



**Torridon**  
Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

We started the week with some fantastic Community Safety Workshops for our year 6 children. This is an important part of their transition programme as they prepare to move on to secondary school next term. A big thank you to Jermaine Joseph and Nickiesha Barnett from Lewisham's Violence Reduction Unit for the brilliant work with the children.

Team Torridon had their last training session last night ahead of the big day on Sunday when they will be running, jogging or power walking their way around the 10k or half marathon course. I do hope you will be able to cheer them on along the way. They have worked really hard and are hoping to raise as much money as possible for the playground refurbishment. You can find details of how to donate later in the newsletter.

We can't wait for our Theme Day next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May when children are invited to come to school wearing clothes and colours which celebrate their family heritage. We look forward to celebrating your stories, photos and videos explaining what makes your families special.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher

## Zero Carbon Project



Lewisham Council have successfully bid to central government for funds to create a zero-carbon plan for five schools. I am delighted to tell you that Torridon has been chosen as one of those schools. We will be working with a local architect and director of a Community Interest Company called RAFT. Harry and his team will be delivering educational workshops on climate change and thermal performance and supporting us to develop a carbon feasibility study and action plan for the school.

The children in year 5 will be leading on this work and will have the opportunity to apply to become part of the group who will act as ambassadors for the project.

The project aims to engage, educate and empower children and the wider school community to reduce energy and carbon use at school and at home.

Look out for updates as the project gets underway next week.

# Eid Mubarak

Many of you will have enjoyed Eid ul Fitr this week to celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan. We hope you had wonderful time feasting with family members.



## School Uniform



Please remember that children should be wearing school uniform. This includes PE kit. Currently our PE uniform is plain black shorts, plain black leggings or plain black tracksuit bottoms and a white T-shirt. If it is cold, children can wear their school jumper or fleece.

Children should not be wearing coloured tracksuits, T-shirts with slogans or branded hoodies.

From September, we will be asking children to wear a Torridon T-shirt (short or long sleeved) with the Torridon logo for PE lessons.

You can purchase all items of school uniform at



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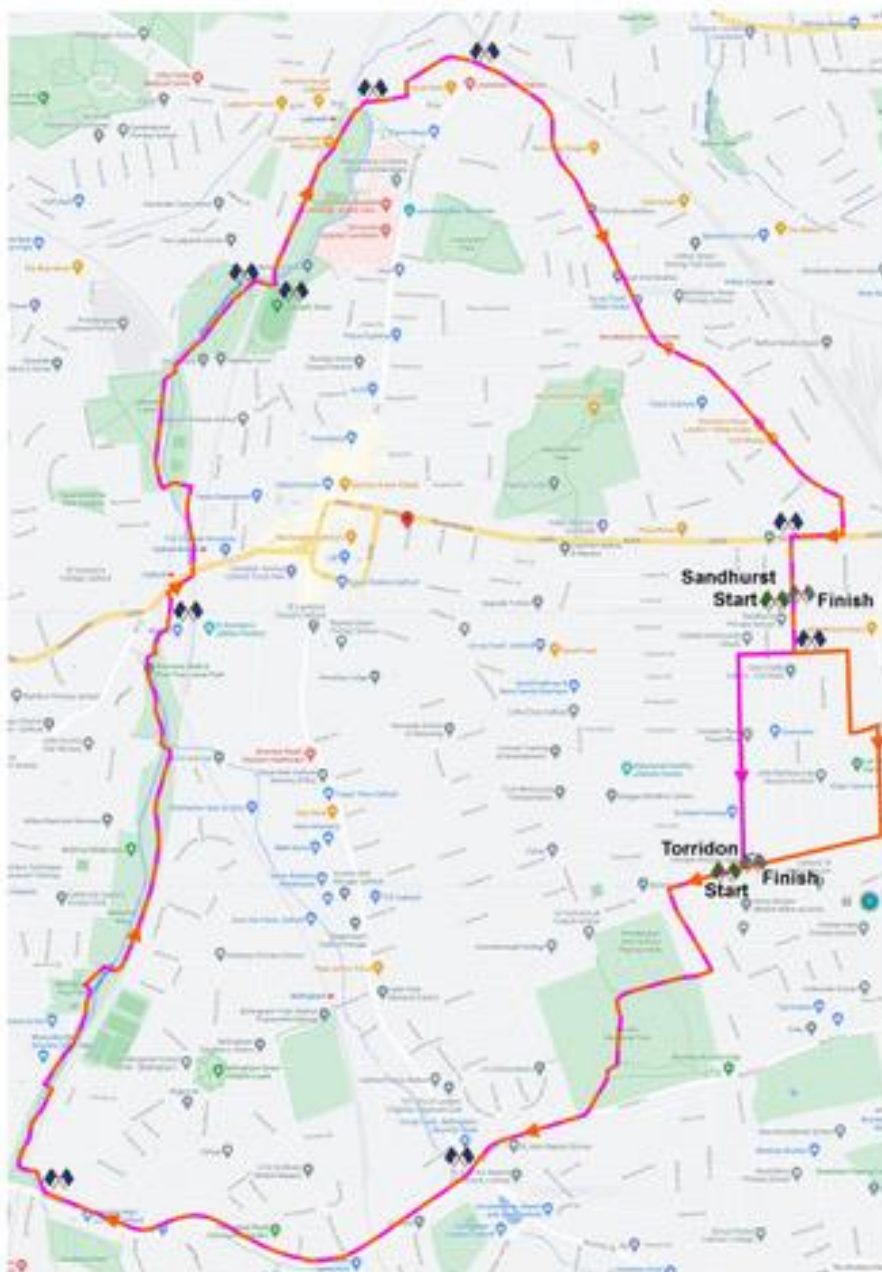
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# READY.....STEADY.....RUN!

Many thanks to all who have already donated to support our fantastic team of runners. We are halfway to our £5,000 goal - please donate here: <https://gofund.me/41c58335>

You can also support Team Torridon by coming out on Sunday morning at 9am to cheer! Find a spot along the course (the race starts and finishes at Torridon) to clap and cheer on the staff and parents as they take on the 10k or half-marathon. We hope to see lots of you there lending your support!



**Torridon and Sandhurst Schools**

**10k and Half marathon course map**

16th May 2021

- ◆ Start
- ◆ Finish
- ◆ Marshal
- Half marathon route (double loop)
- 10k route
- Course direction: clockwise

## Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Marathon/10K run
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	DIVERSITY DAY
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	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
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment Week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term

## Parent Governor Elections

Thank you to those who attended the session with Manda and Margaret regarding the role of the parent governor. If you were not able to attend but would like to find out more, please don't hesitate to get in touch: [governors@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:governors@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)

If you are interested in becoming a governor, please complete and return a personal statement, explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of parent Ggovernor. (A template can be found on the website or the office can provide a hard copy). Please email your statement to the governor inbox by **MIDDAY on FRIDAY MAY 21ST**.

## Diversity Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May



As a school, we will be joining the rest of the world to celebrate International Day on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021. This is another great opportunity to celebrate the diverse community that we have in our school. The theme for the day will be 'Diversity'.

The focus will be 'Class Diversity' where every child will be learning about the make up of their class and all learning on the day will be centred around this.

In order for us to fully explore our school diversity, we would like you to join in by sending in pictures, videos of interviews, stories and experiences about what makes your families special. This can be done either by email or brought in by the children.

We would also like the children to come to school on the day wearing clothes and colours to celebrate their cultures.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ada, Faye and Nikki

(Diversity Day Team)

## The Big Ask



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched a once-in-a-generation review of children's lives.

It's called 'The Childhood Commission' and it will identify the barriers preventing children reaching their full potential and propose policy solutions to address them.

At its heart is 'The Big Ask' – the largest ever consultation held with children.

In this survey the Children's Commissioner is asking children what they think is important for their future and what is holding them back. The Children's Commissioner will use the results to show the Government what children think and what they need to live happier lives. You can find all the details here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

## Stars of the Week



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

Nursery	Anice Pasha	4AS	Sedrach
RF	Zach	4C	Rhylee
RL	Rakaiah-Renae	4V	Arun
RS	Avani	5A	Omosefe
1BZ	Tommy	5C	Anaya
1N	Yasmine	5W	Abigail
1S	Faizah	6B	Rochelle
2A	Malik	6C	Oliver
2D	Javonae	6N	Xander
2L	Oshie	6R	Malachi
3C	Izzy	Resource Base	Naoki
3J	Arda		Israel
3L	Genevieve		

## DANCE NEWS

Year 6 are exploring Parkour and dance to create scenes for a modern-day adaptation of Oliver Twist in "Twisted". Based on their core text, they are exploring characters and scenes through creative dance exploration.

This week Oliver is being chased, having been involved in a street robbery incident!



## 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)

# Half Term Tennis Camps

## HALF TERM TENNIS CAMPS



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