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Dear parents and carers,

What a great way to end the week. Challenge day has been such a huge success today. I saw children designing, building and testing their own wind turbines, making dragons fly and testing the acidity of 'dragon's blood', building structures out of newspaper, spaghetti and marshmallows and building lego structures with closed eyes (try it - it is much more difficult than it sounds).

It has been wonderful to see the children working together in teams, persevering with really tricky problems to solve and demonstrating remarkable resilience when things did not go as planned. I hope they have come home full of all the excitement we have had in the classrooms today.

Once again, I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. Last week we raised over £600 for Comic Relief with our Red Nose Day celebration.

It is hard to believe that it has been a year since we went into the first lockdown. It has certainly been a challenging time but together we have stayed strong and positive throughout. Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do in supporting your children's learning and the Torridon Team.

Wednesday 31st is the last day of term. I hope you all have a restful break over the holiday and I look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 19th April.**

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



Term Dates

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| Wednesday 31st March | Last Day of Spring Term |
| Monday 19th April | Back to school First Day of Summer Term |

Torridon Convenience Stores

Since day 1 of the pandemic, Kaul and his team have been absolutely amazing in supporting our food bank and food parcel deliveries. They have donated huge amounts of tinned goods, cereals, crisps, drinks, biscuits and eggs on a regular basis along with a continuous supply of long life milk. This has been ongoing for an entire year!

They also nominated us for a £500 charity grant through their partnership with NISA which enabled us to buy local and support our vulnerable families with much needed food and welfare bundles.



Thank you, Kaul and your team. You are without doubt Torridon's Community Heroes and we are so grateful to be able to work in partnership with you.

Easter Holiday Arts Challenge

What do you think The Arts are? Where do you see artistic talent? Which jobs can artists do? Perhaps you know a real live artist...dancer...designer....musician....chef.....gardener...

Are there even examples of some artistic talent at your own house.....who do you think designed the picture on the cereal package, who composed the music on the radio, who made the bowls you eat out of or the table you eat from? Or what about when you watch the TV - what are the dancers doing in the film? Who is behind the TV camera? Who designed the computer games you like to play?

We would like you to collect as many examples of "The Arts"in fact the challenge is to see if you can collect at least one example of something connected to the arts for each letter in the alphabet....or maybe even 3!

Bring your collections back to school after Easter! There will be prizes for the best ones!

The Arts Team

Stay in Touch



Please remember to let us know if you or a member of your household receives a positive test result for COVID-19. We have a dedicated phone number for you to call if you need to inform us of a confirmed case within your household– **07376 358065**.

We also have a dedicated email address for any communication related to COVID-19. You can contact us at the following email address:

covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

This has been quite a term! Thank you for all that you have done to ensure that your children's learning continued. You have been generous with your time completing a survey which have helped the team develop how learning has been managed. You have been generous in your support for the RocketFund for laptops and the PTA's fantastic fundraising so that we can improve the playground. Your words of support for the staff have been much appreciated.

I am sure that everyone is looking forward to a break from schooling in any form over the Easter holiday, but I am hoping that the experience of this term may have interested you in working even more closely with Manda and her team to develop Torridon.

We will have a vacancy for a parent governor to join the Governing Board in September '21. The election will take place in the Summer term and the full details will be up on the website by the end of the second week of term

Have an enjoyable break, and I look forward to being able to meet you to talk about our election amongst other things.

Very best wishes

Margaret Brightman.

Chair of Governors

One Health Lewisham – Become a Covid Vaccination Steward

Renewed Callout for Vaccination Volunteers!

COVID-19 Vaccination Centre Steward

Your Lewisham GP practices, who are delivering the majority of Covid vaccinations in the borough, are now moving to reinstate full pre-Covid crisis services, but we need help to continue vaccinating all our residents in order for us to make us all safe. To do all this, we need volunteer help from our community. You will be participating in an exciting time in history where we are working together to end the global pandemic.



We need volunteers to help us at five locations across Lewisham:

- [Downham Health & Leisure Centre](#), 7-9 Moorside Rd, Bromley BR1 5EP
- [The Jenner Practice](#), 201 Stanstead Rd, Forest Hill SE23 1HU
- [St Johns Medical Centre](#), 56-60 Loampit Hill, Lewisham SE13 7SX
- [Sydenham Green Group Practice](#), 26 Holmshaw Close, Sydenham SE26 4TH
- [The Waldron Health Centre](#), Amersham Vale, New Cross SE14 6LD

Please email Volunteer Coordinator Juliette Hansford at selccg.lewccovidvacvolunteers@nhs.net for more information.

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

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| Nursery | Omar Salome | 4AS | Saphia |
| RF | Georgina | 4C | Aliyah |
| RL | Siddy | 4V | Nicola |
| RS | Eunice | 5A | Arianna |
| 1BZ | Edward | 5C | Isaiah K |
| 1N | George | 5W | Precious |
| 1S | Teddy | 6B | Mervyn |
| 2A | Baenla | 6C | John |
| 2D | Ariz | 6N | Rushawn |
| 2L | Amelia | 6R | Elijah |
| 3C | Khloe | Resource Base | Kaiser |
| 3J | Zainab | | |
| 3L | Amari | | |

Easter Donation



I wrote to you a couple of weeks ago to tell you about Fraser's amazing business initiative, making hats and masks with his own 'never give up' logo.

Now, Fraser has decided to donate some of the money he has earned to support our vulnerable families over the Easter period. He has donated 30 chocolate Easter Bunnies for our Easter food parcel deliveries.

Thank you Fraser for your kindness and generosity.

Playground Fundraising

Torridon Trim Trail – Donate Today!



Help Torridon Primary raise £9,000 for a Trim Trail and MORE!

Thanks to the amazing generosity from parents & the community, we have raised over £8,000 so far. Every extra penny will be put towards further pieces of equipment.

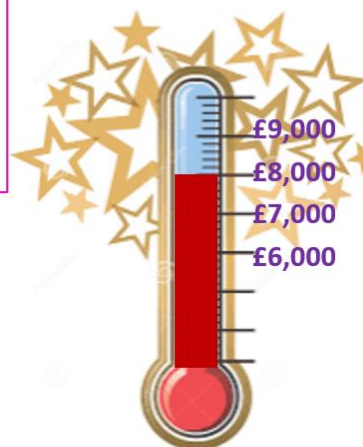


Please donate if you can. If all Torridon children donated...

£1 = £600

£5 = £3,000

£10 = £6,000



Remember – send the link to family & friends. Every little helps!

Donate today, easily and securely.

[Click here to donate](#)

Help Torridon Primary raise £9,000 for a Trim Trail and MORE! In one week, due to the amazing generosity from the school community and beyond, we smashed our £6,000 target so have raised it to put towards further pieces of equipment.

The more we raise, the better the outdoor offering - giving the children even more ways to have fun outside with friends!

Using the funds raised from previous events (e.g. Vitality Half, Christmas cards and Christmas Fair), a large wooden climbing frame will be installed in the Key Stage 2 playground this summer. And with the £8,000 raised to date from this crowdfunder, we'll be able to install the Trim Trail in the Key Stage 1 playground.

Every bit more will get us closer to the next piece of equipment.

Please donate TODAY if you can - together we can create an awesome outdoor play space for the children!

If all Torridon families donated:

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£10 = £6,000

£15 = £9,000

Please share the link with friends and family - every little helps.