



Torridon
Primary School

TORRIDON NEWS

18th October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through the autumn term. The time has flown by!

I hope you found open evenings this week helpful and informative. Lots of you had some lovely comments about how pleased you are with the progress your children are making. They have been working very hard indeed and it is certainly paying off.

Thank you for your feedback on the questionnaire. We will be collating all the information and using it to help us plan the next steps for the school. If you haven't managed to complete yours yet, copies are available at the main office and we have e-mailed you all with an electronic version.

When we return after the half term break, we will be launching our Creative Arts Theme week. The children's learning will all be based around the theme of 'musicals'. We would like to invite you to come and see some of their learning from 2.30pm on Monday 4th November.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 28th October**.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

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Headteacher



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Black History Month

On Thursday, Years 3 & 4 were treated to a special Black History Month assembly featuring Jali Bakary Konte, a singer and musician, originally from Gambia in West Africa.

Jali has been playing the Kora, a 21-stringed instrument that is native to Gambia, since the age of seven! It was a great way to learn about Gambian culture and music, as well as a chance to reflect on the contribution and influence African music has had on the world.



The children asked a lot of questions. Jali taught us a bit about how he plays the Kora, as well as encouraged the children to sing a call-and-response melody. Everyone got involved and some of us danced along!

Hockey Tournament



On Thursday 17th October 12 children from Year 5 & 6 represented Torridon at the Lewisham Quick Slide Hockey Tournament. Due to the poor weather the tournament was called off mid way through. The children utilised their hockey skills exceptionally well in their first two games and had won 2 out of 2 games. We will update you with the final score when it gets rescheduled.

Flu Vaccinations

FLU VACCINATION NASAL SPRAY TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2019

All children in primary school will be offered flu vaccination through a nasal spray. Your child will be offered a flu vaccine that is given as a simple spray up the nose. It is painless, very quick, and serious side effects are uncommon. This vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu.

You will have received an email with an e-CONSENT letter attached from the NHS, this is for you to complete online, here is the link. <https://app.schoolscreener.com/Screeners/Web/Lewisham/portal#/imms/27114211000001105/100708>

All parents are requested to complete to either agree or decline this offer. Copies of the letter will be available upon request but all responses must be made online only. If you require assistance with this please ask at the office.

Resource Base

The children from the resource base attended the Pentathlon Games at Conisborough College last Friday. Our team took part in a range of games such as New Age Kurling, Table Cricket, Polybat and Boccia. The Torridon Team came in 9th place and were very pleased with their medals for participating in the spirit of teamwork, dedication and passion.



Well done Team Torridon!

Y5 Sharing Assembly & Trip To Tower of London

This week has been a busy one for our year five children! On Wednesday morning, they performed their sharing assembly to parents and carers. It was fantastic to see and hear all about their learning linked to the Tudors. On Thursday, they went to the Tower of London to learn more about the Tudors. Despite the rain they thoroughly enjoyed the trip and came back with fascinating facts.



School Announcements

Class Photos & Individual Photos

School photographs will be taking place on **Friday 1st November**. Individual and class photographs will be taking place. There will be an opportunity for children to have **photos taken with siblings after school**.

Lost Property

Over the half term break, please check and make sure your child has not come home with the wrong coat or jumper. If you do find that you have items which do not belong to you, please could you return them to school. Don't forget to put your child's name in all belongings.

Stars of The Week

Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
RAZ	Sasha	2KL	All	5A	Jacob
RF	Ashton	2L	All	5C	Laura
RL	Sophie	3E	Aiden	5L	Levi
Resource Base	Samuel	3C	Lovpal	5W	Joshua
1BL	Daniel	3V	Aaliyah	6C	Serena
1S	William	4AM	Phaeza	6RN	Bryon
1N	Thiksga	4C	Evallia		
2D	All	4J	Sophie		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2019

28	29	30	31	
CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	

November 2019

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1 CREATIVE ARTS WEEK INDIVIDUAL AND CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS
4 CREATIVE ARTS WEEK EXHIBITION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS	5 FLU VACCINATIONS (TBC)	6 9.15AM YEAR 2 SHARING ASSEMBLY	7 9.00AM INCLUSION COFFEE MORNING 6.30PM YEAR 6 SATS MEETING	8 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT
11 ANTI BULLYING WEEK	12 ANTI BULLYING WEEK	13 ANTI BULLYING WEEK 9.15AM YEAR 1 SHARING ASSEMBLY	14 ANTI BULLYING WEEK	15 CHILDREN IN NEED
18 ROAD SAFETY WEEK	19 ROAD SAFETY WEEK	20 RECEPTION AND YEAR 6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT SCREENING 9.15AM YEAR 3 SHARING ASSEMBLY	21 ROAD SAFETY WEEK	22 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT ROAD SAFETY WEEK
25	26	27 9.1AM YEAR 4 SHARING ASSEMBLY	28	29