



# TORRIDON NEWS

25th January 2019

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy week this week at Torridon. Year 2 were visited, by snakes, spiders and giant cockroaches as part of a workshop linked to their topic of 'Fur, Teeth and Claws.'

Reception children visited the Horniman Museum. Some children in Key Stage 2 took part in a basketball tournament and a team from the Lighthouse took part in a special tournament for Kurling, winning a bronze medal for their efforts. What a lot of excitement! That is on top of all the fantastic learning that is happening in the classrooms.

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our meetings to discuss Y6 SATs this week. It was very impressive to see some of you having a go at the Maths and Grammar papers! For those who were unable to attend, we have e mailed the presentation to you and made it available on the 'latest news' section of the website as requested ([www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)). If you have any questions or concerns regarding SATs, please speak to a member of the Year 6 team.

We hope you will be able to join us for our phonics workshops next week. See inside for details. We look forward to seeing you there.

As always, thank you for all your ongoing support.

Best wishes

A. George

Manda George

Headteacher



## Zoolab

On Wednesday 23rd January the children had a lovely time with the snakes, scorpions and other creepy crawlies brought in by Zoolab.



## Crossing Patrol

Several of you have raised concerns about the lack of a consistent crossing patrol officer on Torridon Road. Many of you will know Ray (our regular officer) has been absent for some time.

We therefore have an exciting opportunity for a member of the school community to volunteer to replace Ray while he is absent. You will receive all the relevant training and equipment from Lewisham Council. If you are interested, please contact Joy Ahwieh (School Business Manager) on 0208 6972762.

## Reception trip to the Horniman Museum



Reception had a fantastic time at the Horniman Museum this week. We had a workshop all about fur, feathers and scales. The children got to explore the amazing grounds and had lots of fun playing the musical instruments outside and enjoyed visiting the aquarium.



## Food Vouchers

Now that the Christmas excesses are over and the winter continues many families may start to feel the pinch. We know that, for many, children will go hungry as parents pay their bills and heating costs. Lewisham's Attendance Team are able to issue food vouchers to those in need which can be exchanged at designated food banks across the borough. Any family who would benefit from a food voucher can have up to 3 in a 6 month period

Please contact the school office if you would like to request a voucher.

For further information please go to [Lewisham.foodbank.org.uk](http://Lewisham.foodbank.org.uk)

## Sharing Assemblies

Thank you to those who came to sharing assemblies this week. Here are some of the lovely comments you made on your feedback forms. We look forward to seeing parents and carers of children in 1MJ, 4S and 6C next week.

As always the assembly was really well performed. Well done teachers and kids.

Fantastic job 1KJ. I liked the song very much, and your work is amazing.

Remarkable performance from year 4 students. Teacher Nick is very nice and welcoming. Thanks to him for being a good teacher to all including my grand daughter.

It is really nice to see all the kids are involved in assembly. Many thanks for encouraging our kids to present their work to the public.



## Sports Activities

### Year 3 & 4 Basketball tournament - Thursday 17th January



18 children from years 3 and 4 travelled to the Lewisham Thunderdome last Thursday to represent our school in the annual development tournament for lower KS2. Together they formed 3 Torridon basketball teams! Each team had to play several basketball matches against other schools using the skills and techniques learned from their P.E lessons. Every child took part in the matches and performed extremely well, with one team remaining undefeated throughout the event! Well done to all the children who participated on the day.

### New Age Kurling Tournament—Tuesday 22nd January

This week a selection of Year 3 and 4 pupils attended the New Age Kurling Competition at Conisborough College. Torridon entered three teams and competed against other teams from a range of Lewisham Primary Schools. There was a real sense of fun and



teamwork and, as the day went on, pupils gained in confidence and skill. Torridon A Team won a bronze medal award after progressing to the semi-finals. Three pupils in particular were also selected for certificates for embodying the sporting values of Determination, Passion and Respect. Well done to all involved, thank you to the Lewisham Primary Sports Team for organising the event, and of course congratulations to our friends from Prendergast Vale School who will be representing Lewisham in the London finals.



### Year 5 & 6 Basketball tournament - Thursday 24th January

Torridon were back at the Lewisham Thunderdome yesterday as the Year 5 & 6 children participated in the upper KS2 Lewisham Pathway basketball tournament. 12 children formed 2 teams and played against other schools in competitive matches, with one team winning all their matches except for one 0-0 draw against Brindishe Green. Without conceding any points they progressed through the group stage into the quarter-finals! Unfortunately they didn't reach the semi-finals after a loss against Tidemill Academy, but to go so far in the tournament was a major achievement and the children should be extremely proud of themselves. Congratulations to all the children from both Torridon teams.

## Last Week's Stars of the Week



Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
Nursery	Yasmine	4N	Kiara
RAZ	Jasmine	4L	Ikenna
RS	Annaliese	4V	Osman
1KJ	Osei	4S	Lushaun
1MJ	Adam	5L	Paul
1JB	Abshikah	5C	Jerome
2D	Shahinth	5A	Micah
2SA	Benjamin	6R	Wyatt
2E	Elliot	6C	Patrick
3C	Molly	6CH	Jayden
3A	Elisha	Lighthouse	Victory
30	Yasir		



## Curly Blossom Hair Club - Brand New, Healthy Haircare After-School Club!



A brand new local healthy haircare after-school club has been created especially for 7-11-year-old girls with textured hair.

The club seeks to inspire girls to love and embrace their natural afro or curly texture, teach healthy ways of handling their hair, and encourage confidence in independently managing their hair as they approach secondary school.

The club will run at Torridon Road Community Library, Catford, SE6 1RQ from 28th February to 4th April (6 weeks), every Thursday from 3.45pm-4.45pm.

For club fees and to book a place, please visit [www.curlyb.co.uk/new-events/](http://www.curlyb.co.uk/new-events/) or email: [bola@curlyb.co.uk](mailto:bola@curlyb.co.uk).

## Year 4 Cricket Sessions

“Year 4 are having the great opportunity to hone their cricket skills this half term. Professional cricket coaches are visiting the school to provide expert sessions. It looks like we may have a few future England players on our hands!”



## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 29th January	Year 1 Phonics Workshops at 2:45pm and 6pm
Wednesday 30th January	Sharing Assemblies for 1MJ, 4S and 6C
Thursday 31st January	4NS and 4V trip to the Science Museum
Friday 1st February	4S and 4L trip to the Science Museum
Friday 1st February	2D Swimming at Downham Leisure Centre
Tuesday 5th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 5th February	Chinese New Year
Monday 5th - Sunday 10th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Wednesday 6th February	Sharing Assemblies for 1JB, 4V and 6CH
Monday 11th February	Open evening for parents and carers: 2E, 5C and 5L
Tuesday 12th February	Open evening for parents and carers: Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr3, Yr 4, 5A and Yr 6
Wednesday 13th February	Sharing Assemblies for 2E, 4L and 5C
Wednesday 13th February	Open evening for parents and carers: Rec, Yr 1, 2D, 2SA, Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5 and Yr 6
<b>Monday 18th—Friday 22nd February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Wednesday 27th February	Sharing Assemblies for 2D, 3C and 5A
Wednesday 6th March	Sharing Assemblies for 2SA, 3A and 5L
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Wednesday 13th March	Sharing Assemblies for RAZ and 3O
Wednesday 20th March	Sharing Assembly for RS
Wednesday 27th March	Sharing Assembly for RE
Friday 29th March	Whole School Coffee Morning 9am
Friday 5th April	Diversity Day



# #together

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019, 11am to 3pm**

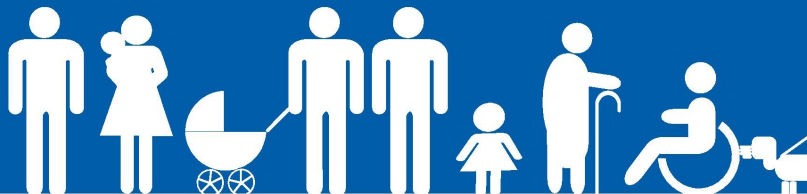
#together brings together several community groups and highlights the great work that is going on in Bellingham area.

This is a great chance to find out what is going on in your community.

Athelney Primary School,  
Athelney Street,  
London, SE6 3LD

For further information on the event, and partners who will be in attendance on the day, please contact:

Sergeant Dave Moss | [Dave.Moss@met.police.uk](mailto:Dave.Moss@met.police.uk)



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