



Rathfern News

Where everyone learns to learn

18th January 2019

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

I hope you found the Parent Information meetings useful last week. Each class has a termly curriculum overview, which is available from your child's class teacher if you do not have one.

Mrs Maharasingam Head Teacher

HEADTEACHER TEACHER DROP IN

Don't forget I am available every Tuesday 9.00-9.30a,

Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me.

No appointment necessary just drop in and have a chat.

Thank you to those parents who have come and discussed their concerns with me I have found this communication extremely helpful.



LOST PROPERTY

Unfortunately our lost property bins are full again, please can you ensure that your child's clothing is labelled clearly and should they lose any item of clothing please check the bins as soon as possible.

On Friday 25th in the playground all lost property from the bins will be displayed for parents and children to claim their items (weather permitting)

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SPORTS NEWS

Sport & PE News

It was a busy and successful Autumn Term for sport with many competitions, experiences and performances. Our Year 5/6 Athletics squad were particularly successful medalling 2nd and then 3rd against some tough competition.

We hope than everyone who managed to get some of the discounted BBL Basketball tickets, had a wonderful experience. Please look out for future sport ticket opportunities that we may be able to offer you.

Well done to our gymnastics and dancers who performed at the Christmas Concert, it's always great to see them collaborating with our singers and musicians!

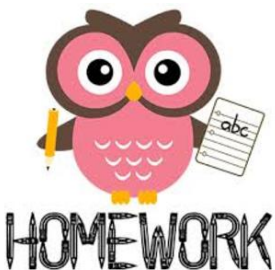
We are looking forward to a number of sporting competition and events this term including Basketball, New Age Kurling, Football, Tag Rugby, Dance, Multi-Skills and Change For Life. Please visit the PE Page of our school website to keep updated with our sports results and events.



HOME LEARNING CLUB

All Parents/ Carers and pupils from years 1,2 and 3 are invited to a NEW home learning club on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3.30 -4.15 in the ICT suite situated below the Library, with Miss Rose and Miss Linda.

Please note: There will be no home learning club in the last week of term.





Music News

Choir & Songwriters @ Live at the Halls March 14th 2019 Recital Hall, Blackheath Halls, 23 Lee Road, Blackheath, SE3 9RQ

Due to the outstanding success of the Rathfern choir and Year 6 songwriters performance at the Royal Festival Hall, Rathfern Year 6 pupils have been commissioned to write a song for the 'Live at the Halls' concert in March 2019. Our independent and creative Yr 6 composers are currently preparing songs to be considered for this event. The chosen song will be performed by the songwriters and the choir at the concert.

The choir have also been invited to work with composer Sarah Freestone towards a finale performance piece for this event.

Year 6 Performance July

Our Year 6 songwriters are busily preparing songs to be considered for their final end of year performance in July. Songs have been commissioned on the themes of 'Hope, New Beginnings, Moving On and Letting Go'

Year 5 Djembe Drumming.

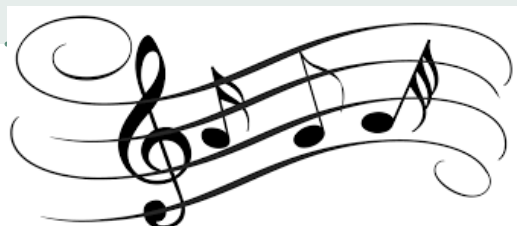
Friendly Gardens and Edith Nesbit are undertaking intensive training with Djembe teacher Remi Uzdras - working towards exciting performances at the end of this term. Further details and dates to follow.

Instrumental Lessons and Music Clubs

*All instrumental lessons and music clubs started again this week.
If you have not yet paid for your lessons please do so this week.*

Year 3 - Ukulele Lessons

All Year 3 children will be studying ukulele from now until July. If your child has a ukulele at home please encourage them to practise 3 or 4 times a week. Ideally ukuleles should be tuned before use by an adult, If you need help learning how to tune the ukulele please see Sally.



ANGLO SAXONS

On Wednesday 9th January, Year 5 started their term with a trip back in time. We had a visit from some Anglo-Saxon warriors, who told us what life was like for them in 500BC. We found out the kind of food they eat, the kinds of jobs they had and even got a chance to try out some of their shiny weapons!

The highlight of our day was being told the Legend of Beowulf. We loved how gory and dramatic it was. We loved imagining and drawing what Grendel (the monster) looked like and retelling the story of how Beowulf destroyed him. We've been really enjoying continuing this learning in our English classes.

Restorative Justice

Training led by James Robinson

We had a really exciting workshop looking at how to solve conflicts. Unfortunately, sometimes we have problems with our friends in the playground and we're not sure how to sort these problems out. The workshop helped us think about our responses when things go wrong, how to manage these responses, and how to restore friendships when problems arise. We have been putting the skills we learned during our workshop to good use in the playground, especially during football!

The Natural History Museum

On Tuesday 15th January, Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum as part of our Geography topic, The Power of Nature. We explored the Volcanoes and Earthquake exhibition and had opportunities to experience seeing dramatic film footage, exhibits, interactive games and the famous earthquake simulator. Our trip has deepened our understanding of how the powers within, shape the world in which we live. We saw see lava bombs, volcanic glass hair, and crystals created under intense pressure beneath Earth's surface. A memorable journey for all.



Debate Mate

Debate mate has started again for this term. The club will run every Wednesday, in Forster Park classroom from 15:45-16:45. The children will be engaging in a range of games and activities led by an outstanding university student, who is a mentor from the debate mate programme. The children will be competing in their first competition of the academic on Thursday 7th February. Two teams will compete at Rotherhithe school for their first urban debate mate league match.

Key dates for RR or GLP this term are listed below as well as two key events that will be taking place:

World Religion Day

Date: 20 Jan



What is it: A day to recognise, respect and accept the hundreds of differing faiths across the globe.

*Rights Link: Article 2: The right not to be discriminated against;
Article 14: Freedom of thought, conscience and religion.
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong institutions.*



SDG focus group

Date: 24th Jan

UNICEF will be visiting our school, accompanied by Minister Lord Bates. The purpose of the visit is to speak to a group of pupils in a focus group about the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and incorporate the pupils voice into a review that will be submitted to the United Nations in July 2019. It is a very important and valuable opportunity that may influence the government's work on the SDGs as well as being a valuable learning experience for our pupils.

Homeless Project

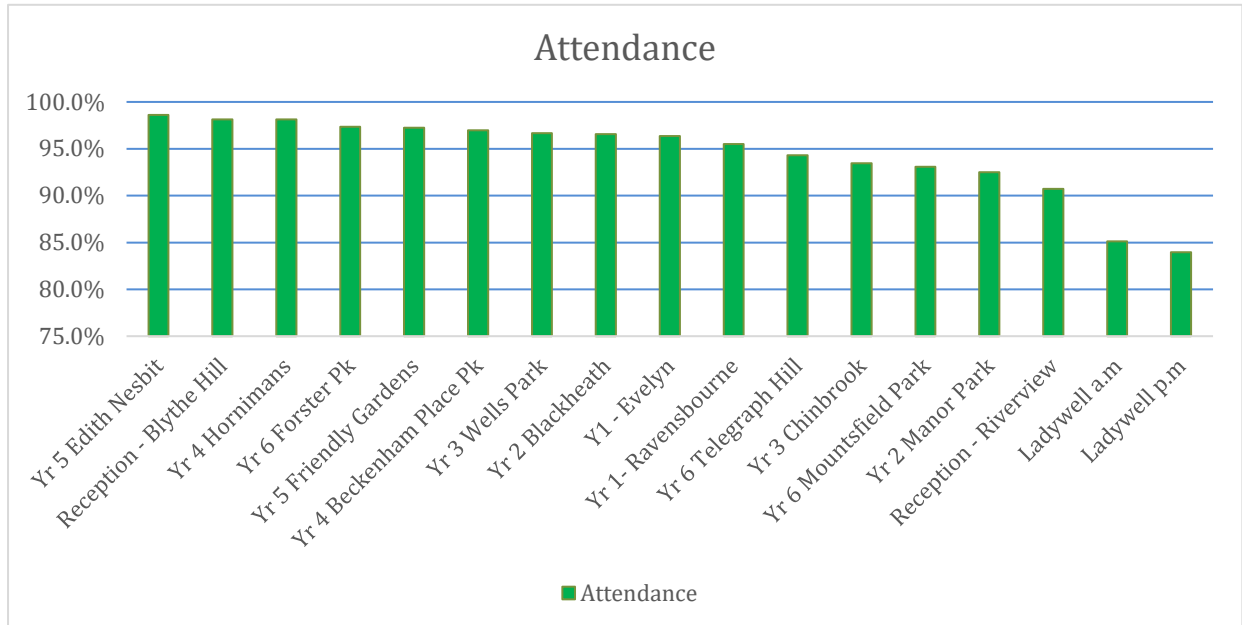
Date: 25th Jan

Community Ambassadors will be delivering their 'Care packages' to the 999 Club in Deptford. The children will be meeting the Mayor of Lewisham at this event.
Rights Link: Article 27: Adequate standard of living.
SDG 10 - reduce inequalities



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.



Attendance Statistics for period 8th – 18th Jan 2019. Whole School Attendance 94%

Congratulations to all classes achieving over 97%. Edith Nesbit is leading with 98.6%, Blythe Hill and Hornimans are joint second with 98.1% and Forster Park with 97.4%.

READING RECORDS

Please remind your child to bring in their reading record -well done to those children who are reading so regularly.

THANKYOU if you are ensuring your child is reading every night.

Just 10 minutes listening to a child or reading to a child can make a huge difference.



LEVISHAM
SPORTS
COORDINATOR



MULTI-SKILLS

January 2019

Years 1 & 2 Boys & Girls



On Wednesday January 16th the school sports partnership came together to participate in a multi skills event aimed at giving the children the opportunity to try out a variety of different activities. There were 12 stations in total and included the development of skills on balance, speed, ball to eye co-ordination, agility and most of all fun!

Well done to all the children who took part, they all represented their schools extremely well with each receiving a very well deserved certificate.



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Dave McLaren & Graham Curtis
Sports Coordinator's

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2018

January

Monday 21 st	Mountsfield Swimming 1.45pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 2 RaptorXotics
Friday 25 th	Homeless Project – delivery to Mayor
Monday 28 th	Forster Park Swimming 1.45pm

February

Thursday 7th Feb	Debate Mate competition
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HALF TERM 18th February – 22nd February

Half Term school for Year 6 students:

Monday 18th , Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th - 9.30am – 1.00am.

Monday 25 th	Children return to school
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Target Setting meetings.

Monday 1st and Wednesday 3rd April

MUSIC

Guitar will now be held on Wednesdays

Djembe Drummingis now being held on Wednesdays

Brazillian drumming will be held on Thursdays



CLASS	EFFECTIVE LEARNERS	LEADING CITIZENS	ACT OF KINDNESS
Ladywell	Benjamin	Alaia	Janujah
Blythe Hill	Pheonix	Nimota	Arthur
Riverview	Marley	Willow	Oskar
Evelyn	Ezme	Sam	Tiffanie
Ravensbourne	Samuel	Shayaan	Stephanie
Manor Park	Miracle	Nasra	Ibrahim
Blackheath	Dylan	Kelvina	Khaleed
Wells Park	Lateef	Bulut	Ata
Chinbrook	Keshikan	Immanuel	Moseray
Beckenham Place	Thirusuthan	Deborah	Shareefa
Hornimans	Zharya	Rares	Paige
Friendly Gardens	Angellina	Samara	Jaydon
Edith Nesbit	Pinthusa	Indiana	Iris
Telegraph Hill	Bilal	Melita	Elani
Forster Park	Connor	Philip	Lexie
Mountsfield	Mercedes	Casey	Joseph