day breakfast.
Setting up on Thursday 3.30pm
Serving on Friday 7.15am

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP
How can I manage what my child is accessing?
Friday, 9th March, 8.45 - 9:15am
Following on from the Mother’s Day Breakfast (7.45-8:45)
Rathfern Primary would like to invite you to an e-safety workshop, open to members of the school community concerned about Internet safety. This is for those who would like to learn more about the content risks to young Internet users and to discuss possible strategies for managing those risks. We will have access to iPads and will be showing how you can place filters and blocks on your home computing technology.
We look forward to seeing you there.

HEADTEACHER DROP IN
Don’t forget I am available every Tuesday 9.15am - 9.45am & 5.00pm - 6.15pm

Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me. No appointment necessary just drop in and have a chat.
Thank you to those parents who have come and discussed their concerns with me I have found this communication extremely helpful.
Thank you all for making the Global Café such a great success. Our migration Map is now on display in the foyer and postcards will be available in Reception if you would like to contribute your stories.

These are some of the pictures taken from our Global Café event which took place at the end of the last half term.

Mermaid

The Little Mermaid and Other 'Tails' will run for five weeks from Sat 10 March, Upstairs at the Sydenham Centre. It is a magical, musical retelling of three of Hans Christian Andersen's best loved stories and is aimed at families with children aged 10 and under. This link provides more details about the show.

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http://spontaneousproductions.co.uk/events/the-little-mermaid-and-other-tails-from-sat-10-march/
The story of the ‘Tree of Peace’

This half term, Year 6 has been focussing on sustainable development goal 16: Peace and Justice.
To support this topic and in association with Global Learning Week, year 6 built the ‘Tree of Peace’ with the help of Darcy (a highly skilled professional wire sculptor). Each Year 6 class had an opportunity to work with Darcy, each with a different role within the construction of the tree.

How the ‘Tree of Peace’ was made

The Tree of Peace was constructed by using a special type of wire, which is specially produced in Sheffield. We then used cable wires to hold the structures together, for longevity.

On the canopy of the tree, we added foil leaves which have been embossed with our personal ‘Visions for Peace’, written as haiku poems.

We then wove some silver strips through to make it more presentable. Each of these strips contained a ‘Pledge for Peace’ written by a Year 6 pupil – we considered the actions we could take to make the world a more peaceful place. Peace begins with us.

A lot of hard work and determination went into this tree so please do come and take a look when you get an opportunity (KS2 building – lower hall).
We hope you enjoy reading our haikus and our pledges for peace!
FOREST SCHOOL

Reception, Year One and Year Three have been enjoying their regular sessions at Forest School. We were just starting to observe the signs of spring - crocuses, bluebells and daffodils as well as new buds on all the trees - when The Beast from the East arrived! King-Smith class braved the elements and despite a few cold fingers we had great fun in the snow. There were snow angels, miniature snowmen and of course a snowball fight. When it is very cold we keep the sessions short, but please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat, boots, gloves and a hat in this weather. Many thanks to all the wonderful parents and carers who have been accompanying us on our trips; we hope to see more of you in the future!

Debate Mate Breakfast

On Wednesday Kay-Kay and I arrived at school at 6.15am to participate in a show debate.
At our destination two very posh men kindly opened the door for us. As we stepped inside the enormous 5 star hotel, my eyes could only wander around the room in sheer amazement. Even the bathroom was amazing it was palatial.

Next we went to devour our delicious breakfast which was laid out on a turning table. We even had time to learn which knife and fork we eat with. After our mouth-watering meal, we prepared for our show debate, against Ravenscroft Primary school, the motion was, whether parents should get punished for the crimes of their children, and we disagreed.
I was the first speaker then Kay-Kay was the second and a lady called Cyndy was last. We were watched by different business people, it was an unforgettable experience, after the nerve wracking debate, it was left to the 15-20 important people to decide who won. We won and were elated! We then set off for school with the happiest of faces.

Shade & Kay-Kay – Laird Class
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

Rathfern Primary School
Attendance Statistics for week 26 Feb 2018 - 02 Mar 2018 = 89.9%

We have had particularly low attendance this week, total percentage for the week being 89.9%. The attendance has been significantly worse as the weeks progressed. On Wednesday there were 60 children absent, Thursday 72 children absent and Friday 105 children absent which will have an effect on the overall school attendance. A special thank you and well done to Year 3 Seuss class and Year 4 Rosen, who despite the poor weather both achieved 100% on Wednesday.

FOOTBALL NEWS

Well done to our Year 6 football team who won the LYG borough finals last Thursday. We will now go on to represent Lewisham borough on the 20th March at the London Youth Games football finals
Team: Omari, Nelson, Aaron, Alan, Musa, Kay-Kay, Gaveran, Joshua D, Joshua B and Illias

Congratulations to the Year 4 team on winning the Saturday school C League (Year 3 & 4) last Saturday. After two entertaining matches against Stillness and arch rivals Edmund Waller, We now have the best year 3 & 4 in Lewisham
Team: Max, Theo, Joel, Robert, Marley, Eser, Elijah, Roddy, Ayomide, Andy, Theirry, Rio, and Barnaby
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2018

HALF TERM
Monday 12th Feb – Friday 16th Feb

March
Monday 5th      Year 6 – Wide Horizons
Tuesday 6th     Year 4 – Bank of England - cancelled
Wednesday 7th   WE Day – 6 children
Thursday 8th    Debate mate league at Tidemill
                Choir performance at the Broadway theatre.
Friday 9th March Mother’s Day Breakfast 7.45 -8.45am in the Infant Hall
                Followed by an Internet Safety workshop.
Monday 12th – 16th Science week
Monday 19th     Sports Relief
Friday 23rd     Ragged Museum – Browne Class
Monday 26th     Ragged Museum – Kitamura Class
Wednesday 28th Community Ambassadors to meet with HEC
Thursday 29th   Last day of term

Easter Holidays - Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

Assemblies:
Year 5: 2.45pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 26th April - Riordan Class

NURSERY TIMINGS
We would like to make parents aware that in order to safeguard our children, parents are requested not to enter the school until 11.45 for collection and 12.45 drop off.
It is our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our children.

READING RECORDS
Please remind your child to bring in their reading record - well done to those children who are reading so regularly.
THANKYOU if you are ensuring your child is reading every night. Just 10 minutes listening to a child or reading to a child can make a huge difference.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Carle (Nursery) – Khalid Alatishe & Ella Arivo
- Potter (Reception) – Younous Soumahoro & Ezme Kelly
- Sendak (Reception) – Lucy Osanyingbemi & Cesar Rosales
- Daly (Year 1) – Jacob Johnson & Miracle Wechie
- Donaldson (Year 1) – Mathias Nana & Rah’Niyah Cato
- Kitamura (Year 2) – Keshika Mohanarajan & Aya Houssein
- Browne (Year 2) – Go-Go Tassie & Alex Morgan
- King Smith (Year 3) – Shareefa Henry & Keano Gayle
- Seuss (Year 3) – Pippa Broughton & Ella Nandoo
- Rowling (Year 4) – Aayush Pathak & Evie Clyne
- Rosen (Year 4) – Jessica Krishnakumar & Pinthusha Sivakumar
- Blackman (Year 5) – Lexie Houghton & Philip Wang
- Angelou (Year 5) – Cillian Farrell – Bryan & Faatin Abdifatah-Mohamud
- Riordan (Year 5) – Isaac Forde & Yuksel Yuksel
- Horowitz (Year 6) – Wen Lin He & Gospodina Rostas
- Naidoo (Year 6) – Ana Texeira & Kai Fernandes-Jethwa
- Laird (Year 6) – Prithvi Johnson & Ashley Edwards

LEADING CITIZENS

- Carle (Nursery) – Kavell Clarke-Chambers & Reegan Prentis
- Potter (Reception) – Abigail Daniels & Grace Powells
- Sendak (Reception) – Archie Conway & Lucia Von Tunzelmann
- Daly (Year 1) – Ella Wheatley & Nasra Codlin
- Donaldson (Year 1) – Dylan Kuun & Ivy Dwyer - Losinski
- Kitamura (Year 2) – Lateef Correia & Joseph Temple
- Browne (Year 2) – Glory Moodie – Brown & Davina Oruma
- King Smith (Year 3) – Abdul Karim Sillah & Brihanna Reid
- Seuss (Year 3) – Godwin Mensah & Mustafa Ozyurt
- Rowling (Year 4) – Aayomide Ogunsina & Norah Younger
- Rosen (Year 4) – Elizabeth John – Odutuyo & Caleb Drummond
- Blackman (Year 5) – Harley May – Francis & Shaun Soukou
- Angelou (Year 5) – Shyla Amadi Barrett & Kaycey Biandji - Mayap
- Riordan (Year 5) – Anna Benefo & Naomi John Odutuyo
- Horowitz (Year 6) – Milandra Bonelli & Sami Shabazz
- Naidoo (Year 6) – Aminata Baanah-Jones & Wageesha Appuhamy
- Laird (Year 6) – Musa Conteh & Rebecca Bushell