



Torridon  
Primary School

# TORRIDON NEWS

15th November 2019

Dear parents and carers,

What a busy week it has been at Torridon! We have been raising awareness about anti-bullying and thinking about how 'Change Starts With Us'. Lots of children (and staff) wore odd socks on Tuesday to express themselves and celebrate individuality.

We also had great fun today, raising money for Children in Need. Classes took part in the Big Morning Move with Joe Wickes, lots of children wore spots and you may have even spotted our very own Pudsey Bear in the playground!

Thank you to those parents and carers who attended our Reception phonics workshops this week. I hope you found them helpful and informative.

Next week is **Road Safety Week**. We will be providing children with an opportunity to write to our local councillor to campaign for a new Crossing Patrol Officer for the very busy junction at the corner of Hazelbank and Torridon Road. If you would like to contribute to this campaign, please feel free to do so. You can write a letter and drop it into school or just add your name to our school petition in the office.

Please check the dates for your diary section as we have updated the calendar and there have been one or two changes due to the school being used as a polling station on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

A. George

Manda George  
Headteacher



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Follow us on Instagram [https://instagram.com/torridon\\_primary\\_school\\_art](https://instagram.com/torridon_primary_school_art)

## Pupil Premium

Please help us!

Complete your application for Pupil Premium Funding and gain free entry to our Christmas prize draw. Don't miss a chance to **win an Apple iPad**.

Eligibility can be checked by applying online at <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>.

You are invited to join us on **Thursday 5th December 2019** at 9:00 to find out more.

## Reception Phonics Workshop

Thank you to all our reception parents and carers who attended the phonics workshops. The children were really excited to see you all and enjoyed sharing their phonic knowledge with you. We hope that these workshops will help you to continue to support and develop your child's learning at home.



## Half marathoners

**Calling all half-marathoners!**

If you'd like the opportunity to run in one of London's biggest road races while raising money for the school, there are a few places left in Torridon's team! The Vitality Big Half is on Sunday 1st March 2020 - contact Emily S

(PTA) for more info:

tel. 07970 538 657.

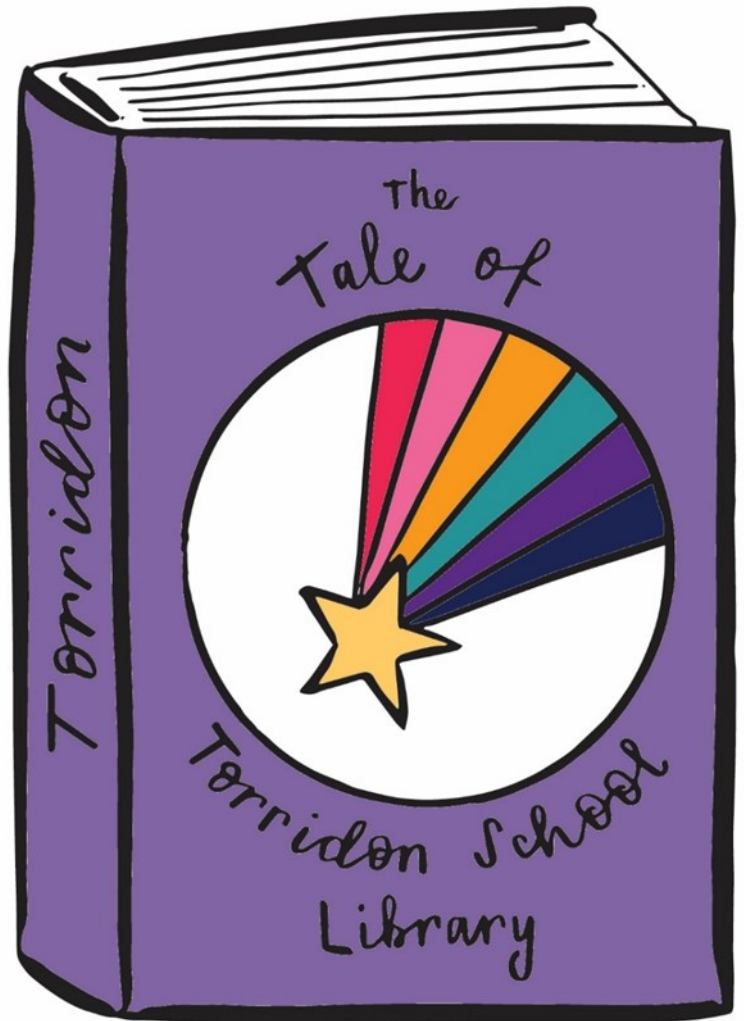


# Torridon Needs Books!

**Could YOU be our  
hero in Torridon's  
next chapter?**

**Follow this link to  
the school amazon  
wish list and  
donate a book  
today:**

[https://tinyurl.com/  
y488l5gn](https://tinyurl.com/y488l5gn)



Send this link to family and friends and we can fill the class libraries with new books for everyone to enjoy!

If you would like to source books second hand or elsewhere – feel free to do so. All books to be sent to the school office address. Enquiries to be sent to: [torridonbookappeal@gmail.com](mailto:torridonbookappeal@gmail.com).

## Y6 Netball Tournament

Y6 girls represented Torridon Primary at the Lewisham School Games Hi 5 Netball tournament this week. They arrived at St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground and were placed into a group along with 4 other Lewisham schools. For this event, 23 school teams attended and were split into 4 groups – with the 1<sup>st</sup> placed team progressing to the semi-finals. Our team displayed outstanding teamwork during their games and passed the ball around really well. This was their first experience playing competitive netball and they did extremely well to draw 3 out of their 4 games! After losing just one match, the Torridon girls finished the group in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to the Torridon netball team!



## Torridon Governors Meeting

Torridon Primary School Governors would like to invite you to share your views about the school and to contribute to the shaping of the vision for the school as it over into the next stage of development. Drop in sessions will take place on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November** at 9.00am, 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Do come and join us if you are available. We are keen to hear your views.

## Photo Opportunity!

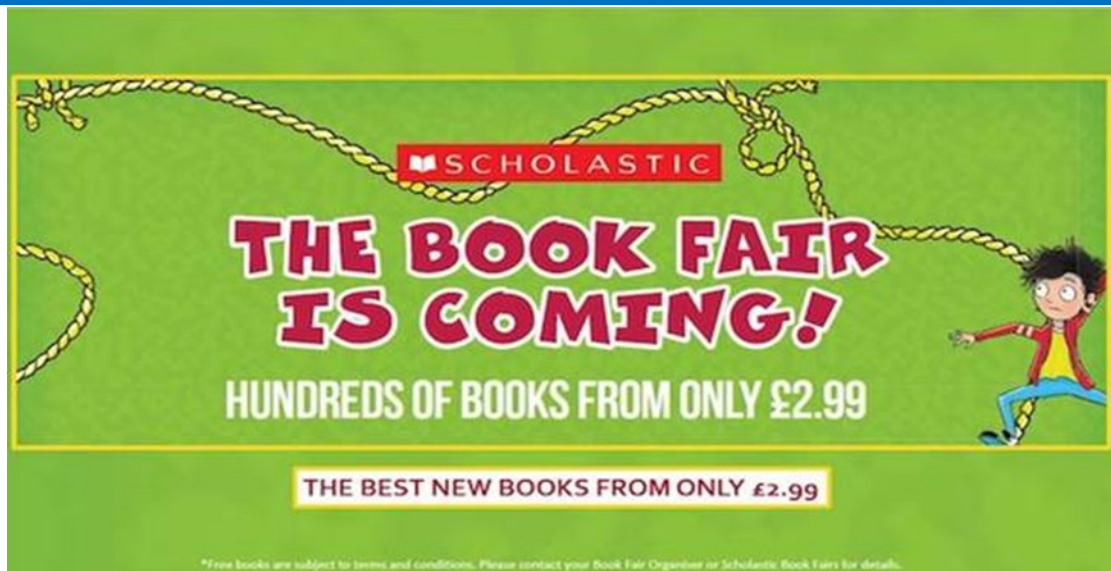


Year 4, 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to work with a professional photographer this week to capture our work looking at inspirational African Dance Artists and Choreographers such as Alvin Ailey, Arthur Mitchell and Misty Copeland.

## Stars of The Week

Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
RAZ	Amahlia	2KL	Shahan	5A	Jacob
RF	Miracle	2L	Franny	5C	Kiana
RL	Sukhpal	3E	Gharshan	5L	Talia
Resource Base	Dalrekay	3C	Norah	5W	Anaiah
1BL	Jesser	3V	Aden	6C	Rishi
1S	Isla	4AM	Ruben	6RN	Tia
1N	Rashwin	4C	Abinusha		
2D	Ellier	4J	Amaya		

## Book Fair Here!



Monday 25th November to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 3.20pm– 4pm Year 4 Hall

Calling all readers!

Come, browse and buy some exciting books! Help us earn free books for our school. Every book purchased helps fill our classrooms with amazing free books.



Book fair gift vouchers can be purchased here:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>



## Remembrance Assemblies

To mark remembrance day, we gathered in assemblies to discuss the importance of remembering those who have fought for our country. Some of our older children also recited poetry - both their own and that of famous poets.



REMEMBRANCE DAY  
*Lest We Forget*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Football League starts	9.30am
Week beginning Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	9.15am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	RAZ Forest School Session	9.15am
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Book Fair	Daily at 3.15pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	RAZ Forest School Session	9.15am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	2L to Museum of London	All day
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	9.15am
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Forest School Session	9.15am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	2D to Museum of London	All day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 to Science Museum	All Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	RF Forest School Session	9.15am
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Forest School Session	1.15pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Governor Drop In Sessions	9.00am 2.30pm 7.00pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	2KL to Museum of London	All Day
Monday 2nd December	Year 1 to Horniman Museum	All Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 to Horniman Museum	All Day
Week beginning Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Assessment Week	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	SCHOOL USED AS POLLING STATION	School Closed to Children
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	CHRISTMAS FAIR	Please note change of date
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage One Performance	Please note change of date
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Performance	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage Two singing in the playground	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET DAY	School Closed to Children
Tuesday 7th January	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM	

## Anti Bullying

The Anti-Bullying Alliance have joined forces with an online platform called SafeToNet who have produced an app which can help to support online safeguarding and reduce risks related to cyberbullying. See below for details of how trial the app FREE for 60 days.



**SafeToNet** is an online safety solution for families, and they are supporting Odd Socks Day this year. The app detects cyberbullying and harmful content on children's smartphones and notifies parents of potential risks.

**FREE  
FOR  
60  
DAYS**

**SafeToNet are offering FREE for 60 Days for all parents. Use promo code 'ABA2019'**

## Tree planting

Today alongside our Gardener and Premises Manager we had Friends of Torrison PTA and parent volunteers planting 30 saplings which we received from The Woodland Trust. This is going towards making Torrison more environmentally friendly.





## Events



“You Said, We Did”

The future of services for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and/or Disability within Lewisham.

Reminder we would like to invite parents/carers and young people to an event to share the new draft on a new Local Area Partnership Special Educational Needs and Disability Strategy 2020-2023. At the event you will have an opportunity to comment on the draft before it is finalised.

There will be 2 events if you are interested please email Cheriece Nelson at [cheriece.nelson@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:cheriece.nelson@lewisham.gov.uk) or telephone 0203 049 1430. Monday 18th November from 6.30pm at the Civic Suite, Lewisham Town Hall, Catford, London SE6 4RU or Monday 25th November at 1.30pm at Civic Centre, Lewisham Town Hall.

## School announcements

### Nursery Reminder 30 Hour Code

Just a gentle reminder for parents and carers whose 30 hour code will be expiring on Tuesday **31st December 2019**.

To retain your nursery place for your child please go to

<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account?step-by-step-nav=f517cd57-3c18-4bb9-aa8b-1b907e279bf9>

and confirm or change your current circumstances.

If you require any assistance, please feel to contact the school office.

## Hazardous Parking

We have had complaints from residents regarding parents and carers parking on their driveways. Please be respectful as some of our residents are disabled, elderly and have caring responsibilities. Parking outside their property is causing an enormous amount of distress. Cars have also been reported parking on the zig-zag lines just outside the school entrance at drop off and pick up. This is extremely dangerous and we would request that parents and carers do not park in these areas.

