



TORRIDON NEWS

7th February 2020

Dear parents and carers,

How lovely it has been to see some sunshine this week. It really makes a difference.

Thank you to all who have emailed our local councillors regarding the dangerous parking around the school at peak times. Some parents and carers have received responses already, so it seems that our concerns are being listened to. Let's hope that we see some action in the very near future.

The school council have been very busy this half term. The Key Stage One councillors are currently planning a range of fund-raising activities, starting with a bake sale on **Friday 28th February**. Please put the date in your diary and start searching your recipe books for ideas. The councillors in Key Stage Two have been working with me to develop and refine Torridon's core values. They have written to you as they are keen to hear your thoughts about the core values we have been discussing. Please take a few moments to read their letter and to respond. A big thank you to Finn (4AM) who worked very hard in drafting the letter on behalf of the school council.

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day. We would like to invite you to attend a workshop at 9.00am on Tuesday 11th February where we will be offering guidance to support you with keeping our children safe when they are on the internet. The session will be repeated at 6.00pm on Thursday 13th February for those who would prefer to attend an evening session.

I look forward to seeing you all at parent and carer open evenings next week. If you are unable to attend, please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative appointment.

Have a lovely weekend,

Manda George
Headteacher



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Staffing



Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that Nick Younger will be leaving Torridon at half term in order to take up a Key Stage One position ahead of a planned family move out of London.

We are very sorry to see him go and his enthusiasm, creativity and sense of humour will be greatly missed.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking Nick for all his hard work during his time at Torridon and to wish him all the very best for the future.



Resource Baser

Children in the Resource Base have enjoyed taking part in a new active art and dance project this week. The school's art and dance specialists, Deme and Flora, have created an immersive experience where children explore different textures and tools to create giant art pieces, using the music to help guide their movements. There was lots of engagement, mess and fun to be had by all.



Stars of the Week

Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil	Class	Pupil
RAZ	Maliah	2KL	Sadier	5A	Melisa
RF	Faizah	2L	Ezra	5C	Malachi
RL	Ella	3E	Rayan	5L	Ojorie
Resource Base	Micah and Joshua	3C	Olivia	5W	Sophiyaa
1BL	Radiatoulayer	3V	Wander	6C	Santisz
1S	Callie-Rose	4AM	Arianna	6RN	Ragath
1N	Marlee	4C	Jochebed		
2D	Anayah	4J	Wily		

Reading Week 24th – 28th February 2020

We are so pleased to announce our exciting reading week that will take place in the first week back after half term. Reading for pleasure is well known to boost our children's learning in all areas. Reading week is a great opportunity to celebrate and share our passion for reading and books.

We will be taking part in Lewisham Primary Book Awards which has a shortlist of fantastic books, engaging children's literature. Each class will take part in curriculum activities across the week, based around a text from the shortlist. Books will then be shared across the school and our children will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite book.

More information about the Torridon Primary Book Awards can be found at:

<https://www.moonlaneink.co.uk/primary-book-awards-2020>

There will be exciting events including:

Bedtime stories on Wednesday 26th February from 3.30 – 4.30pm for all children, parents and carers. Invitations to class read-alongs will also be sent out very soon. Watch this space for more information. We look forward to sharing our love of reading together.

World Book Day tokens have gone out in book bags today! Further information to follow.



Sports

Saturday League Football - Blackheath

The boys' football team played their penultimate league matches at Blackheath on Saturday. The first match against Eliot Bank was an amazing game to watch as both teams played equally well. The boys are beginning to enjoy more possession in their games as they pass the ball around as well as intercepting their opposition more rapidly. Although both teams struggled to score, there were plenty of shots at each end of the pitch. It looked as if Eliot Bank were going to score just before half time as they broke through our defence, but Mizhaan produced the save of the season to keep the scores level. The second match was the local derby against Sandhurst - an equally close game. The Torridon boys had more work to do without any substitutes during the match, but they persevered through to the end. They were unlucky not to score but played well in defence to halt the Sandhurst forwards. Two draws on the day but also two well deserved clean sheets for Tyler and Mizhaan in goal. Final scores: Torridon 0-0 Eliot Bank & Torridon 0-0 Sandhurst.



Y3&4 Mixed Football Tournament - St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground

On Tuesday 4th February, 17 children from years 3 & 4 formed two teams to represent Torridon Primary in the Lewisham mixed football development tournament. Teams were placed into mini leagues formed of either 5 or 6 schools and had to play each team once. Both Torridon teams played with passion and thoroughly enjoyed their day. For many children, this was their first experience of a school sports tournament so they were particularly nervous at the start of the day. It was lovely to see those nerves turn into confidence as they played their matches over the course of the day. Both experienced wins and losses but worked well together to overcome barriers. One team only lost one match throughout the day and won all the remaining games to finish second in their league. Well done to all the children who attended the event!

Y5&6 Hockey Tournament - St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground

Our hockey team reformed on Thursday to complete the tournament they began back in October. Although the results on the day didn't go their way, they played outstandingly well together. Savannah scored a wonderful goal against a team who eventually finished in 2nd place, whilst Tia made countless block tackles preventing them from scoring. Taking the scores from both parts of the tournament into consideration, the team eventually finished in 3rd place in the league. Well done to everyone who took part - both for their efforts and for representing Torridon Primary School with passion and respect. Special congratulations to Jake from year 6 for being awarded the Honesty Sporting Spirit award!



Bake Sale

The Key Stage One councillors are currently planning a range of fund-raising activities, starting with a bake sale on, Friday 28th February. Look at how much we have raised so far!

More information to follow after the half term.



Notices

School Dinner

Please contact the school office in writing if you are planning on changing your child's school lunch arrangements for the 2nd part of the Spring Term. As a reminder School Dinners must be paid for in advance so please log onto Parentpay and bring your account up to date. If you need any assistance with this please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Internet Safety Workshop

Tuesday 11th February at 9am

Thursday 13th February at 6pm.

We hope to see to see as many of you as possible.



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Swimming

Lewisham Swimming: Free Top-Up School Swimming Lessons

In partnership with Saxon Crown and Fusion Lifestyle, funded by Lewisham Council, free school top-up swimming sessions are available to students at Lewisham primary schools. The sessions are provided to help swimmers achieve the National Curriculum standard in swimming, which requires children to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively and perform safe self-rescue in different water-based situations. The sessions are for Lewisham Primary School Pupils in Year 3 and above, and will be running at Glass Mill Leisure Centre during February half term holiday 2020 on the dates below:

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February 2020

To register interest please email: developmentofficer@saxoncrown.org.uk

Bookings can only be made via this email address, not through the centre directly. Each top up course runs for one week and participants are expected to attend for the whole of that week.

When registering your interest, please include the following information in your email:

- Contact name and mobile telephone number
- Your child's name, date of birth, the school they attend and their year group
- Stage level of swimmer: ASA Stages 1 – 7 or equivalent, if known*
- Any relevant medical information or special requirements

*If you are unsure of your child's ability, please select from the following:

1. **Confident:** can swim lengths (25m) comfortably on their front and back and in deep water, and **all four strokes** (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke & butterfly).
2. **Improver:** can swim comfortably on their **front and back for 10m + unaided**.
3. **Beginner:** comfortable in water but cannot swim on both front and back unaided.
4. **Non-Swimmer:** no or limited previous swimming experience.

NB: Please select carefully. If the wrong session is chosen, your child may not be able to swim in that session and we may not have a place available for them in the correct session.

There will be four sessions per day:

9.00-9.45 am. 9.45-10.30 am. 10.30-11.15 am. 11.15-12.00 am.

After you apply, you will be assigned a time slot. Session times are based on swimming ability; therefore, you must attend the session you are allocated. This will be the same time slot daily for the week. Places are limited and will be allocated via email on a first come, first served basis.

Helena

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