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

We hope you have been enjoying the wonderful September sunshine. Rathfern learners are feeling safe, happy and challenged. I am delighted to report they are making progress across the curriculum.

**Secondary Transfer**

Thank you to those parents who have come and discussed their final choices for schools next year.

Please return your completed Common Application Forms online by Friday 19th October.

https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app

If you need any further help please make an appointment to meet with me.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Please ensure all school photographs are returned to the school by Monday 15th October at 3.30pm.

After this date you will need to send them directly to Frasier Portraits.

**PARENT DROP IN**

–DON’T FORGET

Tuesdays 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.

**LOST PROPERTY**

Please ensure your child’s clothing is labelled clearly. Our lost property bins are full and we haven’t finished the first term.

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Hello,

I am a researcher writing from the hit BBC One prime time series *Eat Well For Less?* – I hope you’re well!

My reason for writing is that we are currently casting for our sixth series and are looking for families / households who would like to eat well and save some money on their weekly shop. We would love it if you would be willing to tell us about some people you know that may be suitable for the show? I’ve popped some information about the series below for you...

“The show follows Masterchef’s Gregg Wallace & award winning greengrocer Chris Bavin on a mission to prove that it is possible for families and households to save money on their food budget without scrimping on taste and nutrition. They hope that by analysing the shopping habits of UK families, they can help to show where we can source the best and cheapest quality food.”

Please let me know if you have any questions about the series or if you require any further information and I’ll be more than happy to help.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Many thanks,

The ‘Eat Well For Less?’ Casting Team

Get in touch to apply or find out more!

Twitter: @EatWellForLess

*Any information which you give us will be processed in accordance with our Privacy Notice, a copy of which is available on request*
Year 6 School Journey to Wales

The School Journey was a life-changing experience for me. It brought my class together and made us even more of a community. My favourite moment was when we played Angry Farmer and the Angry Farmer chased us around the fields! The hardest part was figuring out how to use the plans to get across the ‘Acid Lake’ and complete the memory challenge. Overall, it helped me discover a whole new adventurous side to myself.

Nyasia - Telegraph Hill

Year one visited London

This week year one visited London on a Classic Route Master bus. They looked at different landmarks and discovered new things about each one. “First I went on the bus it was bumpy and fun we got on using the back of the bus. On the bus I saw the Shard I was surprised at how big it was it is taller than the other buildings. I enjoyed seeing the London Eye and having lunch next to it. It was a good day out.” Lily - Evelyn class.

Music Holiday Course - Half Term

Lewisham Music are running two fantastic holiday courses during the half term break with the return of their Rock & Pop School (children in school years 5-11) and Lewisham Junior Orchestra (children in school years 4-8). Both courses cost £40 (£15 concessions) and will run on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 October from 10am-3.30pm at Prendergast Vale School, Lewisham. For further information and to apply please visit www.lewishammusic.org/learn-with-us/holiday-courses
On Tuesday the 9th of October a group of KS2 pupils attended the Primary Penathlon Competition. There were so many activities to compete in! Some of our favourites included New Age Kurling, the Football Shoot-out and Athletics races. The games were helping us to develop sporting skills such as coordination and agility, and we had to do our very best to focus and persevere so that we could score as many points for our team as possible.

We met lots of children from other local primary schools, and were very pleased to come away with medals to take back to school and show our friends and family!

“I had a really good day! My favourite activity was the racing. The best race was one where we balanced the ball on the tennis racket, as I felt that I was good at that one” (Samuel Year 4)
The standard of football at the year 5 & 6 football festival held at St Dunstan’s Jubilee Ground on 27th September 2018 was outstanding. The pace was fast and every team had several attempts at scoring goals. Every year the standard of football improves but tonight it was exceptional. The goalkeeping skills were amazing too.

Four schools from the SYDENHAM & FOREST HILL cluster competed against each other in a league competition, the teams played 14 minute games.

The atmosphere was exciting with a lot of cheering and encouragement from all spectators. It was lovely to see the players all shaking hands at the end of each match. It was great to see the younger children meeting peers from neighbouring schools and meeting new challenges. The teams were so excited and so full of energy.

Every player received a certificate and the runners up a medal each and the winners a team trophy and a medal each. Well done to every team!

**GIRLS**
DALMAIN 1ST
GORDONBROCK 2ND
RATHFERN 3RD
PERRYMOUNT 4TH

**BOYS**
RATHFERN 1ST
DALMAIN 2ND
GORDONBROCK 3RD
PERRYMOUNT 4TH
World Mental Health Day – 10th October

Children at Rathfern showed their support on World Mental Health Day by talking about mental health and getting involved with activities to send a clear message that no one should feel alone with their mental health. Children wrote their health messages, drawings, advice or inspirational quotes on bunting that is displayed in each classroom.

Rights Link:
Article 24: Health and health services
Article 25: Review of treatment in care
Key dates linking with Rights for next 2 weeks:

**International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction**  Date: 13 Oct  
Rights Link: Article 27: Adequate standard of living

**World Food Day**  
Date: 16 Oct  
Rights Link: Article 6: Life, survival and development; Article 24: Health and health services

**International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**  
Date: 17 Oct  
Rights Link: Article 26: Social security

**United Nations Day**  
Date: 24 Oct  
Rights Link: Article 4: Implementation of the Convention

**National Children’s Book Week**  
Date: 31 Oct – 4 Nov  
Rights Link: Article 29: Goals of education

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**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**OCTOBER**

**Thursday 18th**  Year 1 Visit to London – Big bus tour  
KSI Breakfast & ESafety  7.45am

**Friday 19th**  KS2 Breakfast & ESafety  7.45am

**HALF TERM**  22nd - 26th October

**TARGET SETTING:** Tuesday 30th Oct & Thursday 1st November

**ASSEMBLY DATES OCTOBER:**  
Year 2: Manor Park  Thursday 18th  9.15am  
Blackheath  Thursday 18th  2.45pm

Year 3: Wells Park  Tuesday 16th  9.15am  
Chinbrook  Tuesday 16th  2.45pm

Year 4: Beckenham Park  Wednesday 17th  9.15am  
Horniman Park  Wednesday 17th  2.45pm
Anti-Idling Event at Rathfern on the 2nd November 2018

Rathfern is working with the **Vehicle Idling Action** to reduce the number of vehicles sat outside our school with their engines running. Rathfern isn’t aren’t alone with this as all across the borough, the city, and the country lots of idling tends to occur outside schools while we are waiting to collect our children.

On the 2nd of November 2018, Rathfern will be working with Vehicle Idling Action and Lewisham’s Air Quality Champion, Cllr Louise Krupski, to run an anti idling event at our school. At the event a group of volunteers will receive training so we can help make a difference and reduce the idling, which can damage our children’s health. We will need parent volunteers for this event. If you would like to be involved with this, please do let us know by contacting the school at: admin@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

Thank you and, if you do drive to school, please remember to turn your engine off!