



TORRIDON NEWS

16th November 2018

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another very busy week at Torridon!

We started the week with 'odd socks day' and special assemblies to mark the start of anti-bullying week. The theme of the week was 'we are all unique and we choose respect'. The school council discussed the theme of anti-bullying in their meeting with me this week and then ran class assemblies to work with their classmates to gather some ideas for our anti-bullying policy. We will finalise the policy next week and put it onto the website so you can see the children's excellent work.

Next week, we will be having NSPCC workshops about children keeping themselves safe. I have written to you separately with the details of the assemblies and workshops which will be taking place.

Thank you to those of you who joined us for sharing assemblies this week. It was nice to see some of our school governors attending as well. The children are very proud of their learning and love sharing it with all of you.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to our premises officer, Kyle Thomson, this week as he is moving on to a new challenge. I am sure you will want to join me in thanking him for all his hard work and commitment to the school.

Best wishes

A. George

Manda George

Headteacher



Torridon primary Twitter Account

The school's twitter account has information about what has been happening at school and any other useful information. Please follow us <https://twitter.com/TorridonPrimary>

Saturday League Football Results



Our girls' football team played their first 3 matches on **Saturday 10th November** and were amazing!

They won their first two games beating John Ball Team B 3-0 and then Stillness 2-0 but unfortunately lost their 3rd match against John Ball Team A 1-4. Next games are on **Saturday 1st December**.

Mya (4V), Amy (6CH) and Dajaney (5L) all scored two goals each, whilst Sara (6CH), Maquisha (6R) and Willow (5A) kept two clean sheets!

All the girls played really well and considering these were their first matches playing together, 4 points out of a possible 6 is an incredible start to the season.

As well as the children mentioned above, Hana (6CH) and Angela (5L) also played in midfield this morning. Please do congratulate the children next week when you see them!

Athletics

Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics was on **Tuesday 13th November** - 18 children took part in 12 events (track and field) - and finished overall 5th place in Lewisham!



School Dinners



Please make sure you keep your child's school dinner account up to date. The cost for school dinners is £2.20 per day/£11.00 per week. We would like children to stick to one meal pattern for the full term starting in the Spring Term.

Last Week's Stars of the Week



Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
RAZ	Arun	4V	Anaiah
RE	David	4NS	Mervyn
RS	Marlee	4S	Terrel
1KJ	Hugo	4L	Jacob
1MJ	Aaliyah	5C	Amber
1JB	Martha	5A	Tia
2E	Wander	5L	Tharsha
2D	Felicia	6RS	Thurshiya
2SA	Mason	6C	Melis
3C	Abigail	6CH	Jaheim
3A	Zach	Lighthouse	Yanel
30	Jaheim		



School Uniform Ordering

Please be advised that the last bulk delivery date to school for school uniform orders will be on or around the **14th December**. Therefore parents will need to order by the **30th November** to ensure their delivery reaches school before the deadline.



The first delivery of school uniform into school of 2019 will be the **11th January**.

Pupil Premium

The Pupil Premium is additional funding which is allocated to schools on the basis of the number of pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any point over the last six years.

To apply for free school meals, parents need to complete the application online at:
<https://schools.lewisham.gov.uk/parentportal/>

If anyone requires assistance with the application process they can either ask at the school office or attend one of the 'Digital Zone Drop' in sessions at:

Catford Library: Tues/Thurs 2pm-4pm / Weds 10am-1pm

Torridon Road Library: Mondays 10am-12pm

If you need any further advice please call 020 8378 5358.

Abbotshall HLC SE6 Crowdfunding Campaign

Sadly, the Abbotshall Health and Leisure Centre is at risk of closure and they are trying very hard to raise awareness of their Crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to keep the HLC open and develop it for the benefit of the local community.

Please visit the crowdfunding page to show your support:



<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/healthy-lifestyle-centre-abbotshall-road-catford>

Year 4 Trip to River Pool



As part of their Geography topic, "Rivers", Year 4 had a great opportunity to visit the Waterlink Way this week. This is a local river walk and a wonderful place to explore nature.

They observed the river and the surrounding geography, and collected notes of sights and sounds to include in their wonderful story writing. It was a fantastic way to inspire children with their writing. We even got to play Pooh Sticks! Please ask your child what they are writing about in class.



Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Screening

On Monday 19th November the School Nursing Team will be in school to weigh and measure Reception and Year 6 children. If you do not wish for your child to take part you must complete and return the opt-out form sent home on 1st November 2018.

Children in Need



Children wore their own clothes and spots today to raise awareness for “Children in Need”. We have been raising money all week and Pudsey was out today collecting donations today.

The School Council will be counting up the money next week. Thanks to the School Council for selling wristbands come rain or shine and to all who helped out during their own time.



NSPCC Workshops

The NSPCC’s “Speak out. Stay safe” programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I am pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK’s leading children’s charity, who’ll be delivering their “Speak out. Stay safe” programme on **Wednesday 21st November**. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot “Buddy”, they will be presenting an assembly to the children as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

For further information please visit:

www.nspcc.org.uk/buddy

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Dates for your diary

Monday 19th November	Reception & Yr 6 height and weight screening
Wednesday 21st November	NSPCC workshops
Wednesday 28th November	2E trip to Tower Bridge
Thursday 29th November	2D and 2SA trip to Tower Bridge
Thursday 29th November	EYFS Open Day
Wednesday 5th December	EYFS Open Day
Thursday 6th December	EYFS Open Day
Monday 17th December	EYFS nativity
Tuesday 18th December	
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20th December	Carol Singing in the playground
Friday 11th January	EYFS Open Day