



Torridon
Primary School

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Sabina Nessa

Our thoughts are with the family of Sabina Nessa, the Lewisham teacher whose life was tragically taken last week. Our thoughts are also with the staff, children, parents and governors of Rushey Green Primary School at this very difficult time.

24th September 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that some of you had the opportunity to meet some of our school governors when they visited on Wednesday. We visited some reading lessons and we were really impressed with the children's excellent behaviour for learning and enthusiasm for reading

Next week we are looking forward to the launch of Black History Month. The Bigfoot Arts Education company will be visiting to lead assemblies across the school and workshops with the children in Year 5.

From **Monday 4th October**, parents and carers of children in Year 1 to Year 6 (including Resource Base) will be able to collect your children from the playground rather than at the gates. It will be lovely to welcome you back onto the school site. I will write to you with more detail next week. We know that mask wearing is no longer mandatory under the current guidelines but do ask you to consider continuing to wear masks at drop off and pick up times in order to reduce the risk of transmission.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher

Bike to School Week

Monday 27th September – 1st October

We are encouraging children to bike or scoot to school next week as part of National Bike to School Week.

Why cycle or scoot the school run?

There are loads of benefits to getting active on the way to school.

1. It's a boost to children's **physical and mental health** and wellbeing
2. Children arrive more **relaxed**, alert and ready to start the day.
3. There's **reduced congestion** and pollution around the school gates.
4. Children are more aware of **road safety** and feel more independent.



Children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be able to park their bikes or scooters at school.

DON'T FORGET YOUR HELMET!

Friends of Torricon PTA Election

Friends of Torricon Primary Parents' & Teachers' Association

Thank YOU parents, carers, pupils, friends & family of Torricon Primary!
In Spring we all worked so hard to raise money for new playground equipment. Now it is installed and it is being enjoyed by all the children.

Keep the great work going with a new PTA committee

- Ruth Webster is nominated as Chair
- Anca Tansanu is nominated as Secretary
- Megan Wybrew is already elected as Treasurer



[Click here to vote online](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/R9G5J2W) for the new committee
by Thursday 30th Sept

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The
Big Ask

The Big Answer



Message from the Department for Education

Earlier this year, The Children's Commissioner asked all children in England to complete a survey, to show the true voice of this generation. The results are in and The Children's Commissioner would like to say thank you. Over half a million children responded, the largest survey of its kind in history, and at a landmark moment for young people growing up in this country.

At a critical time, as we emerge from the pandemic, children have told us how the past year has affected them and what needs to happen now to put them at the heart of the recovery. Despite the sacrifices they have made, the majority of children say they are happy.

Children were united – they told us they want to get back to school, to get on, and do well. To have fulfilling lives. Children cared deeply about their family, their communities, their wellbeing and are an ambitious, excited generation. They want to make a contribution to a better world, a greener world, rooted in fairness of opportunity for everyone. The Children's Commissioner is now making sure children are being heard.

You can read the full [report](https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-answer/) here:

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Christmas Card Project



Friends of Torridon PTA is delighted to be continuing the popular Christmas Card Project this year with Art Projects for Schools (APFS), where your child draws a picture to be turned into a personalised Christmas card, wrapping paper, gift card or mug. The children will be completing the artwork in class next week, and it will be returned directly to you to order online. You will then return the artwork to your child's class teacher and we will send it back to APFS to create the cards.

It's a lovely way to celebrate your child's creativity during the holiday season! Look out for more details to come.

Stars of the week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Nursery	Carlos Eliza	4CH	Srrutis
RF	Alyssa	4CW	Amari
RL	Marley	4V	Blossom
RP	Aaliya	5CR	Amani
1BC	Zoe	5CY	James
1N	Phaedra	5W	Nicola
1G	Sophie	6A	Alicia
2G	Dejahn	6C	Zach
2L	Edie	6P	Alice
2S	Bethany	Resource Base	Joshua H
3A	Annaliese		Israel
3L	Chisom		Dalrekay
3S	Mahalia		

Year 6 School Journey

We are delighted to be able to offer our Y6 children the opportunity to go on a school journey residential to **Marchants Hill PGL Centre**. The visit to the centre in Surrey will take place from **Wednesday 25th May to Friday 27th May 2022**.

The cost of the trip will be £300; if your son or daughter is eligible for the pupil premium grant, the cost will be reduced by 30% to £210. It's not too late to secure your son or daughter's place on the trip by paying a **deposit of £30** via ParentPay by **Monday 4th October 2021**.

To find out more about this amazing centre, please visit <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/adventure-holidays/centres/marchants-hill> and <https://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/school-trips/resources/parent-guide/about>.



Playtime Snacks



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are provided with fruit and vegetable snacks as part of the Government Free Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Children in Years 3 to 6 are welcome to bring fruit or vegetable snacks from home if they wish to. Please ensure that snacks are healthy – crisps, sweets, chocolate, snack packs, biscuits and cake are not allowed.

Community and Secondary School Events

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Virtual tutoring delivered by a university student at a time that suits you

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ABOUT ME

Passed 11+ and attended a high achieving grammar school
Achieved 10 GCSEs graded 9-7 (A* - A) in 2019
Achieved 3 A Levels graded A* in 2021
Experienced in tutoring 11+ students *
Now attending University of Southampton

*can provide references on request



Leigh Academy Blackheath

Sensei Ian (4th dan)
Senpai Chris (3rd dan)

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From age 7+

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8pm

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Co-Educational Sixth Form
Croydon



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HIGH SCHOOL
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Saturday 2nd October
9.00am - 12.30pm

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Bright Minds, Bright Futures

Online Masterclasses



Online Masterclasses for Years 4-6

Free fun online masterclasses to inspire young people at the weekend

- Starts Saturday 2 October, with morning and afternoon slots
- Age-appropriate one-hour masterclasses on Zoom
- Run by Westminster City School teachers
- Subjects covered include maths, music, science and Spanish

Back by popular demand!

Book now at: www.wcsch.com

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

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 27 th September to Friday 1 st October	Bike to School Week
Tuesday 28 th September	Launch of Black History Month Events – Assemblies and Theatre Workshops
Friday 1 st October	Year 5 Football Trials
Friday 8 th October	Soundabout Music Workshops (Resource Base)
Thursday 14 th October	Individual and Class photographs
Tuesday 19 th and Wednesday 20 th October	Individual parent and carer meetings with class teachers
Friday 22 nd October	INSET DAY
Monday 24 th October to Friday 29 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 1 st November	BACK TO SCHOOL