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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another great week at school with some fantastic learning taking place as you will see throughout this week's newsletter.

By now, you should have received an invitation to meet with your child's class teacher. Staff are looking forward to seeing you and letting you know how your children are getting on.

Thank you to everyone who has been training hard in preparation for the upcoming 10K/ Half Marathon. You will see details of how to donate later in the newsletter.

Margaret Brightman, our Chair of Governors will be writing to you separately as we will soon be inviting applications for the role of Parent Governor. If you would like to find out more about the role, we will be running a virtual Question and Answer session at 4pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please email us if you would like to join the session.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	World Maths Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	POLLING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN Parent/ Carer – Teacher Meetings
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	MS Teams Meeting – the role of the parent governor
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Marathon/10K run
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Diversity Day Deadline for parent governor applications
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET DAY
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	HALF TERM
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Back to School

## Arts Award



The creative arts are an integral part of the curriculum at Torridon, going from strength to strength through specialist teaching in art, dance and music, enabling all children to fully participate in a rich, current and diverse creative arts experience.



We are incredibly excited to be launching the Discover Arts Award in association with Arts Council England, as a formal nationally recognised qualification in the Arts.

To achieve an Arts Award, children collect evidence in an individual arts log of their experiences of:



- Participating in arts activities
- Researching artists and their work
- Sharing their arts discoveries



This term the Resource Base will embark on the Award with the theme 'Black and British!'

## Year 2 Drama Workshop



The children in year were so excited to meet the infamous Thomas Farriner this week who visited our classrooms via Zoom!

Many people believe that a fire in his bakery in Pudding Lane was the cause of the Great Fire of London, but Thomas tried hard to persuade us that it really wasn't his fault.

Year 2 thought of some excellent questions to ask him and we all learned a lot about the events of September 1666.

## Support Team Torridon in Local 10K/Half Marathon

On Sunday 16th May, a 40+ strong team of Torridon staff, parents and family will be running/walking the Torridon/Sandhurst local 10k or half-marathon. All funds raised will go towards a large jungle climbing frame complete with slide, cargo net, criss cross climbers, ladders and more, adding to the brilliant 2021 playground campaign.



You can donate here:

<https://gofund.me/41c58335>

With the race starting and finishing at Torridon, you can also support the amazing team of runners by coming out to cheer them on! Friends of Torridon PTA is still looking for helpers, so if you can help on the day, please contact Emily Steadman on 07970538657 or [ehsteadman@gmail.com](mailto:ehsteadman@gmail.com)

**GO TORRIDON!**

## Keeping 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](mailto:covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)



## On Time Every Time

### Message from Annie(Attendance and Welfare Officer)

An impressive 97% of our children arrive on time every day which is fantastic! However, there are a small number of children who are regularly arriving late to school.

Children who arrive late miss out on important instructions given at the beginning of the day which can significantly impact how they achieve. Children feel uncomfortable arriving after the others have settled into their learning, as their entrance can disrupt the entire class, and this compromises the learning of others too.

We are aware how difficult these past few months have been and now more than ever we must strive to return to normality and utilise every moment of the school day when so much time together has been lost.

Let us all make every minute count - together we all make a difference. I know you will want your children to have every opportunity to catch up the time lost and know the effort of getting here on time is beneficial to us all.

**This is the reality of being just a few minutes late daily.**

5 mins every day = 3 lost days of education per year

10 mins every day = 6.5 days of education per year

15 mins every day = 10 days of education per year

30 mins every day = 19 days of education per year, **that is almost a month**

## London Philharmonic Orchestra

The children in Key Stage 1 attended a virtual concert by the London Philharmonic Orchestra this week. The concert was a musical story based on the book 'Elephants in the Custard' which is about a young boy who struggles to share his feelings with his busy family.

Year 1 and Year 2 all learnt a song and had fun listening to lots of different pieces played by the brass instrumentalists of the LPO.



## Stars of the Week



**Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!**

Nursery	Gabriel Jude	4AS	Joshua B
RF	Eda	4C	Alina
RL	Zenab	4V	Jerome
RS	Aadhiran	5A	Alicia
1BZ	Lenny	5C	Tyrelle
1N	Rashid	5W	Jochebed
1S	Rome	6B	Danielle
2A	Isla	6C	Dinah
2D	Elliot	6N	Jasitha
2L	Reis	6R	Rhys
3C	Kyp	Resource Base	Ibrahim Joshua
3J	Paris		
3L	Hazel		

## Year 4 Cricket



Our Y4 children have enjoyed starting their cricket lessons taught by expert sports coaches.

So far they have been developing their throwing, catching and batting skills.

We certainly have some sporting superstars in Y4!



# Friends of Torridon PTA Playground Project

WOW!! WOW!! WOW!!

We did it!! We raised £8,500 in just four weeks to purchase large playground equipment for the kids at Torridon Primary School.

Thank you to our amazing community of parents, carers, friends, family and local businesses.

You're a bunch of champions 🥰🥰🏆🏆

We'd particularly like to send a shout out to our generous donors from -

Saplings Breakfast & After School Club

Arlo & Moe Cafe

Bellingham News

London Bespoke Tiling Solutions

Also, we're grateful to the following for the support spreading the word via their social media!

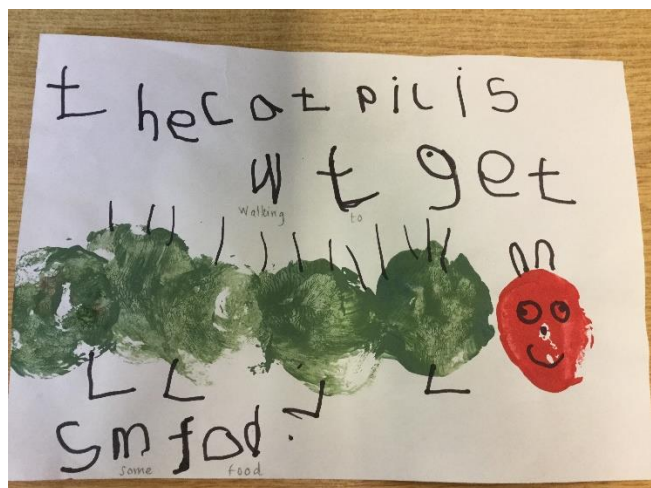
Good Food

Eos Dance

Hope Cafe

Abbotshall Healthy Living Centre

## Nursery Minibeast Fun



In Nursery we have been reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We made a healthy cucumber caterpillar, 3D models and also some amazing insect homes!

Here is some of our wonderful learning.



# Parent Workshop



## Drumbeat Outreach

### Parent Workshop

#### Using Visual Support to Develop Social Understanding

A practical workshop looking at how to create and use visually structured approaches such as social stories, comic strip conversations and behaviour mapping to help you child or young person better understand the responses and behaviours of others.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**10am – 12pm OR 6pm-8pm**

**This session will be a webinar.**

Please email [outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk) or telephone 020 7635 9022 to reserve your place.

