



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

14th March 2016

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

Dear Parents

The term is now in full flow and we hope your children are inspired by the learning at Rathfern Primary School.

Mrs Maharasingam

Head Teacher

PARENTS DROP IN

– DON'T FORGET

Thank you to those of you who have come in to air your concerns and thanks with me. Please feel free to come and discuss good news or concerns you may have with me on:

Mondays 9.10 – 9.40am

Tuesday 6.00 – 6.30pm

SPORTS RELIEF

Please come to school dressed in your sports clothes ready for a day of fun, exercise and competitive sports activities. Tickets to participate and attend will be £1. The tickets will be sold before and after school, the week commencing 14th March. All money raised goes to Sports Relief, helping some of the poorest communities here in the UK and all around the world.

Parents have an opportunity to get involved in the fun too. Sign up for the after-school football match against the staff and donate 50p.



PARENT WORK SHOP

Anti Bullying – Thursday
17th March KS1 & KS2
9.00 – 9.30am

NURSERY PLACES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS SEPTEMBER

Apply now for children aged 3 by the end of August 2016. Please call into the office to collect an application form

IMPORTANT

Please can I remind you that if you have changed your phone number or any other details please can you inform us as soon as possible. We have had cases recently where we have not been able to contact parents in emergency situations .



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World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March 2016 we celebrated World Book Day. It was wonderful to see so many children and members of staff dressed up as their favourite book characters. The children had special assemblies in their year groups and took part in a range of reading and writing activities during the day.

DATES FOR YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY PAYMENTS.

Wednesday 23rd March £51.00

Friday 22nd April £50.00

Wednesday 25th May £50.00

Houses of Parliament - Oxford Class

Lanya Fayak

The trip to Parliament was a trip that will stay with me forever. When we arrived at Westminster, Parliament was right in front of us. Just seeing Parliament was a privilege. What I enjoyed the most was following the Queen's footsteps. We were also lucky to visit the House of Commons. Even though there weren't many MP's I still loved watching them debate.

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The houses of Parliament were amazing! It was so grand and old. We also saw other famous landmarks, such as Big Ben. Before we started our tour we watched a clip about how Parliament was made and how it got its name. After that our tour started. Because they weren't using that room for a debate, we went into the House of Lords! Can you believe it? Seeing the red leather in person was a dream and it felt like I was a Baroness! We also saw a real debate in the House of Commons



Request for help from Parents for sports events

There are lots of exciting up and coming opportunities for children to participate in sports events and competitions. The PE team believe these experiences to be character building and key to children's progression in competitive sport. However we can only attend these events and competitions, if we have enough adults to help supervise the children.

Please let the PE team know if you can help on any of the below dates in the near future:

17/03/16 – Gymnastics

17/03/16 – Football

18/03/16 – Football

Many Thanks

Errison and Sophie.

FAIR TRADE ASSEMBLIES

On Monday we had a visit from a Nicaraguan lady who travelled all the way across the world from Central America to visit us. She came to talk about Fair Trade and how when we make better choices about the brands we choose affects her life. We learned that when we buy fair-trade products, although we may need to pay a fraction more, that the producer gets a fair price for the produce they sell to big global companies. It was a humbling experience and made us think about the products we buy when we are shopping.
York Class

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM** (Nursery) – **Jashawn Jones & Athiyan Uthayachandran**
- **St Albans PM** (Nursery) – **Cairon Amoo-Campbell & Elysia Wilks**
- **Edinburgh** (Reception) – **Fathi Abdifatah Mohamud & Alex Morgan**
- **Carlisle** (Reception) – **Maya Kaur & Lily Aguguesi**
- **Hereford** (Year 1) – **Amari Jackman Kallo & Rio Singh - Dacres**
- **Canterbury** (Year 1) – **Miracle James & Thirusuthan Prapagaran**
- **Manchester** (Year 2) – **Alex Harding & Emohitae Olufemi**
- **Bath** (Year 2) – **Evie Clyne & Micah Coward**
- **Inverness** (Year 3) – **Anna Benefo & Emilia Hesketh**
- **Chichester** (Year 3) – **Cindy Wang & David Isreal**
- **Colchester** (Year 3) – **Jay Patel & Connor Hull**
- **London** (Year 4) – **Omari Hibbert & Naomi McLaren**
- **Brighton** (Year 4) – **Sophia Huang & Giles Aguguesi**
- **Exeter** (Year 4) – **Bisola Bashiru & Valon Hajrizaj**
- **York** (Year 5) – **Musa Sumareh Touray & Mekhi Millwood**
- **Liverpool** (Year 5) – **Sarita Drayton-Horne & Raagulan Senthilkumaran**
- **Cambridge** (Year 6) – **Sara Abdul- Rahman & Ethan Hyatt**
- **Oxford** (Year 6) – **Remi Beaumont & Sade Cudd**

LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM** (Nursery) – **C.J Bryan & Sharon Ibeh**
- **St Albans PM** (Nursery) – **Eunice Marshall & Tyrone Neves Green**
- **Edinburgh** (Reception) – **Go Go Tassie & Almudena Martinez**
- **Carlisle** (Reception) – **Ata Ermis & Emmanuel Martinez**
- **Hereford** (Year 1) – **Ella Nandoo & Mouad Bouhenniba**
- **Canterbury** (Year 1) – **Sarah Fortese Danfa & Jack Wise**
- **Manchester** (Year 2) – **Elizabeth John-Odutuyo & Jake Connor**
- **Bath** (Year 2) – **Melissa Clayton – Bainbridge & Norah Younger**
- **Inverness** (Year 3) – **Javar McDermott & Naomi John Odutuyo**
- **Chichester** (Year 3) – **Shyla Amadi – Barrett & Aedan Branker - Olujugba**
- **Colchester** (Year 3) – **Harley Francis & Alisha Robinson**
- **London** (Year 4) – **Cienna Ramlal-Henry & Khairy Jarrett**
- **Brighton** (Year 4) – **Sana Parwani & Musa Conteh**
- **Exeter** (Year 4) – **Adriano Wynter Thompson & Kawthar Hammoud**
- **York** (Year 5) – **Patrick Ladd & Sindy Cupi**
- **Liverpool** (Year 5) – **Thanuja Johnson & Brooke Miller**
- **Cambridge** (Year 6) – **Marcella Benson & Andre Powell**
- **Oxford** (Year 6) – **Harmony Chuter-Clarke & Jubril Bishi**

FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

We had a great turnout for our Mothers Day Breakfast. Many thanks to all those who came along, bought raffle tickets and shared the Mothers Day love! And a special thank you to the helpers who set up, served, donated raffle prizes and helped clear away in double-quick time. We really appreciate all your help.

We always need volunteers for our events and they are great fun to get involved with. Contact us if you have some time to spare.

Easter Cake Sale, Thursday 24th March: We'll be selling cakes after school in the playground to celebrate the end of term. All donations very gratefully received. If you can spare some time from 2.30pm to help set up and serve please let us know.

Easyfundraising: Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised more than £350 this way. Shop online via [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsorathfern](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsorathfern)

Find out more: Online at friendsofathfern.com

On Facebook at: [facebook.com/FriendsOfRathfern](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfRathfern)

On Twitter @FriendsRathfern

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Check our notice boards at school

EASTER BONNET COMPETITION

Monday 21st March :

Workshop in the Infant Hall at 3.30 – 4.15pm

Where parents can work along with their children to design an Easter Bonnet. All resources will be provided.

Thursday 24th March

Easter Bonnet parade to be held in the playground from 3pm onwards



SCHOOL DINNER MONEY

There will be an **increase of 10p per day** for dinner money payments from Tuesday 3rd May. This is an increase made by the council and the last one was 2 years ago!

YEAR 6

SATS EXAMS:

The SATs exams this year will take place in the week beginning 9th - 13th May

EASTER BOOSTERS SCHOOL YEAR 6 - Tuesday 29th March - Friday 1st April

These will take place in the first week of the Easter holidays from.

Tuesday – Wednesday 10- 12.30 Maths

Thursday 10 – 12.30 English

Friday 10 – 2.00pm English Letters were sent out earlier in the week.

SAT's & SCHOOL JOURNEY MEETING
To be held on Monday 21st March at 5.30pm . For all parents in year 6

SCIENCE WEEK

Science week is running from 11th – 20th March and the children will be engaging with practical investigations across the week. We also have some exciting workshops to follow with visiting scientists.

Please encourage your children to get involved, there are plenty of ideas for mini investigations on the British Science Week website:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org>

POSTER COMPETITION.

Young people across the UK are invited to enter the British Science week annual poster competition.

The theme for 2016 is Space for Science, encouraging young people to think about and investigate all the different spaces in which we find and 'do' science.

Find out more information:

<https://www.britishscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition>

DANCE GROUP AT FOREST HILL

Rathfern has Talent:

Last week the key stage one and two dance clubs showed off their moves at Forest Hill school and the Catford Broadway Theatre. The children not only stood out but left feeling inspired by the many acts and relished their moment on stage. The performances of both key stage one and key stage two were of high quality and represented Rathfern brilliantly.

Both dance clubs were also given the opportunity to perform their pieces this week at Kings Church in front of the entire school! Dance club are looking forward to their next performance which will be featured in this years annual summer concert.

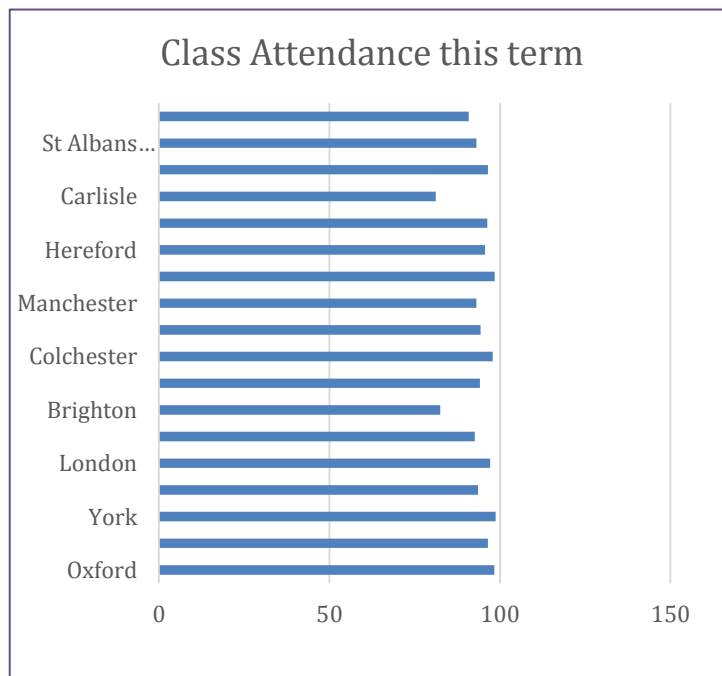
Miss Rachel - Dance Teacher

Attendance Figures from 22/2/16 – 11/3/16

Recently we have had a large amount of absences due to illness. If your child is off school for more than 2 days, we do require evidence. It could be by showing us your appointment card, prescription, medicine bottle or proof of calling GP on your phone.

Please could you remember to report it by either; using the Rathfern 'mySchoolApp', leave a message with the office, or by emailing Heather h.brewer@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk.

Thank you to all the families who do keep us well informed.



Well done though to Yr 6 Oxford and Yr 2 Bath for their outstanding attendance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - 2016

- **WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH:** The Railway Children (**Tickets Sold Out**)
- **FRIDAY 18TH MARCH:** Sports Relief
- **MONDAY 21ST MARCH:** SAT's & School Journey meeting at 5.30pm
- **TUESDAY 22ND MARCH:** School cinema event after school 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- **THURSDAY 24TH MARCH:** Last day of term
- **FRIDAY 25TH MARCH:** Good Friday – no school for children
- **MONDAY 28TH MARCH – FRIDAY 8TH APRIL:** Easter holidays
- **MONDAY 11TH APRIL:** Children return to school
- **TUESDAY 19TH APRIL:** Open morning 9.15am
- **MONDAY 2ND MAY:** Bank Holiday
- **TUESDAY 17TH MAY:** Open Morning 9.15am
- **MONDAY 9TH – 13TH MAY - SATs** for year 6 children.
- **FRIDAY 27TH MAY – INSET** day

SCHOOL TRIPS – 2016

- **TUESDAY 15TH MARCH:** Inverness Class (Yr3) to visit Wide Horizons Environmental Centre
- **WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH:** Lewisham Live - Liverpool Class
- **TUESDAY 22ND MARCH:** Djembe Drumming & Dance group to visit the Laban Theatre
- **APRIL**
- **THURSDAY 14TH :** Year 1 to Horniman Museum
- **JUNE**
- **MONDAY 6TH JUNE – FRIDAY 10TH JUNE:** Year 6 school journey to Wales

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

- **THURSDAY 17TH MARCH:** Canterbury class at 9.15am
- **FRIDAY 18TH MARCH:** Hereford class at 9.15am

