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Dear parents and carers,

It has been a rather strange week this week with only 3 teaching days due to Bank Holiday and Polling Day. We still managed to squeeze in a celebration of all things mathematical on Wednesday's World Maths Day.

I hope you managed to have some time with your child's class teacher this week. Please get in touch if you were unable to make your original meeting time and we will reschedule.

I hope to see lots of you at the virtual meeting on Thursday 13th May where Margaret Brightman and I will be available to tell you about the role of the parent governor and to answer any questions you may have. More details about the role can be found later in the newsletter.

I am delighted to tell you that we are planning to expand our instrumental lessons offer and are inviting you to express an interest if your child would like to learn to play the recorder, clarinet or saxophone. Forms are attached to this email and will need to be returned before **Monday 17th May**.

Have a great weekend.
Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 10 th May	Year 6 Workshops – Community Safety
Thursday 13 th May	MS Teams Meeting – the role of the parent governor
Sunday 16 th May	Half Marathon/10K run
Friday 21 st May	Diversity Day Deadline for parent governor applications
Friday 28 th May	INSET DAY
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	HALF TERM
Monday 7 th June	Back to School

Woodwind Lessons

As you may be aware, instrumental lessons on piano, violin, guitar and drum kit began at the beginning of the academic year. We now have over 110 students learning, and the list continues to grow.

We would now like to bring in a woodwind tutor to offer lessons on clarinet, saxophone and recorder.

If you would like to express an interest in your child taking lessons on one of these instruments, please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return a scan or photo of it to music@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk or hand it into the office before Monday May 17th so that we can plan for this provision to start from next half term.



COMMUNITY CRICKET SESSIONS



SUMMER COMMUNITY SESSIONS

TUESDAYS 5.00pm-6.00pm

11th May until 27th July 2021 (12 weeks)

FORSTER MEMORIAL PARK, WHITEFOOT LANE, SE6 1UA

- All sessions are free to students from Bellingham & Downham Primary Schools
- Open to boys and girls
- Level 2 qualified & DBS checked coaches
- Opportunities to take part in competitive matches



PLATFORM

Supporting young people to progress
through and in cricket

Please contact Chris Willetts (Manager) to confirm your place: 07801 026 891

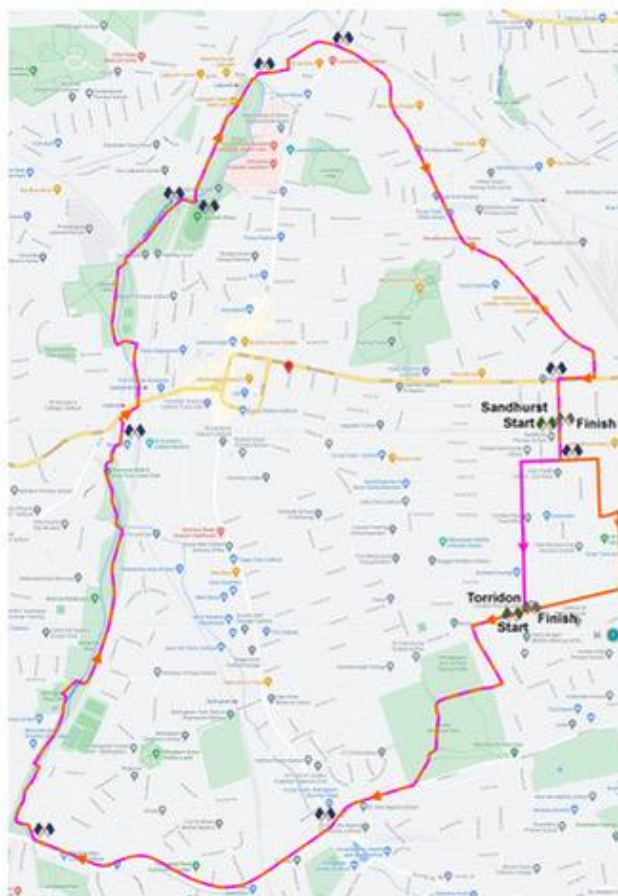
chris.willetts@thysf.org

COUNTDOWN TO RACE DAY...

SUPPORT TEAM TORRIDON IN 10K/HALF MARATHON

Just over a week to go until **Sunday 16th May at 9am** when 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 to a jungle climbing frame complete with slide, nets, ladders and more, adding to the brilliant 2021 playground campaign.

Donate



Torridon and Sandhurst Schools

10k and Half marathon course map

16th May 2021

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 - check out the course map! Friends of Torridon PTA is still looking for helpers, so if you can help on the day, please contact Emily S on 07970 538 657 or ehsteadman@gmail.com

GOOOOO 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

Parent Governor Elections



Torridon
Primary School

Torridon Primary School will shortly have a vacancy for a parent governor. Are YOU the person who might fill it?

School Governors work to make a positive contribution to children's education. They use their life experience and common sense to offer supportive challenge, so that the school provides a high quality education, children and staff work in a positive, happy environment and funds are spent well.

Governors are not responsible for the day-to-day management of the school; but they do have an important role within the school.

The Governing Board should reflect the school community and we currently feel that this is not the case at Torridon. In light of this, all applications are welcome but we would particularly welcome applications from parents and carers from Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic backgrounds. If you are an HR expert so much the better but what is *most* important is a keen interest in taking our school forward. Governors do not need any formal qualifications but must be aged 18 years and have a child at Torridon.

You **don't** need to be an expert, training is available and your fellow governors are also a good source of information. THEY will also look forward to learning about YOUR experience and perspective as a parent/carers.

If you are interested please complete and return a personal statement, explaining why you would like to fulfil the role of Parent Governor. (A template can be found on the website or the office can provide a hard copy). Please email your statement to

governors@torridonprimary.lewisham.school.uk by MIDDAY on FRIDAY MAY 21ST.

Manda George and Margaret Brightman (Chair of Governors) will be available on MS Teams on THURSDAY MAY 13th from 4.00 . Please email the school if you would like to talk to them at this time

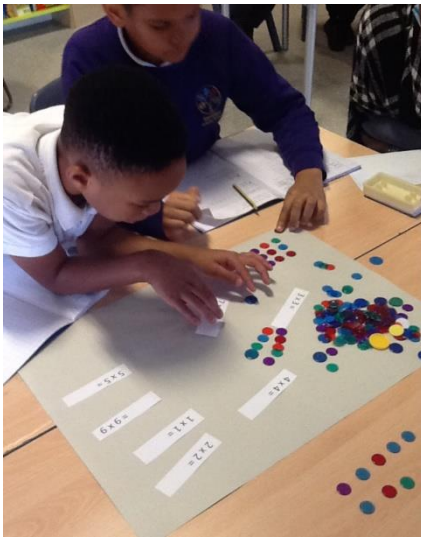
What is the time commitment?

Governors currently meet as a full Governing Body 4 times each year, with additional regular committee meetings and/or working party meetings throughout each term. Papers for each meeting are circulated 7 days ahead. They will usually take a couple of hours to read through and think about the questions you will want to ask.

We also ask each Governor to be a Link Governor taking a special interest in a particular area of the life of the school. This could be something you know about already or an area where you would like to develop your knowledge through training. Each Link Governor will liaise with the school to work out the best way for them to monitor their area. Most times this will involve visiting during the school day but the last year has shown that there are some things which can be done over Zoom. After the visit Governors write up a short Note of Visit so that their findings can be shared with other Governors.

World Maths Day

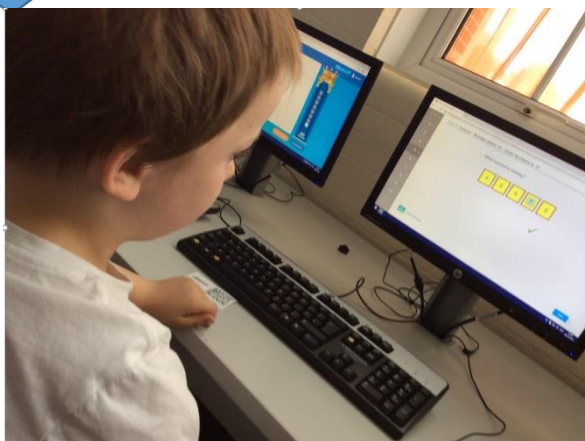
I enjoyed Rock Star Times Tables because it was fun. It is good for learning times tables.



I enjoyed World Maths Day because we challenged other children around the world on Mathletics so we learnt and played as well.



I enjoyed using Times Table Rock Stars because it was fun and I liked challenging my class mates.



I found it cool that it was World Maths Day and most of our subjects were around the topic of Maths!

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Nursery	Vivian Jacob	4AS	Garshan
RF	Kelilyah	4C	Lewis
RL	Mason	4V	Beatrice
RS	Mikhail	5A	Asia
1BZ	Ella	5C	Jaheim
1N	Bea	5W	Gabriel
1S	Madison	6B	Habibah
2A	Holly	6C	Mamboyam
2D	Isabella	6N	Christopher
2L	Enis	6R	Kiara
3C	Osei	Resource Base	Elliot Angelica
3J	Anayah		
3L	Eliza		

Diversity Day – Friday 15th May

Dear parents and carers,

As a school, we will be joining the rest of the world to celebrate International Day on Friday 21st 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.

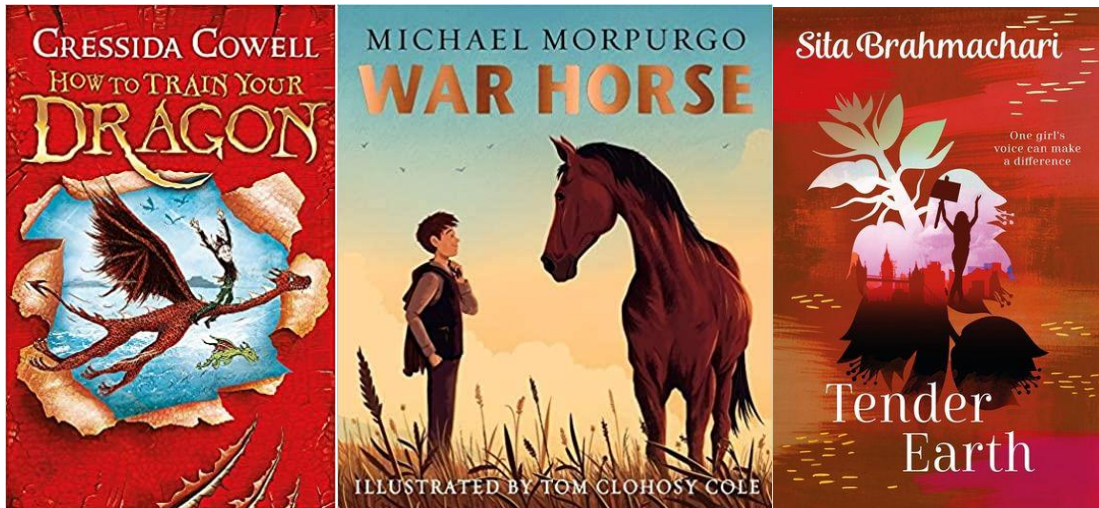
We would also like the children to come to school on the day wearing clothes and colours to celebrate their cultures.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ada, Faye and Nikki



INKSPOTS



Inkspots is a new livestream series sharing big ideas and stories with hungry young minds. Produced in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, free Saturday morning livestream sessions will educate and enthral young people from the ages of 6-11.

With readings, workshops and interviews with some of the most exciting children's authors and storytellers, from **Sita Brahmachari** on the magic of ghosts to **Michael Morpurgo** on the wonders of nature, Inkspots is a junior version of the How To Academy experience.

Watch and participate live with your child every Saturday morning between 10 and 11am, or enjoy a video replay at your leisure. All Inkspots events are free and offered on a pay-what-you-can basis.

Inkspots is presented in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, a charity dedicated to improving the reading, writing, speaking and listening skills of those who need it most. Literacy is a vital element of action against poverty and the work of the National Literacy Trust changes life stories.

[Tickets and Info](#)



Drumbeat Outreach

Parent Workshop Preparing for Transition to Secondary School

A workshop looking at how to plan for change and
support independence as your young person prepares
for secondary school.

Tuesday 11th May 2021
10am – 12pm OR 6pm – 8pm

This session will be a webinar.

Please email outreach.admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk or
telephone 020 7635 9022 to reserve your place.

