Dear Parents/Carers,
We hope you are safe and well.
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. Childrens are overjoyed to be back with their friends and teacher albeit for only two hours!

**Connecting children and class teachers.**

**Reconnecting with Guelder Rose Class**
It was lovely seeing Guelder Rose return for yesterday's reconnection day. We have missed you greatly.
Sycamore's reconnection date is scheduled for Wednesday 8th July. We look forward to seeing you all soon!
Ms Adegbuyi

**Reconnecting with Juniper Class**
It was wonderful to reconnect with Juniper Class on Wednesday of this week. It was a great opportunity for the children to see each other again and get stuck into some learning, as well as quizzes and games like 'silent ball'. During our time together, the children shared their peak and pit moments of lockdown. They also had fun reigniting their creative writing by each contributing to a collective list poem about how time was spent in lockdown. As a class, they tackled some algebraic problems to get a little taste of what Year 6 Maths will be like. We finished the session with a discussion about the Black Lives Matters movement and children shared their ideas of how we could support this movement and better represent the black community in our school. It was consoling to see their handwriting had not slipped and that they were alert and ready to take part in learning!
Ms Baker.

**Magnolia Class Reconnection Day**
On Wednesday 1st July, we welcomed back the pupils of Magnolia class for their reconnection day to give them an opportunity to catch up with their peers and teacher, and to give them some closure on the academic year.

Understandably, pupils were a little coy and nervous at first, having been away for over 3 months, but they soon warmed up and got back into the swing of things as we played class games, enjoyed a fun quiz and shared our lockdown experiences. We took the opportunity to discuss the Black Lives Matter
movement and children were asked to respond to the events of this Summer, and, as always, the pupils were very forthright with their opinions. Later on we wrote a collaborative lockdown list poem that entailed each member of the group writing one line of a poem about some of their new lockdown routines and even managed to fit in some Year 6 Maths in our short session to give pupils a taste of what is to come next year. We covered a lot of ground in our 2-hour sessions!

It was lovely to see the children in person again after being away for so long. We hope you all enjoyed the opportunity of coming back to school before the end of the school year and we look forward to seeing you in the Autumn term.

Mr Karimboccus

Continuing our Anti-racism work:

Another valuable resource has been shared with us from colleagues which we are pleased to be able to pass on to the community. Here is a guide for parents on supporting your children with understanding the Black Lives Matter movement. We encourage you to share and use the resources with your family if you feel appropriate.

Similarly, members of our staff and parent/carer community have been contacting us about a program which has started on Channel 4 - The School That Tried to End Racism. This is a gripping documentary that follows the first UK trial of a US programme aimed at educating pupils in unconscious racial bias. It is available on All 4 to watch. The link is here. https://www.channel4.com/programmes/the-school-that-tried-to-end-racism

Please keep sharing any useful resources you have with our staff - they have been so valuable in our anti-racism learning and planning.

Wraparound Service

Just a reminder that parents have been expected to pay for Wraparound afterschool club from June 1st. Prior to this we were offering this service free of charge.

School Dinners

Since the return to school in June for children attending school the charge for school dinners is £1.30 a day. This does not apply to those in receipt of Free School Meals.

Summer School 20th – 24th and 27th – 31st July

Please note Monday 6th July is the closing date for enrolling to Summer School

Please let us know if you are interested in paying for a place by emailing L.baldwinson@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk by Monday 6th July.

New Reception induction

We have had a busy few weeks planning the induction for our new reception children starting in September. Due to the current situation we held a virtual induction via zoom with our new families. The meeting was very well attended and the children and their families are looking forward to joining the Rathfern community.
This week we also enjoyed welcoming the new reception children to a socially distanced stay, play and learn session. The children had the opportunity to meet the team in person and participate in a range of exciting activities. We look forward to seeing the children again next week during their virtual home visits and then again on their first day of school in September!
Target Setting
Target Setting Meetings July 7th and 9th
These will take place on Google Meets

Staffing Update
Sadly we will be saying goodbye to:

Miss Adegbuyi this summer as she relocates to Kent to start married life. Congratulations Miss Adegbuyi, we wish you all the best on your new journey.

Ms Michael after teaching at Rathfern for five years she is starting a new post in a Greenwich school

Mrs Bayles who is relocating to Sheffield after four years at Rathfern Primary.

Ms Sinead who is relocating to Northumberland and which has been awarded a scholarship to study for an MA at Edinburgh University.

We hope you have a joy and peace filled weekend.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

Nursery

Emily for consistently making an effort to try different activities.

Reception:

Joyce for excellent effort and progress in writing.
Livia for always challenging herself with her learning.
Kason for good effort and engagement in completing his google classroom learning.

Year 1

Daniel for the amount of effort he is putting into his learning in his bubble.
Phoenix for showing effort and commitment towards her live google teach sessions.

Year 2

Cherry Blossom Class:

Michael for his effort and creativity in his diary entry.
Bilal for his imaginative representation of the solar system using recycled items.
Abigail for her creative headband of the solar system.
Lily for her inspirational acrostic poem about Earth.

Hazel Class:

Ella-Renae for her perseverance and effort in her handwriting practise.
Shamsheer for his imaginative representation of the solar system.
Naomi for her effort and perseverance in Science.
Lucia for her creative headband of the solar system.

Year 3

Sycamore: Mahira, Ivy and Sophie
Guelder Rose: Minnie, Nasra and Jayd
Year 4

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

Sweet Chestnut Class:
Alex
Davina
Prince

Eucalyptus Class:
Patrick
Aya
Oliwia

Year 5

Magnolia Class:
Yevgeny - For his excellent contributions on the Magnolia class reconnection day and consistent submissions of learning on Google Classroom. His deep reflections were very thought-provoking.
Davina - For returning to school bright-eyed and engaged for the Magnolia Class reconnection day. She made some thoughtful contributions and was very enthusiastic.

Juniper Class:
Amari - Amari showed brilliant focus and curiosity during Juniper Class' reconnection session. She was alert right from the start, answered questions and carried out tasks to the best of her ability.
Rares has shown perseverance and effort in his consistency and attention to detail in Maths Challenges.

Year 6

Roddy - This week, Roddy wrote an inspirational poem about social injustice and the Black Lives Matters movement. His words were truly moving and inspirational.
Tricia has exhibited an outstanding work ethic since she has come back to school. Tricia also wrote a wonderful poem about racial equality.
Evie is consistently outstanding in class. She is always committed to her learning and she has consistently produced home learning of the highest standard.
Theo has shown tremendous enthusiasm towards learning opera this term. He has performed wonderfully in lesson and again, he was one of a number of students who created inspiring poems about social injustice and Black Lives Matter.