



Torridon
Primary School

TORRIDON NEWS

7th October 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

I heard some wonderful news yesterday. One of our children has been so inspired by the learning she has been doing in class that she has started her own fundraising page. Izzy in 2KL has been learning about endangered animals and feels so strongly that she has started to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund in order to support vulnerable species. In her own words, Izzy said:

"I want to raise money for all animals that are going to be extinct because humans are killing them."

Izzy set herself a target of £100 but since then she has raised almost £250.

We done Izzy for your amazing and inspiring thoughtfulness!

I was also really impressed with the Year 3 children who started their ukulele lessons this week. They are really excited about learning a new instrument and their enthusiasm was infectious!

Thank you for your positive feedback about the curriculum this half term. It is great to hear how positive the children have been when talking about their learning with you at home.

I will be writing to you next week to invite you to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher on none of our open evenings. There will be an opportunity for you to meet with some of our Governors, and members of the inclusion team will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

Have a lovely week.

Best wishes

A. George

Manda George

Headteacher



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Boys' Football Tournament

On Thursday 26th September, 18 children from years 5 & 6 represented Torridon Primary School at the Lewisham School Games Football Tournament.

We had two teams playing simultaneously in separate events. Both teams played incredibly well and had some extremely close results. After scoring 18 goals, Team A finished in 3rd place in their group whilst Team B finished in 4th place.



Although Team B didn't manage to win any of their matches, their passion and team spirit was outstanding throughout the entire event.

Congratulations to all the children who took part, and well done to Team B for being awarded the Sporting Spirit certificate for self-belief!



Well Done Team!!

Hockey Tournament

On Thursday 3rd October, 12 children from years 3 & 4 took part in the Lewisham School Games hockey development tournament at Sydenham High School. For most of the children, this was their very first experience representing our school



The year 3 team were extremely proud of themselves after beating a year 4 team whilst our year 4 team went on to finish 2nd in their group! All our children represented our school remarkably well and should all be extremely proud of their achievements on the day. To top a wonderful day off, Maile from year 3 was awarded the self-belief Sporting Spirit award.



in a sporting event against other schools in Lewisham. It was a very nervous start for them all as they went into their first games, but they found their confidence swiftly and both teams went on to win their second games.



Stars of The Week



Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
RAZ	Ofure	2KL	Kyp	4J	Dora
RF	Maddison	2L	Everyone	5A	Lalu
RL	Kitan	3E	Fraiser	5C	Simran
1BL	Arin	3M	Chester	5L	Ashvina
1S	Abdul	3V	Beatrice	5W	Rochelle
1N	Leo	4AM	Phaeza	6C	Luka
2D	Jack	4C	Vyshali	6RN	Cody



Resource Base

We enjoyed welcoming parents and carers in for our first Resource Base Open Morning this week. Children enjoyed an autumn themed art session alongside parents and carers. Deme, the dance specialist, helped children show off their dance moves.



It was also a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet with the teaching team in the base and discuss strategies and support over a cup of tea and a biscuit.



Thank You

PTA Events

VITALITY BIG HALF
JOIN THE TORRIDON TEAM



If you've been meaning to lace up those shoes and get fit or, indeed, increase your training - now is the time! The PTA are forming a fantastic team of parents and staff members for the Vitality Big Half-Marathon on **Sunday 1st March** and have 10 places left! It is a brilliant way to support the school and challenge yourself to running 13.1 miles past some iconic London landmarks. Staff, parents, carers, friends or family are all invited to take part. There will be lots of support and encouragement along the way. To secure your place please get in touch with

Emily Steadman

ehsteadman@gmail.com or call 07970 538 657

Christmas Card Project

Its already that time of year again Friends of Torridon PTA are delighted to be offering the Christmas Card Project again this year, where the children will have the opportunity in class to design their own holiday card that you can then order.!

It's a lovely way to celebrate the children's creativity as well as a nice way to support the school. Letters about it will be in book bags.

Stay tuned for more information.



School Announcements

Nursery Places

We still have a few places left in our Nursery. If you are interested in applying for a nursery place, please contact the school office for more information.



Dogs In the playground

Our playground is a very busy place, particularly at the beginning and end of the day. We are politely asking you not to bring your dogs onto the playground at any time. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Parents Evening

Next week will be parents and carers evening on **Tuesday 15th October** and **Thursday 17th October from 3.30pm until 6pm**. Please make sure you send your parents evening slips in as soon as possible for your requested times. We are also offering a drop in where parents can access the admin team to assist with Pupil Premium Funding applications and Primary School applications 2020.



Reception Primary Applications 2020



Apply online:
closing date for
applications 15 January 2020

Applying to start primary school 2020–21

Information about admissions arrangements



Sign up for free email reminders with application tips at
www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Reception Primary Applications 2020 contd..

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2020?

If your child permanently lives in the UK and was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, you can apply for a Reception place for September 2020.

Before you apply you should:

- Research your local primary schools
- visit schools you want to apply for
- carefully check the admissions criteria for schools you are interested in.

From 1 September 2019, visit our website for everything you need to know about applying for primary school places, including:

- schools that are in the borough and are closest to you
- how to apply for a school place
- how decisions are made
- what happens after you apply
- important dates in the application process.

Deciding which schools to apply for

The first step is to decide which schools you would like to apply for. There are many good and outstanding primary schools in the Lewisham borough. Find out about these schools and see which are nearest to you at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryschools.

Check if your child is likely to be offered a place at a school

If there are more applicants for a school than places available, we use the admissions criteria to decide who should be offered a place. The criteria vary from school to school. You should use them to find out if your child has a good chance of being offered a place at the schools you prefer.

Free email reminders



Sign up to get free emails with reminders, application tips and more at

www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

How to apply

You need to apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. You can apply for up to six schools, either in Lewisham or outside the borough. You must not put independent schools on your application. You must list the schools you wish to apply for in preference order. You can apply online from 1 September 2019 and must apply by the closing date on 15 January 2020.

When you will find out which school your child has been offered a place at

You will get an email on the evening of national offer day, Thursday 16 April 2020. It will tell you where your child has been offered a place and how to accept the offer.

From 1 September 2019, you can find all the information you need to apply for primary school places at www.lewisham.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. If you cannot find the information you need, call us on 020 8314 8282 (Tuesday-Thursday 9am-1pm).

Children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

Most children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities can get the support they need at local mainstream schools.

If your child has an education, health and care plan, you need to follow a different process. Find out more at www.lewisham.gov.uk/SENadmissions.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October 2019				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 1BL TO THE LIBRARY	2 RESOURCE BASE OPEN MORNING	3 1S TO THE LIBRARY Y3/4 HOCKEY TOURNAMENT	4 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT
7	8 9.00 PTA OPEN MEETING 1N TO THE LIBRARY	9 9.15 YEAR 6 SHARING ASSEMBLY	10	11 PROSPECTIVE PARENT AND CARER VISIT YEAR 2 TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM RESOURCE BASE PANATHLON EVENT
14 HOMEWORK PROJECTS DUE IN	15 PARENT AND CARER OPEN EVENING	16 9.00 WHOLE SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING	17 YEAR 5 TO THE TOWER OF LONDON	18 INSET DAY
RESOURCE BASE TO SOFT PLAY		9.15 YEAR 5 SHARING ASSEMBLY	PARENT AND CARER OPEN EVENING	
		YEAR 6 TO HORNIMAN MUSEUM		
HALF TERM Monday 21st – Friday 25th October				
28 CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	29 CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	30 CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	31 CREATIVE ARTS WEEK	