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

The Summer Term is flying by what a wonderful way to end the half term with a Community picnic. It was glorious sight to watch our children eating and playing together. Have a restful, peaceful and joy filled half term break.
Mrs Maharasingam
Head teacher

GLOBAL CAFE
Tickets are going extremely fast for our annual food festival, which is being held on Thursday 6th June. For those parents making food please ensure a clear list of ingredients are provided to avoid any allergic reactions.

INTERNATIONAL VISIT
Not long to go until our International Visitors, Ms Mndawe, Mrs Nkosi and Ms Madonsela from South Africa will be visiting us for two weeks June 3rd to June 14th.
Look out in your child’s home learning packs for questions on South Africa and once answered they may also want to generate questions of their own. Look out for tweets and postings on our website.

HOCKEY AND CREATIVE ART
On June 6th these clubs will not take place as we are holding the Global Café. Both classes will be made upon July 11th.
DEBATE MATE - SUMMARY OF THE YEAR BY MELITA AND MATILDA YEAR 6

On Monday, Rathfern debaters competed in the final of the Primary Urban Debating League. The top 10 teams nationally competed against each other and we proudly placed 5th. Debate Mate is an amazing debating programme that is lead by mentors by the company. It is also lead by Mrs Henderson-Vieira and Mr Ellington. In our time at the programme, we have learnt to argue for and against motions such as: This house would punish celebrities more harshly than ordinary people for their crimes. It has been a successful year, we have come first in the London League and runners up in the Primary Cup and now we have been placed 5th nationally. The last year has been filled with wonderful opportunities and memories and I hope to continue with Debate Mate in secondary school.

This year in Debate Mate has been amazing. As well as winning the London UDL we have placed in the top ten of the country. It has been an extraordinary experience and I will never forget this experience. I want to thank Mr Ellington and Mrs Henderson-Vieira for the opportunity.

RECEPTION & Year 1 – Soft Start

We would like to politely remind all parents that in Early Years we operate a soft start system, where they will say good-bye to you at the main door to the Infant Block and come into class by themselves. The children come into class from 8.45am, across a ten minute period.

This is a 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

SATS

On Friday 17th of May, Year 6 spent the morning at Blythe Hill Fields to celebrate finishing their SATS. The children have been focused and dedicated learners from the beginning of their final year at Primary School and throughout the week that they sat their exams. Well done to them all for their continued hard work and dedication.
ATHLETICS PE LESSONS AT LADYWELL ARENA

The PE team have hired out Ladywell Arena for some of our KS2 PE lessons during summer term. At the arena we are able to use the large field space for team games, and the track and field facilities for athletics training.

On Wednesday the 22nd of May Year 4 had a fantastic time competing against their classmates at the Arena. Children participated in the long jump, the soft javelin/vortex throw, sprint training, and football matches.

The children were exhausted by the time we got back to school! Lots of energy and effort went into the events, and it was wonderful to see the children so determined to beat their current personal best. Great work Year 4!
KS1 All Stars Cricket Workshops and Assembly

Coach James Reid from Kent County Cricket Club spent a wonderful few days at Rathfern, delivering exciting cricket workshops to KS1 children. James also led an assembly that helped us to understand a little more about the game of Cricket, and how we can get more involved in the sport.

The workshops were a lot of fun, touching on different skill elements of cricket. All of the sessions finished with a competitive game where children had a go at both striking and fielding.

There are two local All Stars cricket centres offering sessions for 5-8 year olds – Catford Wanderers CC and Catford Cyphers CC. For more information about getting your child involved in All Stars cricket, please visit their webpage below:-

https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars
SUMMER CLUB.
REGISTER OF INTEREST
We still have a couple of places left on this years summer scheme, if anyone else in interested please register your interest in the school office.

We will be running the summer play scheme again as we appreciate the challenges that the long summer break presents to working parents and are committed to supporting all our families.

The cost of the summer scheme would be approximately £30 per day and it would take place during the first 2 weeks of the summer break (22nd July to 2nd August).

If you are interested in taking up our provision this summer, please register your interest in the school office or by e-mailing Gail in the office at: g.fernandes@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk

A leaflet is available in the school office with the various options for you to choose and return to the office. Places are limited and we only have a few left to sign up.

YEAR 1 VISITED THE DINOSAURS AT CRYSTAL PALACE

Year 1 visited Crystal Palace park to explore the dinosaurs as part of our ‘palaeontology’ theme. We travelled to the park on the 202 bus and the bus driver commented on our good manners. When we arrived at the park we had some playtime before walking to the pond where the dinosaurs are. On our travels we saw; the farm, people playing volley ball at the National Sports Centre and the ruins of the original Crystal Palace. When we arrived at the pond we observed the dinosaurs and sketched them using a range of techniques we have developed in art. At lunchtime we walked to the park to have a picnic. After lunch, we explored the sandpit and found dinosaur bones and other fossils. We enjoyed playing in the playground and were sad to have to make our way back to school. At the end of the day we were exhausted but will treasure many wonderful memories.!

Year 3 are fundraising update

The Legoland project is truly in sight! Y3 would like to thank you for your support throughout. We are half-way towards our target and this couldn’t have been possible without you.

Chinbrook class have an exciting performance coming up on Wednesday 12th June 2019 at 2:30pm. Tickets are £1 per person. You would not want to miss this! Tickets can be purchased from Miss Emanuel & Mrs Klair in the playground after school.
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.

PUNCTUALITY and ATTENDANCE
Lost learning time has a detrimental impact upon your child’s learning progress. Effective schools have excellent attendance and punctuality. Thank you to those parents who are punctual - I do notice you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2019
HALF TERM: 26th – 31st May

JUNE

Monday 3rd British Council International Partnership, three head teachers arriving from South Africa.
Thursday 6th Global Café
Creative Art & Hockey will NOT be held on this day but made up on Thursday 11th July
Tuesday 11th Class photos
Wednesday 12th New Reception intake: Parents meeting 9.30am & 5.00pm
Thursday 13th Riverview – Class Assembly
Thursday 13th New Reception intake: Stay & Learn 4.00 - 4.45pm & 5.00- 5.45pm
Friday 15th Blythe Hill – Class Assembly
Thursday 20th Evelyn – Class Assembly
Thursday 20th Brazilian drummers performing at Tower of London
Friday 21st Ravensbourne – Class Assembly
Friday 21st Summer Fayre
Friday 21st Nursery closed due to Open day for September 2019 intake
June 27th Nursery to visit Mudchute Farm
June 27th 7pm Edith Nesbit class and Djembe dancers and drummers performing at the Royal Festival hall.

JULY

Week commencing 1st July – Last week of clubs

Sunday 7th Blythe Hill festival gymnasts and drummers performing.
Friday 12th Sports Day
Monday 15th Year 6 Production
Wednesday 17th Summer Concert
Thursday 18th Year 6 to Chessington

Friday 19th LAST DAY OF TERM
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked to outstanding attendance.

Attendance winners for Spring term
Statistics for period 13th May – 24th May.
Whole School Attendance

Congratulations to Forster Park who came first this term, closely followed by Friendly Gardens and Manor Park.

Late R/C: Students

LATES / ABSENCES.

Well done to Beckenham Place Park for having the least lates.
Please note that any child arriving after 8.55am is considered late whether or not the main gate is open. They must collect a late card so that the teacher is aware that the child is accounted for in the case of an emergency.
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