



# TORRIDON NEWS

5th July 2019

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a very busy (and very hot) week at Torridon. We have had lots of events and exciting activities happening. Please see inside for more details.

Many of our year 6 children had the opportunity to visit their secondary schools this week. I had some excellent feedback about the way in which they represented Torridon Primary School when they met their Year 7 teachers. We feel very proud when our children act as such good ambassadors for our school.

Several of you have approached me this week with concerns about communication. You have requested more notice prior to events that are taking place. We have taken this on board and are currently preparing a full year calendar of events for next academic year. This means you will have an overview of all events happening across the year. I know you are keen to support your children and attend sports' day, open evenings, sharing assemblies, workshops and performances and I hope the yearly overview will be helpful. Thank you to those who brought this to my attention as I am always keen to hear your feedback.

We are all looking forward to our Sports Theme Week next week and I hope to see lots of you at our Sports Day events.

Have a lovely weekend!

*A. George*

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



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## Y2 Trip to Wildcat Wilderness

Yr2 visited Wildcat Wilderness to learn about mini beasts. We met Maria who told us about interesting insects and beautiful bugs. *"Did you know that a beetle has a T shaped wing case and a bug has a Y or X shaped wing case?"* We had lots of time to explore and hunt for mini beasts. We also saw the bee hives. We learned that only females sting.



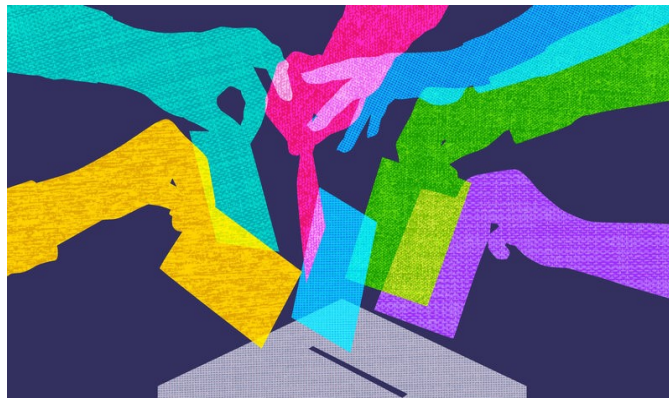
The male bees are called drones and they are driven out of the hive in the winter and they die. The Queens are called Beatrix and Beyonce!

You can visit Wildcat Wilderness yourself please check out the website:

<https://wildcatwilderness.org/>

## Parent Governor Ballot

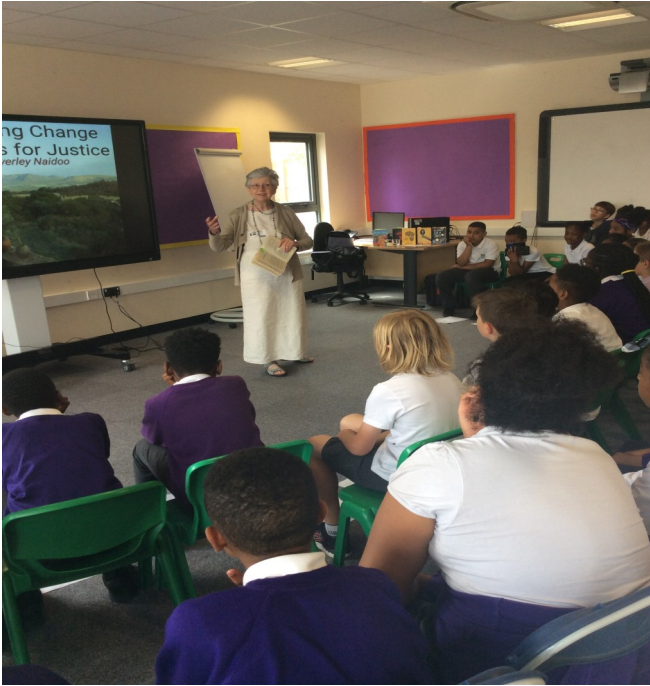
Thank you for your response to the parent governor election. We have more candidates than vacancies and so we are holding a ballot. All registered families are entitled to TWO votes. The papers **have been** sent out today. PLEASE DO NOT THROW AWAY THE ENVELOPE PERSONALLY ADDRESSED TO YOU - this is needed when you return your completed ballot paper. Please read the covering letter and the personal statements and return your completed ballot paper by **3.30pm Friday 12th July**. The votes will be counted on Monday 15th July and we will announce the results in the school newsletter and on the website.



<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/>



## Y5 Author visit from Beverly Naidoo



Year 5 had a very thought provoking experience hearing about experiences of Beverly Naidoo, a Carnegie award winning author. She took us on a journey through the history of South Africa, referencing her own experiences and research.



## Y1 RSPB

On Friday, Year 1 had Royal Society for the Protection of Birds visit and carry out workshops with each class. We explored the school environment, looking for and discussing various habitats we could find. You can visit their website. <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-wild-challenge/>





## RHS Flower Show

On Monday 1st July selected pupils went to Hampton Court Flower Show. We went there because Torridon Primary School had entered the RHS Budding Gardeners “Wild Wild World” Competition. We made a wildlife attraction called ‘Under One Roof’ to celebrate our amalgamation. We painted it purple because that’s our school colour and it attracts insects. We added bird food and blue, purple and yellow flowers.



There is a “penny vote” all week and the winners will be announced on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. You can visit the show if you want to see our attraction. While we were there we tasted different kinds of tomatoes, did pond dipping and planted strawberry plants. Our favourite part was the pond dipping because we discovered creatures we hadn’t seen before like back swimmers, baby dragonflies and newt tadpoles.

## Reception Forest School Sessions

Reception visited Forster Park this week to further develop their nature skills and understanding of the world. The children enjoyed exploring the great outdoors and participated in ‘Forest Schools’ wood and nature crafts.



# Sports Week

Sports week is from **Monday 8th July** where children will be taking part in various sports throughout the week. Please ensure your child has their PE Kit in school all week. We hope you can join us for our sports days to support the children in various events:



Class	Date & Time	Location
Nursery Sports Day for AM children	Monday 8th July 10:00am - 11:30am	Torridon Primary School (Ball Court)
Nursery Sports Day for PM children	Monday 8th July 1:30pm - 3:00pm	Torridon Primary School (Ball Court)
Reception Sports Day	Thursday 11th July 10:00am - 11:30am	Torridon Primary School (Ball Court)
KS2 Sports Day	Friday 12th July 9:30am - 12:30pm	Abbotshall
KS1 Sports Day	Friday 12th July 1:30pm - 3:00pm	Abbotshall

## Team Colours for Sports Week

RED TEAMS	BLUE TEAMS	GREEN TEAMS
1JB	1KJ	1MJ
2D	2E	2SA
3A	3C	3O
4L	4N	4S & 4J
5L	5C	5A
6CH	6C	6R



# Summer Reading Challenge



Are you ready for the Summer Reading Challenge?

Sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge. There are exciting rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!. You can earn stickers, bookmarks, wristbands and a gold medal for completing the challenge.

Starts Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Ends Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Find out more on the Summer Reading Challenge Website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Please Visit Torridon Library to see the amazing art work 2E created to celebrate the Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge.



## SENDCo Coffee Morning



Parents and carers are invited to meet  
the Torridon Inclusion Team.

Lena Pennacchia – Head of Inclusion  
Sai Satyadeva- SENDCo  
Karen Stewart- SENDCo

Come and join us for an opportunity to  
meet other parents and carers and get to  
know the team.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**  
**9.00am - 10.30am**

## PTA general meeting

**Re: Friends of Torridon PTA Annual General Meeting - Friday 12th July 9am**

Please come along to the Friends of Torridon PTA annual general meeting, **Friday 12th July 9am.**

We have a lot of exciting plans for the coming year including a barn dance and a Christmas fair! Come along to hear how you can support your child and our school.

We *\*literally\** cannot do it without YOU!

The PTA organises events for the whole school to enjoy and raises money for activities and facilities for all children to benefit from.

For further information email [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com) or join us on Facebook - Torridon Primary School PTA.

PTA Co-chair

Emily

## 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 [gordoncherrington1@gmail.com](mailto:gordoncherrington1@gmail.com). 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!

*Abbotshall*  
**HEALTHY**  
**LIFESTYLE CENTRE**



## Dates For The Diary

Monday 8th July –Friday 12th July	Whole School Sports Week
Monday 8th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery Sports Day at 10am &amp; 1.30pm</li> <li>SEND Parents Coffee Morning at 9am</li> </ul>
Tuesday 9th July	1JB Sharing Assembly at 9.15am
Wednesday 10th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1MJ &amp; 1JB Trip To Horniman Museum</li> <li>1KJ Sharing Assembly at 9:15am</li> </ul>
Thursday 11th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception Sports Day at 10am</li> <li>1MJ Sharing Assembly at 9.15am</li> </ul>
Friday 12th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS1 Sports day at 1.30pm</li> <li>KS2 Sports Day at 9.30am</li> </ul>
Monday 15th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homework Projects In</li> <li>2E Sharing Assembly at 9.10 am</li> <li>2D Sharing Assembly at 2.45pm</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 3 Trip to Horniman Museum</li> <li>2SA Sharing Assembly at 9.15am</li> <li>Y4 Sharing Assembly at 2.45pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday 17th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yr 6 Production</li> <li>1KJ trip to Horniman Museum</li> <li>Y3 Sharing Assembly at 9.15am</li> </ul>
Thursday 18th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Y6 Bowling Trip to Surrey Quays</li> <li>Y5 Sharing Assembly at 9.15am</li> </ul>
Friday 19th July	Carnival Day from 1pm
<b>Tuesday 23rd July</b>	<b>*****LAST DAY OF TERM*****</b>
Monday 2nd September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 3rd September	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Wednesday 4th September	Children return to school at 8.55am

# Events

## Our Courses

Join us to create a musical theatre show in just a few days!

Learn from experienced professionals, make new friends and have lots (and lots!) of fun. All our courses finish with a performance to family and friends on stage and in costume!

*Fun, friendly courses suitable for all abilities.*

## Why choose Montage?

Montage Theatre Arts has been working in SE London for over 20 years. We are a performing arts charity with a reputation for providing excellent theatre arts training for children. All our classes are fun, friendly and suitable for all abilities.

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- ✓ Enhanced DBS checked
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- ✓ Safeguarding trained



## WRAP AROUND CARE

Fun creative sessions including arts and crafts, outdoor play, games and much more...

Morning: 8am - 9.30am  
Afternoon: 4.30pm - 6pm  
£5 per session. Flexible drop off and collection!

Available at our Brockley courses.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

### BROCKLEY

Prendergast Hillyfields, Adelaide Av, SE4 1LE

Main School:  
5-14 years  
9.30am - 4.30pm

Mini Montage:  
3-5 years  
10am - 11.30am

**Early Bird Special Offer!**  
Book 4 courses: SAVE £50\*  
Book 3 courses: SAVE £30\*  
Book 2 courses: SAVE £10\*

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Bursary Places  
Available!  
Sydenham & Brockley  
montagetheatre.com/bursaries

### SYDENHAM

Sydenham Centre, 44a Sydenham Rd, SE26 5QX

Main School:  
5-14 years  
9.30am - 4.30pm

**Early Bird Special Offer!**  
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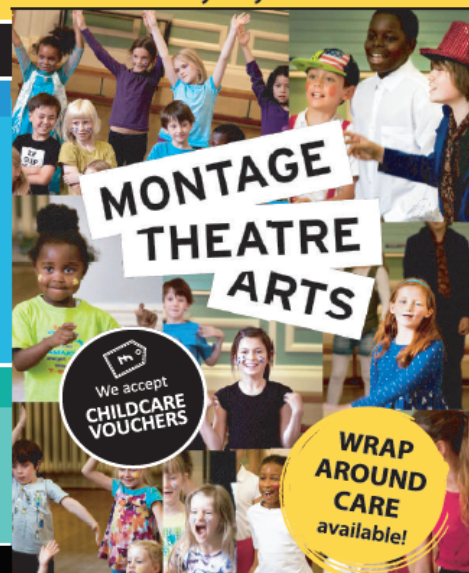
[www.montagetheatre.com](http://www.montagetheatre.com)

\*Limited time offer. Applies to full price courses only. Discounts not transferable between course venues. Discount applies to one child attending different weeks.

## Summer Programme 2019

### Musical Theatre Holiday Courses

#### Brockley & Sydenham



Ages 3-14 years. Prices from £60!



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# TECH CLUB

AGES 5-11

A place for creative kids!

**SCRATCH PROGRAMMING**

Explore the endless possibilities of coding, create animations, make art or play songs whilst learning essential programming concepts with scratch.

**MINECRAFT MODS**

**DIGITAL ART**

Calling all aspiring artists! Have a creative blast making stop motion animations helping to increase your digital design skills.

**3D WORLD BUILDING**

**DROID BUILDING**

Get hands-on with the latest robots and power them with code. Exploring variables, events, conditionals and encouraging creativity!

**MINECRAFT REDSTONE**

**3D CREATIONS**

Bridging the gap between the digital and physical world! Design and carefully watch your 3D creation come to life and take it home to show friends.

**SPORT TECHNOLOGY**

**ROCKET PROPULSION**

Fantastically fun! This day covers important physics concepts such as thrust and propulsion in order to make your own rocket soar high above the ground.

**TECH FUN**

\*Activity order may not be the same as this flyer, consult website for day by day activity list for your school\*

The Mayor of London is working with the National Park City Foundation to make London the world's first National Park City this summer. To celebrate there will be a National Park City Festival where you can discover London's amazing outdoors with free events across the city. Find out more at :

<https://nationalparkcity.london.gov.uk/>

Limited Spaces Available



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