



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

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

24th June 2016

Dear Parents

The summer term is in full swing and your wonderful children are continuing to love learning.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

Target setting Meetings:

Target setting meetings are to be held on Tuesday 5th July and Thursday 7th July. Please ensure you make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. Your child's annual report will be available at this meeting.

SOFT START TRIAL – update

The response to this initiative has been overwhelmingly positive.

- The school day is starting so much calmer
- Children are settling down in class better and are ready to learn by 8:55 am
- There is no squabbling in the lines and resultant minor conflict
- No waiting in the line for over 15 minutes, which often made some children fed up and some even grumpy
- Parents are not having to involve themselves in resolving minor conflicts which inevitably occurred whilst children were waiting in the line

However there have been a small number of concerns about the new initiative

- Congestion concerns on Rathfern Road - This appears to be improving with staff supervision
- A lack of opportunity for parents to chat informally
- A feeling parents are not welcome into the school playground

Parents are welcome to visit the school office in order to pay dinner money or speak to the Office staff in the morning.

CONSULTATION MEETING

Listening to parental concerns is very important at Rathfern to build the trust we need as a school community.

I am proposing a consultation meeting on July 4th at 6.30pm so that we can find a way forward in order to acknowledge parental feedback. Please do attend so that your voice can be heard.

New Reception September 2016. In order to support the settling in of New Reception children

I am proposing:

Autumn 1, new reception children can be accompanied by parents in to their class.

Autumn 2: Children should be ready to make their own way into class.

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Year 6 re-visit Tudor times

Last Tuesday we went to the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich. We stood on the site of the original Greenwich Palace, which was where Henry VIII lived. There were two workshops about the Tudors for us to take part in. We were able to touch Tudor objects such as musical instruments and clothes and we had to guess what they were used for back in Tudor times. We found out that poor people had to use a large piece of bread as a plate at meals.

In the second workshop we watched an actress playing the part of a maid in Henry VIII's household. She made the boys act as pages and the girls as maids. We learned Tudor dance steps and performed a dance together. The best bit was dressing up as either a maid, a page, a king or a queen.

"The dress I put on felt heavy as it had lots of jewels on," said Vanessa.

"I dressed up as a maid," said Saskia, and the material was plain and itchy, very different from the queen's."

We all enjoyed the day learning new things about the Tudors.

Vanessa – Oxford Class & Saskia – Cambridge Class



FRESHWATER THEATER

On Friday 10th June, the Year 3 classes were taken back in time to a land of mystery, Pharaohs and the Great Pyramids. The children were visited by the Freshwater theatre company, who took them along with their daring explorer to Ancient Egypt to unlock the secrets of a long lost tomb. Encountering Anubis and Tutankhamun, the children supported the explorer in lifting the curse and escaping from the tomb unscathed. "I was amazed at how it taught me lots about Ancient Egypt through a play, and I now know that Tutankhamun died at the age of 19," explained Shianne. Jaydon also shared "It was so exciting to see our friends wearing the masks of Egyptians and Gods from the past."

TOWER OF LONDON PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday 14th June Rathfern Brazilian drummers and dancers performed at the Tower of London as part of the 'Music at the Tower Festival'.

The children's performance was fantastic and received many compliments from members of the public, the festival organisers and other school groups.

The children did three performances in one afternoon and the level of their professionalism was exemplary.

If you would like to see the group perform please see below for the future performances where they will be joined by the Rathfern gymnasts.

Future performances:

2nd July - Blythe Hill Festival 12.00pm

19th July - Rathfern Summer Concert

LIVERPOOL CLASS VISIT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

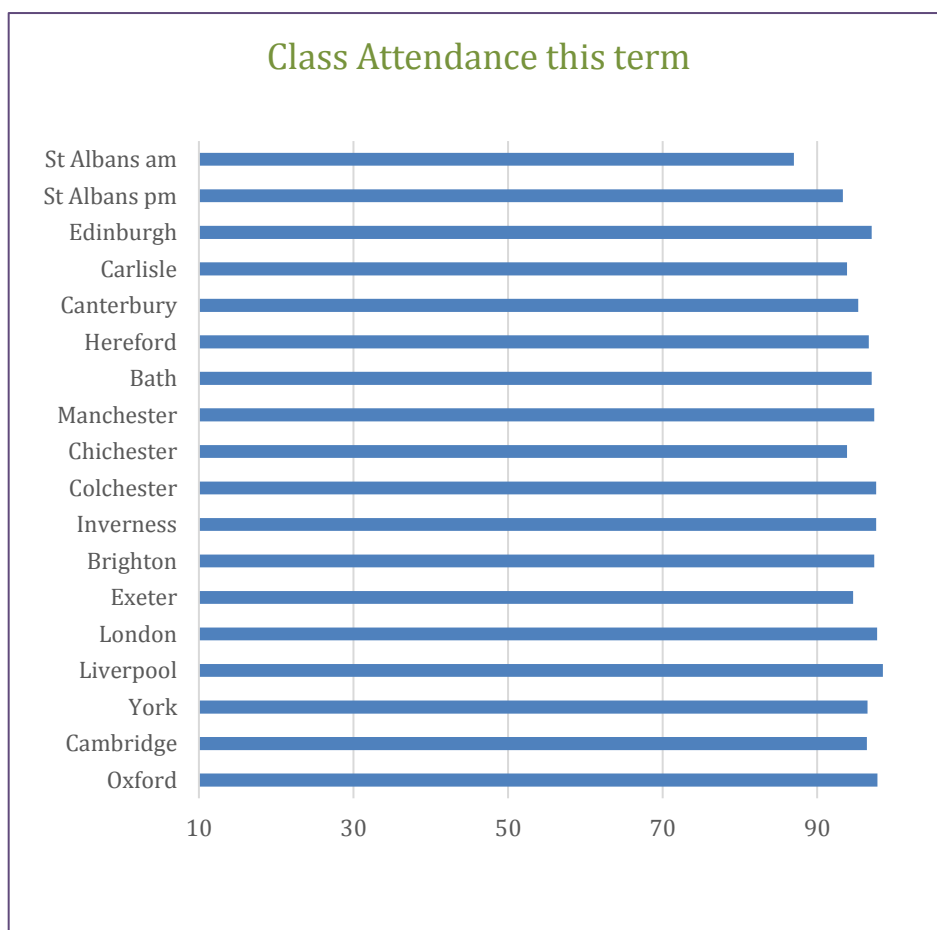
Last week we set off on a ten minute walk from our school to Catford Bridge station and took a train and then a tube to South Kensington. We left the station and headed down the tunnel, to the Science Museum. We all felt excited as we entered the museum because we did not know what kinds of exciting things we were going to see about Space. Stepping into a dimly lit black room our teacher explained that we were allowed to walk around and explore the different areas of Space. We found out astronauts who go to Space have to have a radio set so they can contact the people back down on Earth who are telling them what to do. We also found out that Neil Armstrong (the first man to walk on the moon) had to carry a tank of oxygen on his back to help him breathe in Space. What inspired me was seeing a model of the rocket Neil Armstrong launched off into Space in.

One day I would like to become a famous astronaut like Tim Peake or Neil Armstrong and live on the International Space Station.

By Davina Green-Wright

Attendance Figures from 20/6/16 – 24/6/16

Well done to the top 3 classes Liverpool, Oxford & London
for the highest attendance this week



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.

FINES FOR LATE PICK UP

After 3.45pm there will be a fine of £5.00 for every 15 mins you are late to pick up your child/ children. This will include Boosters & Wraparound as well as after school.

DINNER MONEY DEBTS

Please note that your child will be unable to attend any school trips, club activities or the Wraparound Service until the dinner debt is cleared.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2016

- **Wednesday 29th June** – Meeting for New Reception Parents 9.30am & 6.30pm
- **Thursday 30th June** – Stay & Learn for new Reception children 4.00pm -4.45pm
- **& Taster Session** – 3.30pm – 4.00 pm
- **Friday 1st July** – Stay & Learn for new Reception children 4.00pm -4.45pm

SPORTS DAYS AT ST DUNSTANS:

- Year 1 – Year 6 - **Thursday 7th July**

ELM LANE FIELD:

- Nursery **am** & Edinburgh – 10.00am – 11.00am **Friday 8th July**
- Nursery **pm** & Carlisle – 1.30pm – 2.30pm “ ”
- **Friday 8th July:** Last day of Nursery before the summer break.
- **Friday 15th July** – Rathfern reunion for last year’s Year 6 pupils.
18th – 20th July - NO BOOSTERS WILL BE HELD IN THE LAST WEEK OF TERM
- **Tuesday 19th July:** Summer Concert
- **Monday 18th July:** Year 6 Leavers Performance 7pm
- **Tuesday 19th July:** Full Governors body meeting.
- **Wednesday 20th July:** Last Day of Term.

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- **SEPTEMBER 5th AND SEPTEMBER 6th** INSET DAYS
- **SEPTEMBER 7th:** Children return to school from the summer break.

SCHOOL TRIPS SUMMER 2016

JUNE

Tuesday 28th – Science Museum Year 4

“ ” - British Museum Year 3

Thursday 30th – Year 6 visit Hampton Court Palace

JULY

Monday 4th – Year 6 to Southmere Boating

Thursday 7th – Reception visit to Godstone Farm

Monday 11th – Reception visit to Southbank

Tuesday 12th – Year 5 visit to Sedgemoor

Friday 15th – Year 5 to Ladywell

Wednesday 20th – Year 6 to Chessington

Attention!

Mums, Dads & Carers. The children at Rathfern Primary school present.

Our Rio Olympics Opening Ceremony

on

Wednesday 19th July

at 10.00-12.15



FRIENDS OF RATHFERN

SUMMER FAIR

We had a brilliant time getting into the carnival spirit at the Summer Fair. A big thank you to everyone who made it such a success - the teachers who manned stalls and games, Wendy and her team who worked from the crack of dawn to prepare the delicious food, not forgetting the Friends of Rathfern volunteers. We raised more than £2,200 for the school!



ICE LOLLY FRIDAYS

ICE-LOLLY FRIDAYS: They're back! As long as the sun is shining AND we get enough volunteers we will be selling ice lollies in the playground after school on Fridays. Please let us know if you can help out. We need you!

Easyfundraising: Raise money for the school just by shopping online - we've raised nearly £400 this way. **Shop online** via easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofrathfern

Find out more: Online at friendsofrathfern.com

Email us at: forathfern@gmail.com

On Facebook at: facebook.com/Friendsofrathfern

On Twitter @FriendsRathfern

Check our notice boards at school

THANK YOU - To the friends

Year 1 & year 5 would like to thank the friends for donating £100 towards ice-lollies and drinks for their trip to Minnis Bay today.

RATHFERN SUMMER SCHEME

Rathfern are offering a summer scheme for children

Between: 25th July to 12th August weekdays only. There are 2 time slots:

9am – 3pm £18 per day

8am – 6pm. £25 per day

Please book by Monday 27th June

Payment must be made by 1st July

Further information can be obtained from the office.

PARTY BAGS AT RATHFERN

Many of you enjoy providing Party Bags for your children's classmates to take home. This is wonderful for your children and should be done at a Birthday Party at home NOT at school.

At Rathfern, we are happy for you to celebrate your child's Birthday by sending in ONE of the following Here are some guidelines:

Suitable items

- A slice of cake (which must be sliced and wrapped) **OR** a small bag of sweets or chocolates
- OR** - A small toy/game/book **OR** - Pencils/pens **OR** – Stickers **OR** - A balloon
- **SCHOOL POLICY NO NUTS ARE ALLOWED**

Thank you all for your co-operation. If you do have any more suggestions about what works well for a gift, let me know. Remember as a school we do promote healthy eating, which means sweets as a treat only!

OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **St Albans AM** (Nursery) – **CJ Bryan & Jasmitha Johnson**
- **St Albans PM** (Nursery) – **Amari Dixon & Danny Sabir**
- **Edinburgh** (Reception) – **Davina Oruma & Jack Waterhouse**
- **Carlisle** (Reception) – **Dejon Owusu-Ansah & Bulut Yesibulut**
- **Hereford** (Year 1) – **Madeleine Pengelly & Vehbi Turkoglu**
- **Canterbury** (Year 1) – **Deborah Ijaopo & Georgia Waterhouse**
- **Manchester** (Year 2) – **Jessica Krishnapillai & Pemisire Bolanle - Amure**
- **Bath** (Year 2) – **Anaiah Reeve- Dobbs & Kadiatu Diallo**
- **Inverness** (Year 3) - **Naomi John Odutuyo & David Njokie**
- **Chichester** (Year 3) - **Azarai Conde & David Isreal**
- **Colchester** (Year 3) – **Rashai Oshunkoya & Hawa During**
- **London** (Year 4) – **Sianna Sheree Kenton & Sami Shabazz**
- **Brighton** (Year 4) – **Zia Gosai & Delina Menghistab**
- **Exeter** (Year 4) – **Ana Teixeira & Mamadou Barry**
- **York** (Year 5) – **Mekhi Millwood & Haja Konie**
- **Liverpool** (Year 5) – **Kia Clarke & Issa Saidmeerasah**
- **Cambridge** (Year 6) – **Jordon Kitoko & Isabelle Crawford**
- **Oxford** (Year 6) – **Sade Cudd & Fior Kelly**

LEADING CITIZENS

- **St Albans AM** (Nursery) - **Lachlan Arno & Sophia Dodsworth**
- **St Albans PM** (Nursery) – **Elsie Younger & Elysia Wilks**
- **Edinburgh** (Reception) – **Khalid Bello & Bintou Sumareh-Touray**
- **Carlisle** (Reception) – **Taliyah Kaur – Singh Mcllaw & Keshika Mohanarajan**
- **Hereford** (Year 1) – **Zharya Stephenson & Daniel Marshall**
- **Canterbury** (Year 1) – **Niall Brooks-Smith & Aishat Rasheed**
- **Manchester** (Year 2) – **Lolo Mzyece & Nithila Johnson**
- **Bath** (Year 2) – **Micah Coward & Elijah Benjamin**
- **Inverness** (Year 3) – **Raven Pink & Theo Gayle**
- **Chichester** (Year 3) – **Karla Ogbeifun & Jaydan Dunkley**
- **Colchester** (Year 3) – **Jessie Gambling & Tom Holland**
- **London** (Year 4) - **Samuel Samba & Michaela Donkor**
- **Brighton** (Year 4) – **Prithvi Johnson & Rebecca Bushell**
- **Exeter** (Year 4) – **Bridget Corcoran & Crissan Marshall**
- **York** (Year 5) – **Raghavan Senthikumaran & Johana Heredia Moquete**
- **Liverpool** (Year 5) – **Thanuja Johnson & Kevon Samuels**
- **Cambridge** (Year 6) – **Ethan Hyatt & Dessislava Harizanova**
- **Oxford** (Year 6) – **Will Tassie & Aline Kibalabala**