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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you again for your support as we have opened to more children and welcomed children to have closure on the year and meet their new teacher. Children's faces convey it has been a positive experience and many did not want to go home!

## Connecting children and class teachers.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, **Sweet Chestnut Class** were invited back to school to get closure on their academic year. It was a lovely reconnection day for all of us. The children were extremely happy and excited to be back at school but most importantly, to see their friends. We spent some time sharing our lockdown experiences and emotions, took part in a quiz to recap our previous learning and spent some time playing together in the playground.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continuous support. I wish all children the very best of luck in Year 5.

Ms Gok

*I felt happy and excited to see my friends and enjoyed playing football with them. It was really nice just to go into school and have fun with my friends for a few hours.*

*Fraser Y4*

*I felt a bit worried at first but I realised how much I missed seeing my friends when I arrived at school. I can't wait to see my teachers and my friends in September.*

*Christopher Y4*

*This was one of the best days of my life and I enjoyed it very much. I felt so happy to see my friends face to face after 3 months. I hope that we can have another reconnection day but instead of 2 hours, maybe for a whole day!*

*Keshikan Y4*

*I have really missed playing with my friends.*

*Siradjo Y4*



**Cherry Blossom class** had the opportunity to come back to school for a day to spend some time with their peers and class teacher to reconnect. It was wonderful to see the children in person and hear about how they continue to use the learning attributes and core values at home as part of their daily, learning routines. We spent the time reminiscing about our most memorable moments in Year 2 with a slideshow of pictures and shared a happy experience from our time being away from school. The children were excited to meet their new Year 3 teacher via video, who set them the 'Silly Squad' summer reading challenge. We ended our time with some positive messages about how they can affect change and how reading can help us to escape as well as feed our brains with a wealth of knowledge. It was an absolute pleasure to see your faces in person! This was not goodbye, as I will continue to teach you via Google Meet weekly and I look forward to reading your learning on Google Classroom.

Remember to read, read and do more...reading, and you're never fully dressed without a smile.  
Miss Roach

## Anti-racism: equity and inclusion,

After initial reflections we have been working with all pupils across the school to think about how we redouble our efforts to tackle racism in all its forms: overt and covert.

The goal of these discussions

Our number 1 priority during this process has been to ensure all young people can discuss these issues in a safe space without fear. Feedback from staff is that the conversations have been positive and supportive. However, it is worth emphasising that any comments that are intentionally and overtly racist will be dealt with in the strongest terms including following the full extent of our behaviour policy. There is no room for race hatred in our school community. It is only on this basis that we can move forward together.

We will of course provide support and education for any young person who expresses views which go against our values of humanity and community and vitally involve parents in this conversation too. We take any incidences of deliberate racism very seriously.

At Rathfern, challenging racism and working towards greater equity is always part of the broad discussion as a staff team. Please do get in touch with us with thoughts, ideas and reflections.

Recognition

I would like to take this opportunity to send thanks to all the parents and carers in our community. We know it has been hard during this period to balance dealing with a pandemic, working and home-schooling - but we have greatly appreciated all your emails and messages of support and seeing you in our Google Chats. We cannot wait until we can all be together again!

Our virtual classrooms continue to provide a wide variety of highlights, showcasing how hard everyone is working at home!



## New Reception events

30th June Virtual induction 9.30 and 5.30.

1st June Stay, play and learn session 4.00-5.00pm.

2nd June Stay, play and learn session 4.00-5.00pm.

8th June Stay, play and learn session 4.00-5.00pm.

15th, 16th, 17th July Virtual home visits.

## Summer School. – 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July

We are considering offering places at summer school.

- The cost will be: £30.00 per day 8.00am-6.00pm.
- The same rules of social distancing and hygiene will apply.
- Please let us know if you are interested in paying for a place by emailing [L.baldwinson@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:L.baldwinson@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk) by **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July**.
- Payment will need to be made by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

## Target Setting

Target Setting Meetings July 7th and 9th

These will take place as Google Meets

We hope you have a joy and peace filled weekend.

Mrs Maharasingam



# OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

## Nursery

**Malachi** for going onto Google Classroom each day and maintaining a really positive approach towards home learning.

## Reception :

**Mariam A** for great effort and engagement in completing all her work on google classroom.

**May G** for showing enthusiasm with her learning and always challenging herself!

**Joyce** for excellent effort with reading back her own learning and articulating her understanding in the videos she has uploaded.

## Year 1

**Karina** for her effort and participation in our google meet lesson.

**Sophia** for persevering in her learning when finding it challenging at home.

## Year 2

Cherry Blossom Class: **Daniel, Archie, Haja**

Hazel Class: **Cezara, Shakira and Lucia**



## Year 3

Sycamore: **Khaleed, Emir, Markiyan**

Guelder Rose: **Ella, Prince, Victoria**

## Year 4

*For consistently showing great commitment and dedication to their online learning.*

Sweet Chestnut Class:

**Zion, Keshikan, Parris, Jesse**

Eucalyptus Class: **Lateef, Andreas, Angelina**

## Year 5

**Magnolia Class:**

**Ava** For continuing to challenge herself and complete learning to a high standard after nearly 3 months out of school. You are really trying your best to consolidate your skills and knowledge.

**Miracle** For continuing to challenge herself and complete learning to a high standard after nearly 3 months out of school. You are really trying your best to consolidate your skills and knowledge.

**Juniper Class:**

**Ehigbai** has shown increased effort by completing his writing tasks in English.

**Rebekah** has shown increased maturity during her time in Skeleton School and has put in noticeable effort to improve her handwriting.

## Year 6

**Cecil-** Since Cecil has returned to school, he has gone from strength to strength. He has shown an extremely mature attitude in class and he has consistently exhibited impressive self-regulation. Miss Zulver and I are very pleased with how you have benefited from returning to school.



**Anaiah** has massively improved the standard of his learning that he is submitting from home. All of his learning now shows genuine effort and a real understanding of the topic being studied.

**Tahliyah** has a wonderful attitude to Opera in school and she has engaged in the online lessons extremely well. Her enthusiasm and musical talent have been clear for all to see.

**Crystal** has produced some outstanding writing this week at school. She has also been actively engaging in class discussions, where her input has been a support for her classmates.

