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Dear Parents/ Carers,

*The wonderful news is that we can now hug our close friends and family . We are so thankful for the positive move towards a more normal life, but also take time to think about those not so fortunate around the world, where Covid continues to have a tight grip.*

## PLANTING IN RECEPTION

A BIG thank you to Amelie and her family for donating a variety of tomato plants to the school. Amelie and her friends in Reception have planted them in the raised beds of the community garden this week, with the help of Ms Jenny.

If you would like to donate plants, flowers, containers for our garden, please do get in touch with Mrs Henderson-Vieira at [m.henderson-vieira@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:m.henderson-vieira@rathfern.lewisham.sch.uk)



## ANTI BULLYING BUDDIES

At Rathfern, we continue to take a stand against any form of bullying and have introduced Anti Bullying Buddies, to ensure our Anti Bullying policy is upheld.

The named children will engage in a 6 week training programme with Ms Daley & Ms Ritson to enable them to provide support as Anti bullying buddies across the school.

All children have had an assembly with Mrs Maharasingam about Anti Bullying; please talk to your child about what it is to be an *upstander* & *bystander*.

CLASS	NAMES
Avalanche	Elise & Keelan
Everest	Georgia B & Renata
Caldera	Mya & Temilade
Crater	Azra & Shayaan
Typhoon	Ella & Sam
Tsunami	Jasmitha & Tofunmi
Meridian	Oliwia & Naythan
Equator	Abraham & Chelsea
Pangaea	Cyanne & Rebekah
Panthalassa	Aishat & Thirusuthan



## PARENT PORTAL

We still have many parents who are missing out on text messages as they have not signed up to the Parent Portal. Please can you do so as soon as possible.

The Parent Portal has now been running for over a month and we have had good feedback. I would like to inform you that from May 1<sup>st</sup> all texts will start being sent via the Portal not via our normal SMS service.

To ensure receipt of these texts and also emails it is important that you download the Arbor app see below.

This link will show you how to access the app:

<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360004569518-Parent-Portal-and-the-Arbor-App>

## The Arbor App is here

What's the best way for your school to engage with parents? Far too often we've seen schools struggle with a mixture of asking parents to check letters, forms, payment systems, booking systems, and report cards. This causes too much manual work for schools, and makes it hard for parents to keep on top of everything.

**That's why today we're thrilled to launch the new Arbor App for iOS & Android.** Say goodbye to paper slips and emails – our new App lets parents register their child for a club or trip, book parents evening slots, and manage payments all from their phone. Parents can also use the App to check in on their child's attendance.

What's more, the App will let you communicate with parents for free using our new In-App Messaging feature.

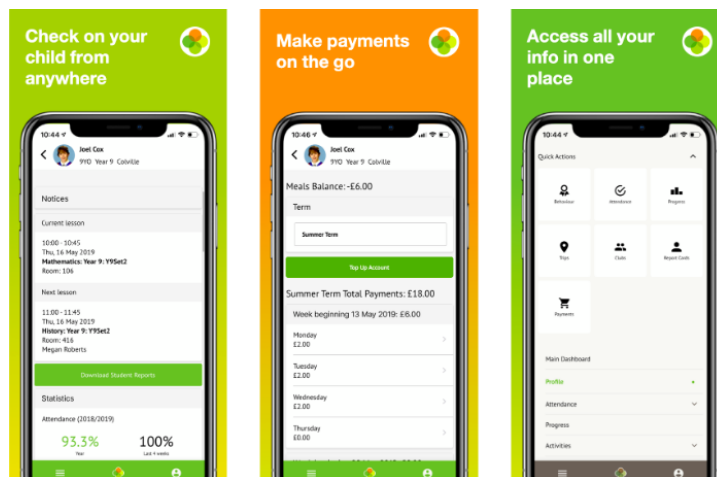


Image 1: Arbor have launched a simple, smart app for parents and guardians



## How will parents benefit?

- **Access important information about your child in one place:** See your child's attendance, behaviour and progress this week as well as for the year so far. You can also see upcoming homework and download report cards for your child
- **Get updates from school via push notifications:** Get notified when your school sends out a new message via the App
- **Make payments on the go:** Manage tasks like making payments and booking trips or parents' evenings

## How will your school benefit?

- **Quick communication:** Get in touch instantly with busy parents on the move
- **Less paperwork:** Eliminate the need for paper communication with In-App Messaging and Live Updates – helping to improve security & reduce the administrative burden
- **Easy engagement:** Track parental engagement with the App & remind parents to log in, sign up for activities or parents' evenings, and make payments

### How to get set up

The Arbor App is for parents to receive texts and check information held on their child. To get set up please click on the following link:  
<https://support.arbor-education.com/hc/en-us/articles/360020147458-Getting-started-Log-into-Parent-Portal-and-Arbor-App>



## DEBATE MATE LONDON CUP FINAL RESULT

We are proud to announce that the Rathfern Debating team came 3rd overall in the London Cup Final and are now invited to join the top 12 teams in the Grand Final in June this year. Further details of the top 12 teams can be found at: <https://debate-mate.org/primary-debate-mate-cup-results/>

Well done Rathfern Team!



## UPDATED COVID ADVICE

There have been some minor changes to the Covid guidance for schools as we have passed the next phase of the roadmap on May 17th. Our systems of control around hygiene and infections remain rigorous. We will be keeping the current staggered drop-off and pick-up times, and ask all parents to continue to wear masks at drop off and collection. Please remember that if your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they need to take a PCR test, not a Lateral Flow Home Test. These symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste.

Lateral flow home tests are only for asymptomatic people. If you, or a member of your family, has any of the above symptoms, please book a PCR test and follow the guidance.

## WELLBEING TIP OF THE WEEK

### How to actively listen:

When we're going through a hard time and try to talk to someone about it, it can be very frustrating when we feel that we aren't being listened to. Sometimes people offer a solution straight away or dismiss the issue like it's no big deal. They might think they're helping, but actually it makes us feel like our feelings aren't important (and we might do it unintentionally to others too).

All anyone wants is to have their feelings validated and this can happen through Active Listening:

- Validate feelings – acknowledge their feelings without judgement, e.g. by saying: "That sounds really upsetting" (no matter your opinion on the matter)
- Give full attention and eye contact, avoid distractions e.g. put your phone away
- Be patient and comfortable to sit with their feelings – moments of silence don't have to be filled
- Just be there – we don't have to fix the problem, just giving your time to listen is enough

**Please help us keep the Coronavirus out of Rathfern**





## IMPORTANT DATES

### SLT Zoom

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm

Topic: SLT Parents Meet

Time: May 25, 2021 12:30 PM Greenwich Mean Time

### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93839372991?pwd=bnY2TjJwL2NBNkh4aGhCQXdlMGkxUT09>

Meeting ID: 938 3937 2991

Passcode: 167517

Half Term

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Children return to school

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

School Class Photography

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Sports Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Last day of term

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### INSET DAY

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> September

INSET days

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Back to school

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/wild-world-heroes-intro>

### Summer Reading Challenge

We're so excited to reveal the theme for the Summer Reading Challenge 2021! Get ready for Wild World Heroes, arriving online and in your local library this summer. Pack your bags, we're headed for Wilderville! It's a pretty cool place, but there are lots of things that the Wild World Heroes can do to make their town even better for the ...

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

**SUMMER  
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	<b>Class</b>	<b>Outstanding Learner</b>	<b>Act of Kindness</b>	<b>Leading Citizen</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	Coral Reef	Zenadia	Salma	Anaiah
<b>Reception</b>	Stream	Michelle	Mason	Cavali
	Mangrove	Cody	Ocean	Araiana
	Ocean	Dara	Alimamy	Ivan
<b>Year 1</b>	Waterfall	Milo	Rahsharn	Sofia
	Storm	Eli	Olive	Benjamin W
	Cloud	Elisa	Zekiera	Caiden
<b>Year 2</b>	Avalanche	Keelan	Lake	Adam
	Everest	Jaden	Theron	Renata
<b>Year 3</b>	Crater	Shakira	Kayhan	Lucia
	Caldera	Serah	Mya	Sam
<b>Year 4</b>	Typhoon	Nasra	Zhong Hau	Iman
	Tsunami	Mercy	Khaleed	Jasmitha
<b>Year 5</b>	Meridian	Dejon	Olivia	Eman
	Equator	Fathi	Moseray	Siradjo
<b>Year 6</b>	Panthalassa	Yevgeny	Stacey	Deborah
	Pangaea	Barnaby	Cyanne	Jai

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