Dear Parents

The summer is flying by and your wonderful children continue to thrive. Remember the Summer Fair is on Saturday 30th and the end of the term always culminates with the summer concert- we hope to see you there.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

CAMPAIGN FOR CLEAN AIR

Every child has the right to grow up breathing clean air, where they live learn and play, however in 71% of UK towns and cities, air pollution is an invisible but dangerous threat to children.

Thursday 21st June was Clean Air Day and we are playing our part by holding our own clean air activities during the school year.

To reduce the emissions we cause by being driven to school. We are starting with walk / cycle / scooter to school, this will be held in stages:

For the week commencing:
25th June. Year 1 & 2 can scooter to school
2nd July Year 3 & 4 Cycle & Nursery & Reception scooter to school
9th July Year 5 & Year 6 Cycle to school.
Children will receive awards for completing the whole week.

FATHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST

Dads/Carers and their children met after school and walked to Blythe Hill park to take part in a game of quick cricket and football. Two captains were elected and their squad became Dads Vs Children. The evening kicked off first with a game of football, children winning by 4 -3. After a short break they returned to the pitch and played a game of quick cricket, Dads winning by 2 points. It was a friendly game and everyone had such an enjoyable time. I would like to thank all the adults who took part with this event and all the mums/carers and young siblings who joined us up at the park.

P.S The Summer Fair is next week! If you are able to support us with making this event an enjoyable one please come and see me, the more hands we have the lighter our work will be.

Thank you Miss Rose
AUTHOR VISIT

On Wednesday 13th June, best-selling author SF Said visited Years 4, 5 and 6 to talk to us about his experiences as a writer. It was a great insight into the thoughts and processes behind his novels Varjak Paw, The Outlaw Varjak Paw and Phoenix.

Here’s what Faizah, Cara, Micah, Marley, Khalil and Chika in Rowling Class thought:

Recently, we have been reading Varjak Paw and The Outlaw Varjak Paw, the sequel. In the assembly, the phenomenal author, SF Said, talked about his books and how he was inspired to be an author. He tried to sell his book to several different publishers a whopping 90 times before it was accepted! We were absolutely blown away because it was so inspiring. For us, the most interesting part was discovering how long it took him to write a book. Did you know it took him 17 drafts to write his first book? It was an interesting and funny assembly, the best assembly ever. He never stopped trying and he persevered to do his best. People kept on rejecting him but he never stopped trying. He inspired us to persevere and be confident about ourselves.

“I want to be an author and SF Said has really inspired me.” - Melissa

London Metropolitan University

On Wednesday the whole of Year 6 visited London Metropolitan University to get a taste of university. It was an amazing experience and gave us the opportunity to start thinking about courses we might choose when we are older. Student ambassadors talked to us about the course they are doing and what life is like at university. We also had a tour of the university where we saw lots of places including the gym, library and the music studio. Seeing people study chemistry was so fascinating! We had a great day.
I loved making shelters. When I went to collect sticks I pretended I was a woodland creature. When we went on the walk we got to jump over metal gates and run over rivers. Beware of the NETTTLES!

It’s fun spending time with your friends.

I really enjoyed when we had a mud fight with Miss Lannary after making camp fires.

We learned more about nature and we had honey ice cream. My favourite thing was toasting marshmallows because I’d never done it before

A great experience with animals and a lovely experience with friends. We had great dishes such as pizza.

My favourite bit was getting in touch with nature.

Wales was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed living with my friends and collaborating with my peers.

I like walking on the beach.

We did challenges in groups and we ate ice cream and made pizza. It was so much fun.”

My favourite time in Wales was running away from Miles Giles’s mischievous brother because of the screaming.
TOWER OF LONDON
Brazillian Drummers
Article 22 (Refugee children): Children have the right to special protection and help if they are refugees (if they have been forced to leave their home and live in another country), as well as all the rights in this Convention.

REFUGEE WEEK AT RATHFERN

To mark the 20 years of Refugee Week, Rathfern took part in activities that celebrate the contribution of refugees and promote the understanding of why refugees seek refuge.

Some of the activities were:

Year 6 – Had a debate focusing on key questions such as: What is a refugee? How do you become a refugee? If you loose your home in a hurricane, are you a refugee? How can we help refugees? They then created posters to reinforce their understanding.

Music lessons – Children learnt and sang a song about refuge by Howard Goodall.

Assembly – Ms Lundie read the book ‘Stepping Stones’ to the children that was all about a refugee family’s journey. The story was told through the stunning stone images by a Syrian artist Nizar Ali Badr.
Year 1: Wrote acrostic poems about Refugees

Refugees have no home
Everyone needs a home
Fear is not fair.
Upset and no home.
Get some help.
Everyone matters.
Everyone is not leaving his or her home.
Some people not all leave their home.

By: Joshua and Miracle

Refuges leaving their homes
Each refugee often leaves their country
Families are torn apart
Upset and angry
Get some help
Equality for all
Educate people
Shout for help

By Minnie and Ibrahim

Year 3: Wrote poems
RATHFERN

On 20th June the annual High 5 Netball Festival for Sydenham and Forest Hill Primary Schools took place at Sydenham School. Six schools took part and the standard of netball was much better this year and improved throughout the evening as the players became more confident.
At the end of each match the players shook hands which added to the friendly but competitive atmosphere. Every match players rotated positions so every player had the opportunity to try out new positions. This is an excellent idea as most players have a chance to try to shoot goals for their team. This year there were two pools, so we had semi finals and a final. In one semi final Fairlawn beat Dalmain, and in the other semi final Haseltine beat Horniman. It was an excellent final with Haseltine winning 1-0 against Fairlawn in extra time. While the semi finals were being played Kilmorie and Rathfern entered a 4 minute shooting competition. Saria from Kilmorie and Adonye from Rathfern were awarded a gold medal each for scoring the most amount of goals. The talent this evening was outstanding which was recognised by the talent spotter, Maureen Gordon, from a local team Raiders.
Several players should consider joining a local netball club. Raiders and Sabina Netball Clubs are local and always looking for junior girls.
Congratulations to Haseltine for winning the festival. The team received medals and everyone received certificates. Well done to all teams for competing in such a fun and competitive manner. All players received a certificate.
Thank you to the seven Sports Leaders from Sydenham who welcomed the teams, scored and umpired with great confidence. They were excellent role models.

G.Burt
Sports Coordinator
On 18th June 2018 the annual cricket festival for years 3 & 4 was held at Catford & Cyphers Cricket Club. Five schools took part playing a round robin, so they all had four matches each. We saw some outstanding bowling, fielding and batting from boys and girls of such a young age. Many batters scored a ‘four’ and some a ‘six’!! All of the teams really played well together, with the captains placing their team members in strategic places and encouraging each other.

The atmosphere was amazing with a lot of parents/Carers watching and cheering.

A big thank you to Catford & Cyphers Cricket Club for providing such a lovely setting. Thank you to Larwood Baker, John Palmer for your help and enthusiasm, you always make us very welcome. I hope some of the children consider joining the club as it is very friendly indeed.

The weather was extremely warm with clear blue skies. Well done to Dalmain who won all of their matches and made 1000 runs!! They received gold medals and certificates. Everybody received a certificate.

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Well done to all players!

Glen Burt  Sports Coordinator
Quad Kids Lewisham Borough Athletics – 3rd Place Medallists!

Congratulations to the Year 3 & 4 Athletics team who came 3rd in the Lewisham Borough Athletics competition on Thursday the 21st of June. Children participated in four events - 75m sprint, 400m, standing long jump, and the vortex throw. The team demonstrated great determination and encouraged each other to do their very best in all of the events.

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Keeping our environment clean!

UNICEF) Article 29: Live peacefully, respect each other and look after our environment.

Article 24 (Health and health services): Children have the right to good quality health care – the best health care possible – to safe drinking water, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help them stay healthy. Rich countries should help poorer countries achieve this.

Me and my dad were really sad to see all of the litter at our local park when we visited it last Sunday. We picked up litter and decided to make posters to remind people to look after our environment. When I came to school on Monday, I decided to tell others at school all about it and got some friends to help me. We had an assembly and made posters that we placed on all our bins to remind people to keep our environment safe and clean.

By: Supriya (Year 3)

COMMUNITY PICNIC

INVITE

Dear all,
You are invited to join us for a Whole School bring and share picnic in the park to mark and celebrate the end of another academic year. We would love to get to know our community better and would welcome you all to join us.

Friday 6th July, at 11:30am – 14.30 pm, Blyth Hill.

RSVP: admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk
Errison Football

Rathfern football at Blackheath
This year was another extremely successful year for Rathfern’s football teams at Blackheath. Girls and boys from year groups three to six played on Saturdays in challenging cup and league competitions.

It was the first time Rathfern had an all girls team at Blackheath and as a team they made unbelievable progress, exceeding the expectations of many with their development, which very nearly rewarded them with a place in the semi-final of the cup.

The year 4 team had an exceptional year winning the league and making it to the cup final. They had a truly astonishing league campaign winning every match right up until they were crowned League Champions.

Our Year 5 team also had a great season with their highlight being the 7-0 win in the cup in which all SEVEN goals were scored by one player. The Year 5 team had an excellent run in the cup, making it all the way to the semi final.

Our very special and talented year 6 team also had an unbelievable season becoming the very first year 6 team from Rathfern to win the cup. In a final which saw both teams applauded at the final whistle the Rathfern children ensured that in their very last match at Blackheath they created precious memories once again.

A big part of the success Rathfern teams at Blackheath have enjoyed is down to the parents who bring their children week in week out, come rain or shine! Your vocal support even when it’s freezing cold and pouring down with rain is vital. We appreciate it so much, thank you.

**Most Memorable moment . . .**

When the girls team got their very first goal and win Kaci in year 6 celebrated by running and jumping into her dads arms who somehow managed to look even happier then her! A beautiful moment in which we saw the joy that comes when our effort focus and perseverance is rewarded with progress.

Ayo John
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

Attendance Statistics for Spring Term
16th April – 25th May – 96.2%

The first half of this term has seen an increase on last term's figure of 95.2%, with all but 3 classes achieving above 96% attendance. Well done to all across the board, but we are seeing a marked increase in lateness, which will need to be addressed.
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- Carle (Nursery) – Christian & Chyna
- Potter (Reception) – Remy & Ivy
- Sendak (Reception) – Louie & Elana
- Daly (Year 1) – Labib & Isaiah
- Donaldson (Year 1) – Jasmitha & Sion
- Kitamura (Year 2) – Maya & Favour
- Browne (Year 2) – Logan & Kisara
- King Smith (Year 3) – Abdul & Deborah
- Seuss (Year 3) – Thierry & Barnaby
- Rowling (Year 4) – Jaydon & Roddy
- Rosen (Year 4) – Tahliyah & Joel
- Blackman (Year 5) – Jessie & Gabriel
- Angelou (Year 5) – David I & Leshaya
- Riordan (Year 5) – Devine & Leshaya
- Horowitz (Year 6) – Sami & Al-Wasy
- Naidoo (Year 6) – Leo & Angel
- Laird (Year 6) – Rita & Robert S

LEADING CITIZENS

- Carle (Nursery) – Long & Devine
- Potter (Reception) – Demari & Makai
- Sendak (Reception) – Lucia & Samuel
- Daly (Year 1) – Hareem & Miracle W
- Donaldson (Year 1) – CJ & Kelvina
- Kitamura (Year 2) – Simao & Niamh
- Browne (Year 2) – Glory & Baris
- King Smith (Year 3) – Stacey & Seth
- Seuss (Year 3) – Ehigbai & Mustafa
- Rowling (Year 4) – Elijah & Chika
- Rosen (Year 4) – Crystal M & Robert
- Blackman (Year 5) – Xander & Shaun
- Angelou (Year 5) – Naomi & Mercedes
- Riordan (Year 5) – Oshai & Bilal
- Horowitz (Year 6) – SuvNaomi & Leila
- Naidoo (Year 6) – Rebecca & Isabelle
- Laird (Year 6) – Jagjit & Kayti
## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### JUNE

- **Monday 25th**
  - Minnis Bay Year 1 & Year 6
- **Wednesday 27th**
  - 2018/19 Reception intake meeting for parents
  - 9.30 & 5.30pm
- **Thursday 28th**
  - Stay & Learn for new Reception parents
  - 4.00 or 5.00pm
  - Year 3 – Science Museum
  - Year 2 – Science Museum
- **Saturday 30th**
  - Summer Fayre

### JULY

- **Friday 6th**
  - Community picnic at Blythe Hill
- **Monday 9th**
  - Hampton Court - Laird & Horowitz
- **Tuesday 10th July**
  - Target Setting – whole School
- **Wednesday 11th**
  - Hampton Court - Naidoo Class
- **Thursday 12th July**
  - Target Setting – whole School
- **Friday 13th**
  - Sports Day
- **Wednesday 18th**
  - Rathfernes’ Summer Concert.

### Hot Weather

In the hot weather children need to stay safe, please ensure your child wears a hat when outside and applies sun cream before they come to school. Summer dresses and polo shirts not only keep them cool but also cover their shoulders. Remind your children to ensure they take regular water breaks.