



Torridon
Primary School

TORRIDON NEWS

13th September 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to those who were able to attend our welcome meetings last week. I hope you found them useful and you got a sense of the next steps for Torridon. All the presentations have been uploaded to the school website for you to review if you wish to. If you were not able to attend the meeting and would like more information about your child's learning this term, please speak to a member of the senior team who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

The children were extremely proud of themselves, sharing their learning about identity in our celebration assemblies on Friday. Take a look inside for some of the best examples.

Those of you with children in year 6 will be starting to think about secondary schools. We will be holding meetings on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th or you to find out more about the application process. We hope to see you there.

The Inclusion team will be hosting a coffee morning on Thursday morning. Please come along and meet the team. We have also invited a guest speaker from Drumbeat School and ASD Service who will be on hand to offer support and advice for parents and carers of children with autism.

Don't forget that Friday after school is our first 'Play Street' event. The Friends of Torridon PTA have arranged for the road to be closed in order to provide children with a safe environment for outdoor play. See inside for more details.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Best Wishes,

Manda George

Headteacher



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Greening Plans At Torrison

As you will have seen, we have a lovely laurel hedge that was planted last October in the playground along Torrison Road, thanks to all of your fundraising support. Friends of Torrison PTA, in partnership with the school, is continuing the greening project this autumn.

In November, we will receive 30 saplings from The Woodland Trust: a mix of dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple and dogwood trees, which will be planted along the Hazelbank Road side of the main playground, to continue our hedgerow.



The aim is to green up the playground environment for the children, bringing nature in, improving the overall atmosphere and air quality of the area, as well as creating a wildlife corridor around the school. The rich variety of trees from the Woodland Trust will give children and staff opportunities for outdoor learning - including helping with the planting! as well as encouraging birds and other small wildlife to make their home amongst the greenery.

We are currently in the process of applying for grant funding from The Mayor's Greener City Fund to continue that hedgerow around the ball court. There is also a plan in process through Street Trees for Living to have more trees planted around the outside of the school. They are all projects that will need the support of the whole school community.

The PTA looks forward to speaking to you more about it at the Play Out on Friday!

Playing Out

On **Friday 20th September** from 3.15pm to 5.00pm Torridon will be holding a whole school play out on Birkhall Road (between Hazelbank and Ardoch Roads)!

The road will be closed off to traffic (with stewards monitoring the road). It's a fantastic opportunity for families and children to come out and enjoy time together as a community. Please do bring bicycles, scooters, chalk, games and skipping ropes. There will be large games available like Connect Four and Snakes and Ladders, hula hoops and skipping ropes, as well as a big beach volleyball game. The PTA will be holding a cake sale with refreshments. Please note - no ball games are allowed on the road, but the big ball court at the school will be open for children to play ball games.

*****STEWARDS NEEDED!! THE PLAY OUT TEAM NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP MONITOR THE ROAD DURING THE PLAY OUT - PLEASE CONTACT FRIENDSOFTORRIDONPTA@GMAIL.COM IF YOU CAN HELP*****



Stars of The Week



Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
1BL	Elizabeth	2D	Grace	4C	Gabriel
1S	Imogen	2KL	Manjot	4J	Amari
1N	Acacia	2L	Harrish	5A	Priya
4AM	Anneliese	3E	Saphia	5C	Nusaibah
6C	Amelia G-H	3M	Orin	5L	Lucy
6RN	Amirie	3V	Martha	5W	Prince



Resource Base

Children in the Resource Base have had another lovely week in school. In our science lessons this week we have been exploring bubbles. Children worked together beautifully to try and create the most bubbles, the biggest bubble and a bubble that wouldn't pop. There was lots of lovely communication and interaction, along with a whole heap of fun.



SEND Coffee Morning



Parents and carers are invited to a coffee morning with Torridon Inclusion Team.

Come and join us for an opportunity to:

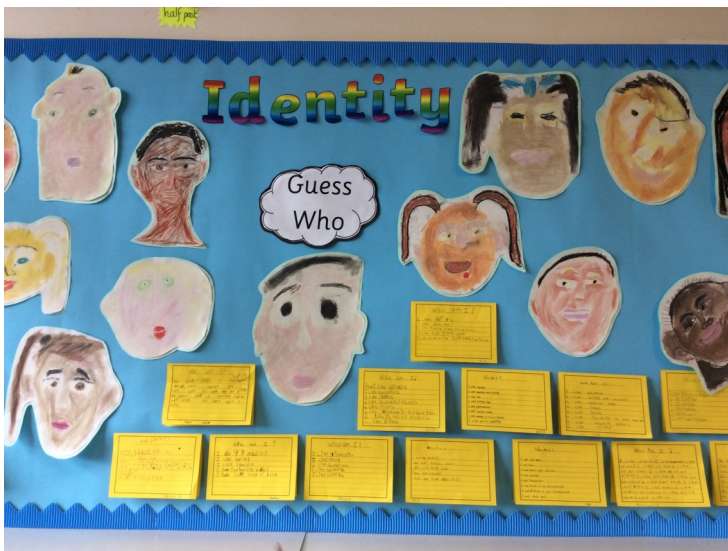
- *find out how we support SEND at Torridon**
- *hear our guest speakers from Drumbeat; they will be talking about how to better support children with routines and eating at home**
- *have some Q&A time with the Drumbeat Outreach workers**
- *meet other parents and carers**

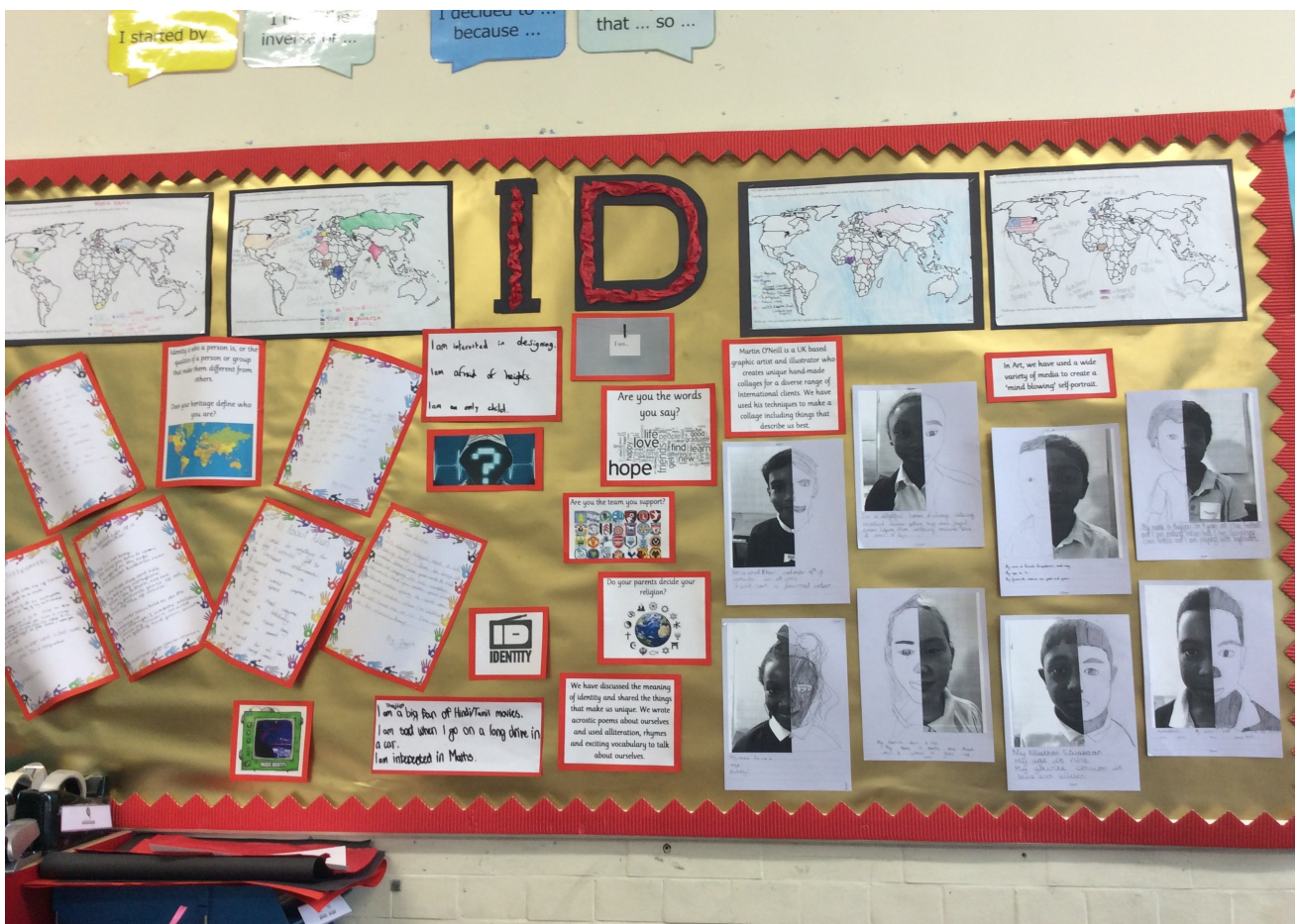
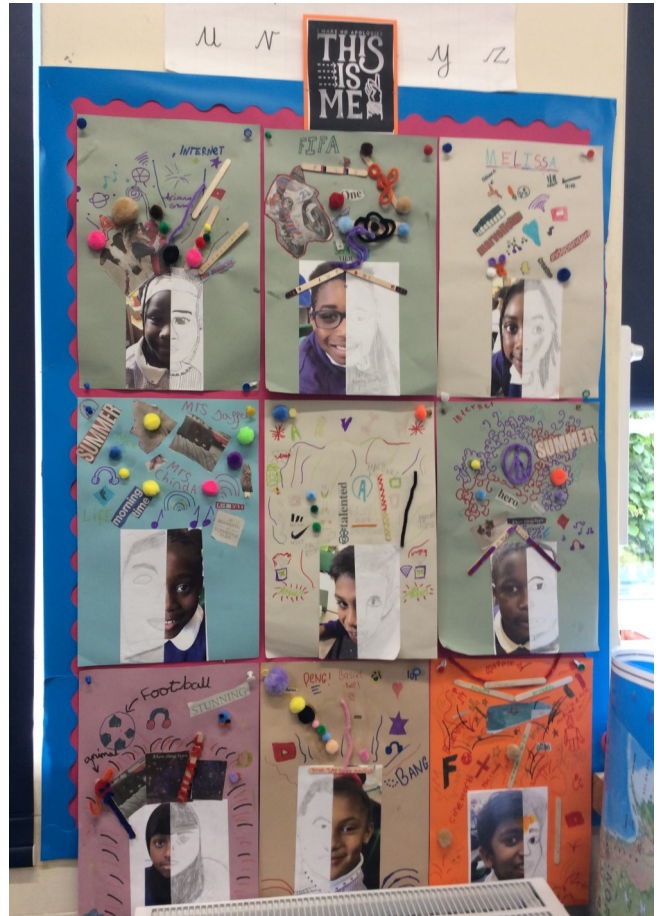
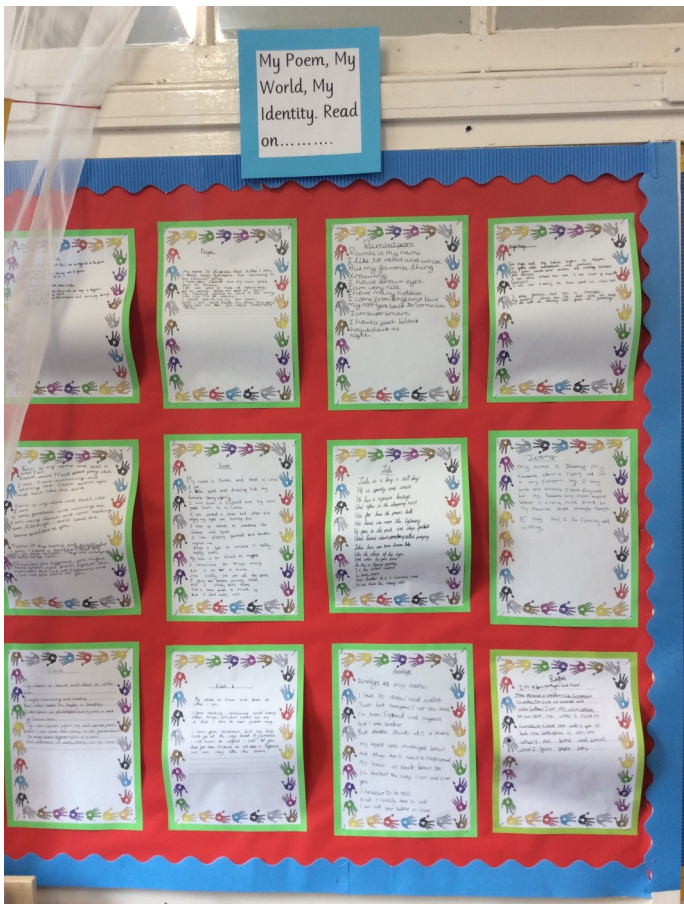
We look forward to seeing you.

Thursday 19th September

9.00am - 10.30am

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September 2019				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 INSET DAY	3 INSET DAY	4 FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM	5	6
9 WELCOME MEETINGS 9.15am Year 1 2.45pm Year 2	10 WELCOME MEETINGS 9.15am Year 3 2.45pm Year 4	11 WELCOME MEETINGS 9.15am Year 5 2.45pm Year 6	12	13 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT
16 2.30pm & 6.30pm YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING	17	18 6.30pm YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER MEETING	19 9.00am INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING	20 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT Car Free Day 3.15pm—5.00pm After school play out.
23 Bike to school week	24 Bike to school week	25 Bike to school week	26 Bike to school week	27 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT
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