



Torridon  
Primary School

# TORRIDON NEWS

27th September 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the end of what has been a rather soggy week at Torridon! We did manage to get out into the sunshine at some points and luckily our footballers had a break in their weather for their tournament on Thursday.

Thank you to all who attended our first Play Street last week. It was a resounding success and we hope to plan similar events in future terms.

I had a very exciting meeting with some of the members of the Friends of Torridon PTA last week. We have decided that our fundraising efforts over the next year will focus on raising money to develop the school playground. The children have told me they would like more climbing equipment and fixed items such as basketball hoops and fitness trails. We are hoping that there are lots of you who would like to join us in planning and developing these ideas as well as supporting with the organisation of fund raising events. We will be holding termly open meetings for anyone interested in helping in any way. It would be wonderful if you could join us. The first meeting will take place on **Tuesday 8th October at 9.00am**. Please see inside for some of the upcoming events the PTA have in store.

The art team will be launching our new Instagram feed this week. Look out for some examples of the fantastic art pieces our children have created.

We hope to see some of you at our Resource Base Open morning next Wednesday. We will be sharing some of the learning that has been taking place in our specialist provision – we may even ask you to join in with the fun!

Have a lovely weekend.

Manda George

Headteacher



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## Author Visit

Years 3, 4 and 5 were lucky to meet a really interesting author this week. Imogen Russell Williams came to talk to us all about her new book published by Ladybird; "The Big Book of the UK". She shared some fascinating facts about the weird and wonderful things that people get up to in the UK. In the book, you can

- Learn about the sport of "dwile flonking"
- Find out where black diamonds come from
- Meet the supernatural animal that haunts the Scottish Highlands



Imogen also spoke about what it was like to be an author and our very own budding Torridon authors asked some really interesting questions about how to become a writer. It was a really great opportunity to meet such an inspirational person and find out some really interesting facts.

A big thank you to Moon Lane Books for providing this opportunity. You can purchase The Really Big Book of The UK and lots more fantastic children's books here:

Moon Lane Ink CIC at Moon Lane Books

300 Stanstead Road

London

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Tel: 020 3489 7030 Email: [info@moonlanebooks.co.uk](mailto:info@moonlanebooks.co.uk)

**MOON LANE INK**

## Farewell To Ray Cox

Today we say goodbye to Ray who has been helping our children safely cross the road for the last 11 years!!! We held a celebration assembly this morning to thank Ray for all his hard work and caring ways that made the children happy to see him in the mornings.



We shall miss Ray and hope he has a wonderful retirement .



# Thank You Ray!!!



# Playout

Thank you to all those who attend the playout last week Friday and contributed cakes too. It was great to see lots children and local neighbours.



# Stars of The Week



Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
RAZ	Mia	2KL	Ivor	4J	Wilfred
RF	Kai	2L	Meghan	5A	Tami
RL	May	3E	Rayan	5C	Emine
1BL	Elizabeth	3M	Orin	5L	Christopher
1S	Arthur	3V	Ezra	5W	Heather
1N	Tavarie	4AM	Romel	6C	Willow
2D	Mirielle	4C	Saishvin	6RN	Sophie





## Resource Base

Children in the Resource Base enjoyed a morning of art activities and sensory exploration.



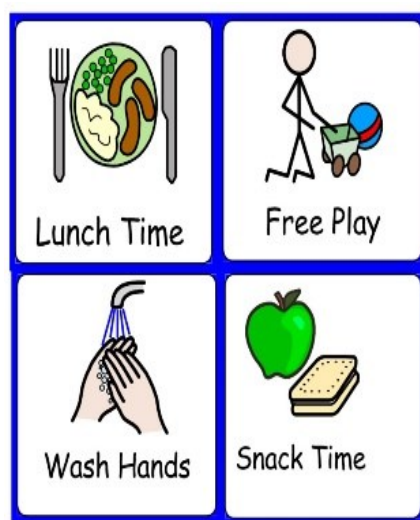
Children used glitter, sequins, feathers and paint to create different patterns. Children explored beans, lentils, flour and sawdust during sensory exploration. There was lots of engagement, mess, but most importantly, fun!



# Inclusion



We are happy to welcome Laura Crewdson, our new Speech and Language Therapist for the ASC Resource Base. She will be with us every Wednesday to help the children with their Language skills. Lucy is looking forward to meeting parents and carers at the Resource Base Open morning on **Wednesday 2nd October**.



We would like to thank all those who attended our Inclusion coffee morning and to Drumbeat for their wonderful advice. If you would like to print any visual supports mentioned in the meeting, they are free to download from their website:

<https://www.drumbeatasd.org/page/?title=Outreach+Resources&pid=202>

The parent workshops available can also be found on their website:

<https://www.drumbeatasd.org/page/?title=Outreach+Parent+Workshops&pid=199>

# Sydenham Fun Palaces



Fun Palaces is an ongoing campaign for community led by community. It is an annual weekend of action – arts, science, craft, tech, digital, cake decorating, singing workshops, slime making, music, bike repair, wind band, meet police horses, choirs, heritage and sports events and activities. Fun Palaces weekend is the first weekend of October every year.

This will be taking place on 5th and 6th October 2019.

For further information please visit

[www.funpalaces.co.uk](http://www.funpalaces.co.uk)



# School Announcements

## Lost scooters

We have had two scooters misplaced this week. If you have taken the wrong scooter by mistake, please return it to the school office.

Thank you

## School Calendar

The school calendar has been updated and is ready for you to view on the website.

[www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](http://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)

## Pupil Premium

Please help us!!!!

Complete your application for Pupil Premium Funding and gain free entry to our prize draw. Don't miss a chance to win a family cinema ticket.

Eligibility can be checked by applying online at

<http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>.

Staff will be available in the school office should you wish to receive some support to complete the online application **Monday 30th to Friday 4th October 9:00-9:30am.**

# Events



**Lewisham Junior Orchestra**

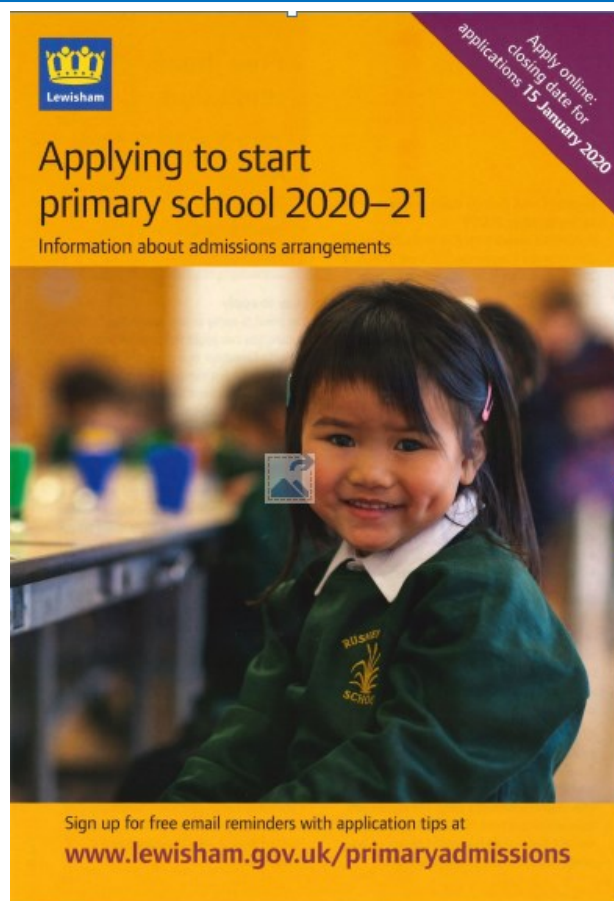
lewishammusic.org/LJO  
apply by 9 October

21 & 22 October  
10am-3.30pm

£50 (£15 concessions)

Join Lewisham Music for two days of exciting orchestral music making during half term as part of Lewisham Junior Orchestra! It is a great opportunity to learn new arrangements and develop your playing with other young musicians. Applications are welcome from children in Years 4 to 8 (inclusive) who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (tuned and untuned percussion and keyboards) at Grade 1 standard and above.

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**Applying to start primary school 2020-21**  
Information about admissions arrangements

Apply online: closing date for applications 15 January 2020

Sign up for free email reminders with application tips at  
[www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

# PTA Events

Date	Time	Event/Meeting
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	9.00am	PTA Open Meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	TBC	Christmas Fair
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	TBC	Christmas Disco
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	2.30pm	PTA Open Meeting
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2020	TBC	Vitality Big Half Marathon
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2020	TBC	Sponsored Bounce
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	5.00pm	PTA Open Meeting
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	TBC	Torridon Fun Run

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2019				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2 RESOURCE BASE OPEN MORNING	3	4 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT
7	8	9 9.15AM YEAR 6 SHARING ASSEMBLY	10	11 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT
14 HOMEWORK PROJECTS DUE IN	15 PARENT AND CARER OPEN EVENING	16 9.00AM WHOLE SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING  9.15AM YEAR 5 SHARING ASSEMBLY	17 PARENT AND CARER OPEN EVENING	18 INSET DAY
HALF TERM				
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October				
28  CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	29  CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	30  CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	31  CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	