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

The Summer Term is flying by and we hope you can see just how much your children are enjoying school as well as making wonderful progress in their learning.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head teacher

INTERNATIONAL VISIT

Rathfern successfully secured funding from the British Council to develop an International school partnership with three schools in South Africa. We are hoping our partnership will bring real perspectives to a wide range of classroom learning, and be particularly enriching for projects focusing on SDGs such as Zero Waste, Zero Hunger and Responsible Consumption and Production.

Our International Visitors from South Africa will be visiting us for two weeks June 3rd to June 14th. Look out for tweets and postings on our website.

LATES / ABSENCES.

Please note that any child arriving from 8.55am is considered late whether or not the main gate is open, will need to collect a Late card so that the teacher is aware that the child is accounted for in case of an emergency.

DINNER MONEY

The increase of **10p per day** for dinner money payments will now start from Monday 13th May.

This is an increase made by the Local Authority.

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ZANIB MIAN VISITS RATHFERN PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday 3rd May, Zanib Mian visited both Year 4 classes to introduce her hilarious book, ‘Planet Omar’.

Zanib Mian spoke about her journey as an author and her decision to give up her science career to create change within children’s publishing. She felt that diverse characters from all minorities and backgrounds weren’t being fully represented in books for young children, which is why she started her new career as an author for children’s books.

Children in Year 4 had the opportunity to ask Zanib Mian many questions about her life and about her book, ‘Planet Omar’. The children were extremely lucky to have a few chapters from the book read to them by the author herself.

All children had a fabulous day with Zanib! They loved the book and hopefully lots of children are reading it right now!
Community Picnic

Dear All,

Everyone is 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 24th May 2019, at 11:30am – 14.30 pm, Blythe Hill.

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

SUMMER CLUB. REGISTER OF INTEREST

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

However, we would need to have at least 20 children each day to cover the costs.

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 this service this summer, please register your interest by Tuesday 7th May 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.
Congratulations to both the Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Gymnastics teams who won their Lewisham Borough Final competition today. This is the 3rd consecutive year that both age categories have won the Borough finals, and will once again, be heading to represent Lewisham and compete at the London Youth Games.

The teams competed in 3 gymnastics areas – Body Management, Floor and Vault. In each area gymnasts performed a rehearsed routine demonstrating a range of complex skills, and were judged on the accuracy and precision of their performance.

We are all incredibly proud of the Rathfern gymnasts, the hard work they put in, and their dedication to the sport. Best of luck to both teams at the London Youth Games!
NURSERY VISIT TO THE HORNIMAN’S BUTTERFLY GARDEN

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who made Nursery’s trip to The Horniman Museum such a success. The children were amazed to see so many butterflies! They were also very excited to see the creatures inside the Museum, including the live bees and the gigantic walrus.

The children were very self-regulated throughout the trip. Well done Nursery!

GLOBAL GOALS ART COMPETITION

This competition is an opportunity for young people aged 7 to 15 years old across the UK to show what the Global Goals mean to them and have the opportunity for their artwork to feature on the cover of the Voluntary National Review. For example, they might want to illustrate a beach clean up, or how they do their weekly recycling at home, or their idea of a healthy and happy world.

All entries and signed permission forms need to be returned to Telegraph Hill classroom by Monday 13th May 2019. We cannot enter the children’s art in the competition without their permission form,
Friends of Rathfern FUNDRAISING

An easy way to raise money for Friends of Rathfern – please help!

We’re getting ready for the Rathfern Summer Fair! Fingers crossed for summer sun on 21st June.

Reed Rains Estate Agent is helping us promote the Fair by putting up signs outside the homes of any parents and carers who agree to it. You don’t have to do anything – the estate agent just goes round putting the signs up and then takes them down four weeks later.

The great news is that Reed Rains will donate £10 to Friends of Rathfern for every sign.

If you are happy to have a sign outside your building, please email Kate from Friends of Rathfern (kateburls@gmail.com) with your address by Wednesday 15th May.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Year 3 are fundraising!

Y3 launched their fundraising initiative last week! Y3 are aiming to visit LEGOLAND Windsor and decided to fundraise to make this dream a reality.

We laid on a small spread that consisted of ice lollies and delicious Oreo bites - It was a SELL OUT!!

Thank you so much for your support, Y3 really appreciate it.

Y3 children will also be on the stall next week. We’ve got more in store for you next week Wednesday...
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

MAY

Monday 13th – 16th Year 6 SAT’s
Friday 24th Community Picnic – Brazillian drummers performing.

JUNE

Thursday 6th Global Café
Tuesday 11th Class photos
Wednesday 12th New Reception intake: Parents meeting 9.30am & 5.00pm
Thursday 13th New Reception intake: Stay & Learn 4.00 -4.45pm
Thursday 20th & 5.00- 5.45pm
Brazilian drummers performing at Tower of London
Friday 21st Summer Fayre
Friday 21st Nursery closed due to Open day for 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

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
Outstanding achievement is linked to outstanding attendance.

Attendance winners for Spring term
Statistics for period 29th April – 9th May.
Whole School Attendance 97%

Congratulations to Friendly Gardens who came first this term, closely followed by Horniman Gardens and Chinbrook.

NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEPTEMBER

Apply now for children aged 3 by the end of August 2019. Please call into the office to complete an application form.
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