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

It has been an action packed term so far at Rathfern Primary School.
The children continue to develop greater self-regulation and become increasingly effective learners.
Best wishes for a restful weekend.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

STARTING SCHOOL 2019

Parents please note that if your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015, your child is eligible to start Reception at Rathfern in September 2019.
Applications need to be made online at admissions at www.eadmissions.org.uk.
The deadline for applications is 15th January 2019 however it is recommended you apply by Monday 7th 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.

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 on how we can improve the meetings.

Rights Respecting
We are pleased to announce we are now a Silver Rights Respecting School, recognised by UNICEF UK.
We will send copies of the report to all, once we receive it back from Isobel Mitchell, UNICEF assessor.
In the meantime please see attached United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child that support us all in taking responsibility to make choices and exercise our rights.
A copy can be picked up in reception.

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UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

In Child Friendly Language

“Rights” are things every child should have or be able to do. All children have the same rights. These rights are listed in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Almost every country has agreed to these rights. All the rights are connected to each other, and all are equally important. Sometimes, we have to think about rights in terms of what is the best for children in a situation, and what is critical to life and protection from harm. As you grow, you have more responsibility to make choices and exercise your rights.

Article 1

Everyone under 18 has these rights.

Article 2

No child should have these rights taken away from them. No one should stop a child from exercising their rights. If you are afraid of someone who is harming you, you should try to speak to an adult you trust. If you are in a situation where someone is harming you, you should try to speak to an adult you trust.

Article 3

You have the right to grow up happy and healthy. You have the right to love and be loved. You have the right to have parents who love and respect you. You have the right to be safe and protected. You have the right to have your needs met.

Article 4

You have the right to be happy. You have the right to laugh and play. You have the right to enjoy your childhood.

Article 5

You have the right to be different. You have the right to be unique. You have the right to be yourself.

Article 6

You have the right to be safe. You have the right to be protected from violence, abuse, and neglect.

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Article 12

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Article 13

You have the right to be safe. You have the right to be protected from violence, abuse, and neglect.

Article 14

You have the right to have parents who love and respect you. You have the right to have your needs met.

Article 15

You have the right to have your own friends and do all the things you want to do. You have the right to make decisions about your life. You have the right to have fun.

Article 16

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Last week, Friendly Gardens class had the amazing opportunity to perform at Greenwich Theatre. The children spend around 6 weeks rehearsing. Here’s what they have to say:

“On Thursday 1st November, Friendly Gardens class went to perform William Shakespeare’s Macbeth (in Space)” – Roddy
“IT was great fun and I got to spend time with my friends.” – Angellina
“I liked how we got to use props like crowns and light sabres!” – Kadiatu
“I really enjoyed it, I think it is the best experience we’ve ever been involved in.” – Laila
“There were lots of people at the theatre and everyone tried their best.” – Laila
“I was nervous at the beginning because I wasn’t used to being on stage in front of loads of people.” – Artyom
“Thank you parents for coming to watch Shakespeare’s Macbeth, I hope you enjoyed it.” – Jenaya
“The end of our performance has come. Thank you for coming to our play.” – Jaydon

If you’d like to hear what everyone has to say, check out our website.
FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Sunday 11th November 2018, marks 100 years since the end of World War One. In response to this important day of remembrance, the community of Catford are coming together to showcase a celebratory afternoon full of music, readings and performances, to remember the lives lost.

Year 4 Beckenhamp class have worked closely with Snippet Theatre Company to create a war poem, thinking about what life was like to be a soldier going to war. The event will take place on Saturday 10th November at 2pm at the Catford Broadway Theatre.

We would love to see some familiar faces in the audience on this special day of remembrance. You can purchase tickets online or from Catford Broadway Theatre itself. Tickets cost £1 and all proceeds to The Royal British Legion.
Debate Mate Launch

Article 12: You have a right to give your opinion, and for adults to listen and take it seriously.

The Debate Mate launch took place on 1st November 2018. The pupils enjoyed watching some Debate Mate experts present a debate and show us how it works. They are now ready and excited for the 2018/19 Debate Mate season. They look forward to learning about the different skills of debating and are definitely aiming for top place in the Debate Mate Cup.

Anti-Idling Campaign

Article 24: Health and Health Services – You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment, and information to help you stay well.

We were very pleased that the Anti-Idling campaign that took place at our school on Friday 2nd November was a success. With combinations of training, assemblies, games and community engagement the message of ‘Idling is fuelish’ was conveyed and well received by all.

Visit our website to view the video clip that captures the events of the day.
Key dates linking with Rights for next 2 weeks:

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 13th  Flu Vaccinations for children in Rec to Year 5
Friday 22nd  Migration Museum – Mountsfield Park
Wednesday 28th  Migration Museum – Telegraph Hill
Wednesday 28th  Madagascar the Musical visiting Years 2-4.
Friday 29th  Migration Museum – Forster Park

DECEMBER

Monday 3rd  Year 4 visit the Museum of London
Tuesday 4th  Year 3 visit to the British Museum
Thursday 6th  Reception Nativity 2pm repeated
Friday 7th  "  "  at 10 am
Wednesday 12th  Year 3/4/5/6 Choir ‘Turning of the Year Concert’
                  6pm Royal Festival Hall – Free
Thursday 13th  Evelyn (Yr1) and Blackheath (Yr2) - 2.20pm - 3.00pm
Friday 14th  Ravensbourne (Yr1) and Manor Park (Yr2) - 9.20am-10am
Thursday 20th  Christmas Concert at St Dunstans KS2

Friday 21st December last day of term
We return to school on
Tuesday 8th January 2019