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

This year has flown by and you now have the summer holidays to recharge your batteries and rest with your wonderful children. I would like to thank you for all your support over the last year. Your children continue to thrive, achieve and love learning at Rathfern Primary School.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the extraordinarily committed staff at Rathfern for making this year so successful.

Teachers
Teaching Assistants
Ms Sally and music support staff
PE Team- Ms Sophie and Mr Errison
Office and Premises team
Lunchtime Supervisors
Lunchtime staff- Cook and servers.
Wraparound Team
Cleaners

THANK YOU
At the end of term we say goodbye and very best wishes to the following members of staff:
Ms Lundie who will be a Deputy Head in Tower Hamlets
Daniel Williams (ICT) will sadly be retiring
Ms Ronay who is going to teach at Dulwich College
Ms Rowlinson who is going to pursue a Forest School career

WELCOME
Ms Anu Adegbuyi Year 3 Class Teacher
Ms Charlotte McGrath Reception Class Teacher

Mrs Maharasingam
Head teacher
Year 3- Legoland

What started out as humble statistics lesson within Chinbrook class, turned into a real life experience...Y3 visited LEGOLAND Windsor last week and they had a blast! Their bravery and strength of heart was tested as they embarked on multiple rides throughout the day. The children were awarded with a 'LEGO allowance' to spend on a souvenir of choice, a well earned treat for all their fundraising efforts.

The Y3 team would like to thank you for all the support received to make their venture a reality!

Year 6 – End of year production

Last Thursday evening, Year 6 came together to put on their eagerly anticipated end-of-year performance at Forest Hill School. Pupils chose a variety of roles, to showcase the breadth of their talents and passions. In recent weeks, the children had used their afternoons to practise their drama, singing, poetry, drumming and dancing for this wonderful spectacle.

Alongside the fabulous drumming exhibitions that we have become accustomed to at Rathfern, dancers executed complex choreography, budding thespians performed drama pieces they had devised and scripted themselves and brave soloists performed their original songs and poems in front of an enthusiastic crowd. The extraordinarily talented group put on a real cavalcade of entertainment for all to enjoy and it was a fitting send off to cap an amazing year.

Forest School

'Many thanks to all the parents and carers who have volunteered for our forest school sessions this year, especially those who come every week. The children have been loving exploring our local jungle! There are many sessions on at the site over the summer, including some forest school sessions with Miss Anna. See website for details - wildcatwilderness.org'
Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it’s FREE to take part!

Get ready for an out of this world adventure with Space Chase
Prepare for lift off as we travel across the galaxy on a very special reading mission: the Summer Reading Challenge 2019!
This year’s theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing.
Children taking part in the Challenge will join the super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!
Throughout the summer there will be free Space Chase activities in our libraries.

How to take part

The summer reading challenge is free and this year starts on Saturday 13 July. All you need to take part is a library card, which you can get by joining any library in the borough.

About the challenge

- Children aged 4–11 are asked to read six books of their choice over the summer holiday.
- For each book they read, they collect stickers and rewards.
- When they have completed the challenge, they get a medal.

Look out for more details.
Other PE & Sport News
Year 6 Netball Tournament 8/07/19 – 3rd place!

Well done to the Year 6 children who competed brilliantly in the Forest Hill and Sydenham Schools Netball competition. The team played a High 5 format of Netball, which involves them rotating their positions at the end and half-time of every game. The team worked together so well, and did a fantastic job remembering the many rules and position boundaries that there are in High 5 Netball. The team came in 3rd place overall! Another amazing result to add to the success of our year 6 competitions this year!

Year Hockey Tournament 15/07/19 – 2nd place!

Congratulations to the Year 6 Hockey A Team who came in 3rd place at the Lewisham Summer Hockey tournament. The team won all of their matches leading up to the final, and continued to impress with such a high level of skill and game understanding in the final.

Rathfern had four teams competing at the competition, all of whom represented the school brilliantly. Year 6 have worked with Mr Djavit (Hockey coach) all year, and it was wonderful to see lots of the children enjoying the opportunity to put all their learning and acquired skills into action.
On Sunday 7th July the Brazilian Drummer and Gymnasts opened Blythe Hill Festival. The drummers drew in the crowds with their lively sound and catchy rhythms. The children played with so much confidence, and had their audience clapping and dancing along!

For the finale the gymnastics squad joined the drummers in front of the stage with a performance of skills carefully selected to match the energy and rhythms of the drums.

It was the biggest audience we have performed to at Blythe Hill, so thank you to everyone that came down to support us! We hope to be back next year to perform to the local community once again!
Rathfern Gymnasts Represent Lewisham Borough
@ the London Youth Games 4/07/19

During the Spring Term Rathfern’s Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Gymnastics teams both won their Lewisham Borough Finals competition, and on the 4th of July the time had come for them to represent Lewisham at the London Youth Games.

We arrived at Crystal Palace Sport National Sports Centre feeling a mix of emotions – excitement, anticipation, and nervousness. Both team performed three complex routines - the Vault, Floor and Body Management.

All of our gymnasts performed brilliantly and did Lewisham proud! The hard work really paid off. Out of all of the Lewisham Boroughs, our Year 3/4 team came in 14th and our Year 5/6 team in 13th place! What an amazing achievement!

We also had some time to soak up the fantastic atmosphere at the games. The children competed in a sliding competition, and cycled on an exercise bike to make healthy smoothies. It was a very special day!
On Thursday July 4th the years 1 & 2 football festival took place at St Dunstans Jubilee Ground. Five schools entered teams on this glorious afternoon. All of the games were very competitive and played in a great spirit. There were some fantastic goals scored by all teams along with some great goalkeeping and all round play.
The games were close and often decided by only one goal.
There was a great atmosphere with all the spectators cheering on their teams with words of encouragement.
Congratulations to all of the children who represented their schools extremely well.
All players went home with a certificate, the runners up received medals and the winners took home the trophy.

FINAL POSITIONS
1ST HASELTINE
2ND DALMAIN
3RD RATHFERN
4TH PERRYMOUNT
5TH ST MARY’S

RATHFERN

Dave McLaren & Graham Curtis
Sports Coordinators
Sports Day 2019

We would like to thank parents for their amazing support at Sports Day this year; it was a fantastic turn out!

KS1 tackled the obstacle course, launched the soft Javelins and space hopped to success, while KS2 competed in Dodgeball, Football, Sprint Races and the the Vortex throw.

It was fantastic to see how determined the children were to do well for their teams and how much they were enjoying the occasion. It was a great way to end another successful year of sport at Rathfern!

A special well done to all the children who were nominated by their teachers to receive a Sporting Spirit certificate!

The Parent Vs Teacher Football match was once again, one of the highlights of the day. This year however, victory went to the parents! Congratulations!
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2019

Friday 19th
LAST DAY OF TERM

Monday 22nd July  Inset Days
Tuesday 23rd July  Inset Days

SEPTEMBER
THERE WILL BE NO SOFT START WEEK 1 and WEEK 2 This will enable parents to get a chance to settle their children and meet with their new class teacher.

INSET DAY Monday 2nd September
INSET DAY Tues 3rd September
Wednesday 4th September CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 9th  Year 1 and 2 Coffee Mornings 9:10-9:30
Tuesday 10th Year 3 and 4 Coffee Mornings 9:10-9:30
Wednesday 11th Year 5 and 6 Coffee Mornings 9:10-9:30

Monday 16th  Soft Start begins for whole school NOT for Reception classes.

OCTOBER
Tuesday 15th October TARGET SETTING
Thursday 17th October  TARGET SETTING

Friday 18th Half Term Break

Monday 28th October - Reception soft start begins

PAYMENT GUIDANCE

Anyone who has NOT cleared their debt by the beginning of September will forfeit their place at Breakfast club and Afterschool club. From September monies will need to be paid a month in advance.
FOOD 'N' FUN in the Fields

LADYWELL FIELDS, NORTH FIELD SE13 7UT

SUN 18TH AUG 2019 · 12PM-6PM

FREE ENTRY · PRIZE COMPETITIONS

LIVE MUSIC · FREE DONKEY RIDES

FOOD & COMMUNITY STALLS · BIRDS OF PREY DISPLAY · FUNFAIR
BOUNCY CASTLE · TREASURE HUNT · COMMUNITY CAKE CHALLENGE
CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION · EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES

CONTACT US FOR STALLS OR SPONSORSHIP ENQUIRIES CATFORDCCA@GMAIL.COM

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We are pleased to announce we are now a Gold Rights Respecting School, recognised by UNICEF UK. The third stage of the award means that our school has fully embedded children's rights throughout our school's policy, practice and ethos. We will however, continue to work with UNICEF to explore new ways to embed and develop an even deeper understanding of rights respecting across the school and community. A copy of the report will be sent to all, once we receive it back from the UNICEF assessor.
Outstanding achievement is linked to outstanding attendance.

Attendance winners for the whole school year are:

1st Friendly Gardens 98.2%
2nd Edith Nesbit 97.2%
Joint 3rd Chinbrook & Wells Park 96.9%

Late R/C: Students

Congratulations to Evelyn, Ladywell am and Blythe Hill for achieving the least Lates this school year.

Commiserations to Mountsfield Park with the most amount of Lates