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Dear parents and carers,

This week has been something of a rollercoaster! We have welcomed back our children from the Year 6 and Resource Base bubbles but have had closures in year 3 and year 5. Whilst the government plans to move to step 4 on the roadmap from Monday 19th July, we have been working with the Public Health England team and it has been recommended that Lewisham schools continue with our current arrangements until the end of term.

We will still be asking you to observe the staggered start and finish times, collecting your children from the gates. We will also be continuing to maintain the year group bubbles in order to ensure we are able to support contact tracing up until the end of term. Thank you for your continued support and co-operation as we reach the end of the academic year.

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend our virtual events this week. We were really pleased to see you at our virtual meetings for the PTA, Parent and Carer Champions and our consultation for Relationships and Health Education. Let's hope we can start to see each other face to face in September.

Next week, children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers (albeit virtually) and you will receive their end of term reports. We will not be having a formal parent and carer open evening, but if you would like the opportunity to discuss your child's report, please get in touch via the admin inbox.

The children were in awe when they had the chance to host the replica Olympic Torch in their classrooms this week. Our school instrumentalists filled the playground with music today with violins, guitars and keyboards combining to recreate the theme tune from Chariots of Fire. We may not be able to come together physically but our Torridon team spirit is certainly as strong as ever.

Best wishes Manda George Headteacher









Friends of Torridon PTA



Torridon Primary School Parents & Teachers Association



Friends of Torridon PTA is an active group of parents/carers who work with the leadership team to build school spirit through fun events (school fairs, fun run, street play-outs, sponsored bounce, Christmas Disco) and to raise money to fund activities and resources.

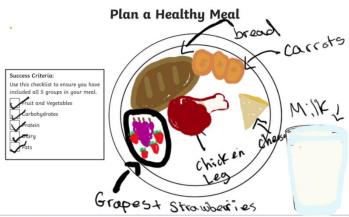
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WE NEED YOU!

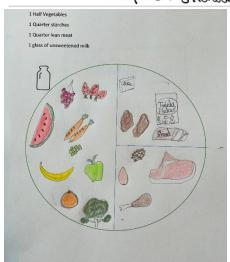
Without an active PTA, none of these events or PTA-funded school improvements can happen. Now is the time to get involved!

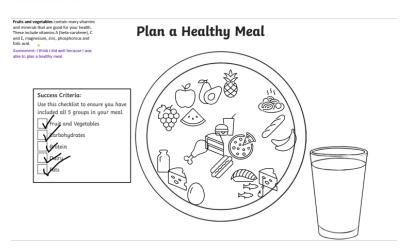
Call Emily on 07849 592155 or email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com

Year 5 Home Learning



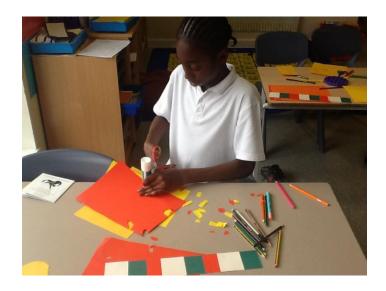
The children in Year 5 have been working very hard at home. This week they were asked to design a healthy plate for the England team. I am sure our footballers would be very happy with these designs from Bryant, Evalia and Maliyah.





Olympics

Children are really enjoying learning about their team countries. From Trinidad and Tobago, China and Pakistan to Italy, Australia and Bangladesh; we have been finding out about the food, customs, climate and languages. It has been fasctinating!







We have also loved the sports events this week. We have learned skills in long jump, javelin and even Frisbee!





Staffing Update

We will be saying goodbye to some Torridon staff at the end of term:

Some of our wonderful support staff will be leaving us at the end of this term. Alex and Aleah will be starting their teacher training in September and we wish them every success for the future.

Kate Read (Assistant Headteacher) has been successfully appointed to a well-earned promotion and will be moving abroad to lead the development of a new Early Years Provision in Dubai.

Lauren Stokes-Luten (Year 3) and Ben Tandy (Year 6) are both leaving London and will be continuing their respective teaching careers in new schools.

Dot Hallam (Year 2) will be retiring after an incredible 25 years as an exceptional member of the Torridon Team.

They have all been amazing members of our school community and I am sure you will want to join me in wishing them all the best for their future adventures.

We welcome Gemma Newman, Gwen Archer, Shally Sharma and Piers Johnson who will be joining the team in September. You will have a chance to meet them in the new term.

Stars of the Week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Nursery	Everyone	4AS	Rehan
RF	Nissi Malaysia	4C	Sarah
RL	Siddy	4V	Ela
RS	Mordecai	5A	Eddie
1BZ	Sophie	5C	Alice
1N	Ellis	5W	Vyshali
15	Arthur	6B	Enyer
2A	Gabriella	6C	Emine
2D	Jordan	6N	Mizhaan
2L	Carlelle	6R	Harun
3C	Amar	Resource Base	Dalrekay
3J	Arda		Meritt, Nathan, Sonny
3L	Everyone		

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 19 th July	Resource Base Sports' Day Events
	Year 6 Cinema Afternoon
	EYFS parent and carer meeting
Tuesday 20 th July	Eid Ul-Adha
	Year 6 picnic in the park
	Transition Morning
Thursday and Friday 22 nd and 23 rd July	Year 6 Quasar Elite
Friday 23 rd July	Last Day of Term

VITALITY BIG HALF

NEED A RUNNING GOAL? VITALITY BIG HALF PLACES AVAILABLE FOR TORRIDON!



Following a fantastic local 10k and half-marathon fun run in May, we have Torridon Team places available for the Vitality Big Half marathon which is taking place this summer on Sunday 22nd August. It'd be brilliant to have the places used by the Torridon community or local friends/neighbours/family. Please contact Emily S on 07970538657 or ehsteadman@gmail.com if you're interested. Deadline to register is fast approaching so give your running a boost and get in contact today!

Lost Cat

This is AJ. He's 1&1/2 a bit shy and fluffy from Birkhall Road. He has been missing since Sunday. If anyone spots him could you please contact his owner on 07970728114.

Thank you



Photography Competition



Could your photos help to save a species?

Do you love wildlife? Do you want to join in the fight for their survival? Then why not become a Wildlife Warrior by joining in with or new with our new wildlife photography competition?

UK charity, Wildlife Vets International are launching their first Wildlife Photography competition, and everyone's invited!!

You don't have to have a fancy camera to take part, pictures taken on smart-phones are great too (just make sure they are longer than 2000 pixels on the shortest side).

<u>But</u>, this isn't just about pretty pictures; It's about conservation and raising awareness too. That's why all entries must be accompanied by a short caption telling us a bit about the animal you've photographed and any threats they face.

For more information on the competition, including T&Cs head over to our <u>website</u>. (Adults there is a section for you too, so you don't need to feel left out)

For insider tips and positive conservation news check out our <u>Facebook</u> page and to see some of the entries we've received already follow us on <u>Instagram</u>.

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

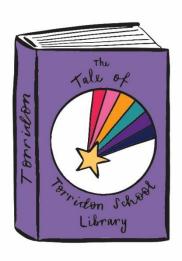
COVID-19. You can contact us at the following email address: covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Year 2 Van Art



Year 2 enjoyed having the opportunity to learn about Pakistan by interviewing ZeShaan Shamsi. They wrote their own questions, and afterwards made fact files and wrote thank you letters. We also had a great time learning about Van Art and designing our own van.

Torridon School Library



If you're considering buying your child's class teachers a gift this year, we would encourage you to consider gifting a book!

Here is the link to our wishlist: http://tinyurl.com/yyoqamcp

These books will help resource the new and exciting Reading Space - launching in the autumn term.

Thank you so much!

Summer Holiday Activities









Parent Workshop





Positive Attention, **Encouragement and Praise**

How to do it effectively and see better behaviour instantly!

This is one of a series of themed Incredible Years workshops for parents who may be struggling with their child's behaviour.



Zoom



Ages 4-11

Meet our practitioners Dawn & Mel and find out how to join the Incredible Years group starting in September.

Learn:

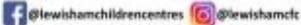
- Why we praise
- How to praise effectively
- The positive benefits for you and your child

ZOOM session Tuesday 20th July 10:00am-11:00am

To book your slot

go to www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/booking-form

or text or leave a message on 07377 724243





Football Opportunity



FD UNITED FC



Attend our Saturday development centre to potentially be selected to represent FD United FC in your age group. FD United compete in the Tandridge League with cup and shield fixtures. Furthermore FD United compete in unique additional leagues and competitions to give our players the option for more matches against higher level opponents.





Additional League and Competition participation

Professional football club links and fixtures



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