

TORRIDON NEWS

12th July 2019

Dear parents and carers,

We have had an absolutely fabulous Sports Week at Torridon this week. Children have had opportunities to participate in dance workshops, tri-golf, athletics, gymnastics and martial arts lessons. We had our very own Torridon 'Wimbledon' tennis tournament and we finished it all off with our sports days. The children have had a wonderful time! Thank you to all of you who attended to support your children and a very big thank you to Michael Church and Lucinda Gower for doing such a great job in organising all the events.

It was good to see so many of you at our PTA Annual General Meeting this morning. The PTA have worked so hard this year supporting events and raising money for the school. Most recently they have donated £1,000 to buy some new books for the children. Thank you to all involved for your hard work and dedication.

We are going to be very busy getting ready for our carnival event next week. Please send any donations of cakes and plants to the office by Thursday 18th July. I do hope you will be coming to join the parade from 1pm on Friday 19th July.

Have a lovely weekend!

A. George

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher





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RHS Flower Show Wildlife Attraction Entry

Please visit our 'bug hotel' which has been relocated from Hampton Court to the playground by the Year 1 classrooms. Dot Hallam and the green team worked very hard to create this beautiful wildlife attraction and they are very proud of their work.



Lost Property

Please can you check the lost property boxes in KS1 and KS2 playground. Due to the hot weather children are leaving their jumpers in and around the school. Once we reach the end of term these boxes will be emptied and the clothes will be donated to charity.

We will have a lost property table out all next week so please come and look in the KS2 playground.

Friends of Torridon PTA

After lots of hard work of fundraising this year we would like to give huge thanks to the generosity of our school community. It is with great pleasure to announce as treasurer we are able to give £1000.00 towards books for the children at Torridon Primary school.

We hope the children enjoy the books!!

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Carnival Celebration



To celebrate the end of our whole school Carnival topic we would like to invite you to our 'Carnival Parade' on Friday 19th July.

We will parade from the fire gates at the bottom of the playground along the roads surrounding the school. Friday will be a non-uniform day and children can come to school in brightly coloured clothes ready for the parade in the afternoon. Please do come and watch the parade and join in. Following the parade, there will be class dance performances and refreshment stalls. You will be able to collect your children from their classrooms once all the dance performances are finished.

We are hoping you will be able to support the event by donating cakes, biscuits and plants which we will sell to raise money for new playground equipment for the children. If you would like to make donate cakes or plants, please send items to the school office on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th July.

We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you next week.



Sports Week



Musical Theatre

Early years participated in musical theatre and creative dance. Year 1 and 2 learned how to Bollywood dance and wore cultural attire.



Dance

We launched sports week with our very own 'Dance Day!' Dance companies visited us and carried out creative workshops which included a variety of dance styles.





Sports Week-Continued

African and Caribbean Dance

Year 3 and 4 took part in African and Caribbean dance where they also played the Djembe drums.



MPA Street Dance

Finally, Year 5 and 6 worked with MPA street dancers, who have performed with the likes of Janet Jackson, Rihanna and Lady Gaga. All children thoroughly enjoyed the workshops and developed new skills. It was amazing to see the children perform and reach new levels of self-confidence.



Visit From Raptorxotics



Yesterday Year 2 and Reception were visited by Dave from Raptorxotics. He brought lots of exciting creatures to show us. Aaliyah said, "My favourite creature was the white faced owl because it flew so silently over our heads." Jerome really liked the leech because it was wiggly and slimy. Sarah was amazed when Dave flapped an eagle's feather and an owl's feather. "The eagle feather made a really loud noise but the owl feather was silent."

What a fantastic day we had!



Free School Meals

As the Summer term is drawing to an end, we would like to remind all parents and carers that it is now the busiest time for Free School Meal applications.

Applications can be submitted now to ensure the meals are authorised before the start of term.

Due to the volume of applications that are submitted each year, we would appreciate if all parents and carers could apply immediately to avoid any delays in processing. Historically it has taken up to 4 weeks to process the applications that are submitted in the last week of August/ first week of September and we would like to avoid any delays this year by encouraging early applications that can be processed through the Summer break.

There are guides in pdf forms which are available to download and distribute from the Free School Meals page on Lewisham council website please see link below.

https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child

Reminder Homework Projects

Please remember Homework projects are due in next week.

We look forward to seeing all of your fabulous creations.

Plant Competition



Well done to all our budding gardeners who received Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards for their prize winning plants, flowers, vegetables and herbs. Sara Ribeiro from the London Children's Flower Society who judged the competition was extremely impressed with our green fingered children.



Year 1 Sharing Assembly

Year 1 would like to thank all the parents who attended sharing assemblies this week. It was the first time we've done them in class this year and they were a great success. We hope you all loved watching them as much as we enjoyed performing them.





Dates For The Diary

Monday 15th July Tuesday 16th July	 Homework Projects In 2E Sharing Assembly at 9.15 am 2D Sharing Assembly at 2.45pm Yr 3 Trip to Horniman Museum 2SA Sharing Assembly at 9.15am Y4 Sharing Assembly at 2.45pm
Wednesday 17th July	 Yr 6 Production at 2pm & 7pm 1KJ trip to Horniman Museum Y3 Sharing Assembly at 9.15am
Thursday 18th July	Y6 Bowling Trip to Surrey QuaysY5 Sharing Assembly at 9.15am
Friday 19th July	Carnival Day from 1pm
Tuesday 23rd July	******LAST DAY OF TERM******
Monday 2nd September	INSET DAY
Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAY
Wednesday 4th September	Children return to school at 8.55am

Events







Message from Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre

Hi-de-hi campers! We're planning on hosting a big community campout at Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre on Saturday, 20th July and we'd love as many local families to come along and join us for an opportunity to sleep under the stars (although hoping you have a roof on your tent!), meet other members of the local community, maybe get involved in a big game of rounders as the sun sets, throw a couple of shrimps on the barbie and toast some marshmallows over an open fire.

This event isn't just about bringing the community together, it's also a way for us to raise some funds to keep the HLC open for all to enjoy, so we're asking for a donation of £10 per pitch, with all money raised going straight to the upkeep of the HLC. As you may or may not know, there is a community group that is currently in the process of applying to Lewisham council to take over the running of the HLC, in much the same way members of the local community recently took over the running of the library on Sandhurst Road.

If you'd like to sign up, please email me at <u>gordoncherrington1@gmail.com</u>. I'll be sending round more details to those who would like to come and join us in the coming week so will add you to the mailer.

Fingers crossed for some glorious weather!