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Dear parents and carers,

Well done and thank you to those of you who braved the rain this week to bike or cycle to school as part of Bike to School Week. It was great to see so many children arriving at school feeling energised and ready for learning. Where possible we would like as many of you as possible to leave the car at home and walk, cycle or scoot to school every day.

We are looking forward to welcoming you back onto the playground at the end of the day from Monday. I have written to you separately to outline the arrangements for collection of your children. Please help us be following the guidance to make sure that the end of the day runs smoothly and safely.

I know that many of you are looking forward to meeting with your children's class teachers to find out how they have settled in and have been getting on with their learning. We will be writing to you next week with appointment times for your meetings.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



Nursery portraits

Black History Month



To celebrate some of the important people and events in black history, we have kicked off Black History month with some exciting activities. We started with a launch by 'Big Foot Arts Education Company', who organised a series of performance assemblies for KS1 and 2, as well as some interactive workshops for Year 5.



Adrian the story teller was highly entertaining and had children and teachers getting involved and laughing! We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Children have taken part in assemblies to learn more about the significance of Black History month and why it is celebrated. They were introduced to their significant figures, who they will be exploring in their learning throughout the month of October.

This Year, BHM theme is 'The Black Family'- looking at representation, identity and diversity. This we will be bedrock of our PSHE lessons. We will be happy for you to join us in the celebration by sending in any family pictures and stories to share with us.

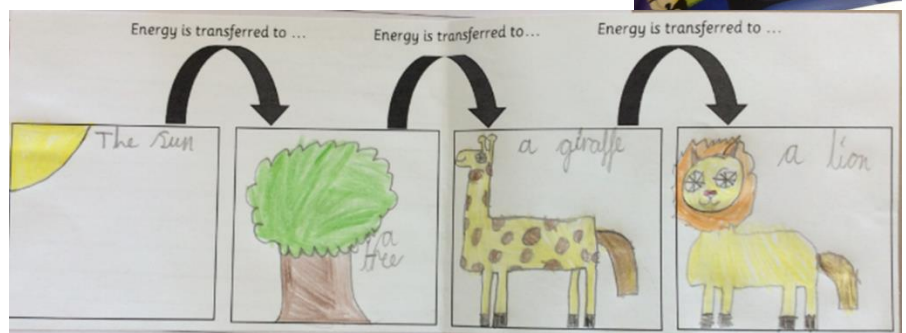
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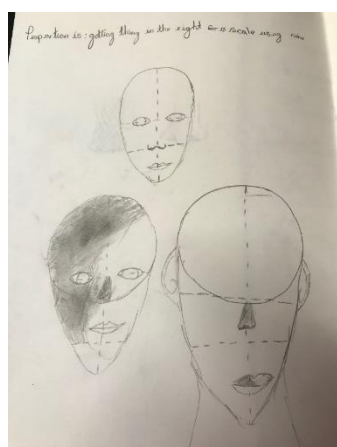
In Reception we have been reading 'The Colour Monster' and talking about different emotions. Here are some children using play dough to show how they are feeling.



In year 3 we have been finding out all about food chains and animal diets. Holly in 3A produced some amazing learning.



In Year 6 Science lessons, the children have been planning their own investigations to support or refute an idea. The children set up their own experiment, and concluded that light travels in a straight line. Following this, the children set up another experiment, based on reflection using a dark box. They used evidence to conclude that we see things because objects give out or reflect light into our eyes.



Everyone at Torridon has been learning about portraits this week, doing the preparatory work for our whole school art piece. Caleb in 6A showed incredible focus with his learning about facial proportions! He was also really striving for the Art room code of conduct: aim high, respect yourself and your equipment and trust in your ability to learn.



Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Don't forget that applications to secondary schools for all children in year six must be completed by **31st October 2021** at the very latest. If you have any questions, please speak to Richard who will be happy to help. If you need support in completing the online application, Katherine in the office is available to assist.

Book Hut

As a school, we have received a donation of over 1000 books from The Children's Book Project. We have used these books to launch our pop-up book huts. During break and lunch times, the children have been given the opportunity to browse the books in the hut and take a book home to read. It has been wonderful to see the children so excited about reading.



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



Stars of the week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

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| Nursery | Joshua B Elsie | 4CH | Khloe |
| RF | Arif | 4CW | Amari |
| RL | Shahista | 4V | Hugo |
| RP | Alfie | 5CR | Bea |
| 1BC | Arlo | 5CY | Amayah |
| 1N | Austin | 5W | Kamare |
| 1G | Zaydon | 6A | Ruben |
| 2G | Harmony | 6C | Abinusha |
| 2L | Kyzah | 6P | Anaya |
| 2S | Edward | Resource Base | Joshua K Rafael |
| 3A | William | | |
| 3L | Daniel | | |
| 3S | Ethan | | |

Dates For Your Diary

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| Week beginning 4 th October | Year 6 Assessment Week |
| 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 |

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. The deadline for doing this has now been extended to **Wednesday 13th 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>.



Community Events

One Tree Hill Choir is singing together this autumn

★ Every Tuesday, 7.15-8.30pm

★ St Saviour's Church, SE23 1JN

All welcome
No auditions
First session free

More info
www.onetreehillchoir.co.uk
Contact
admin@onetreehillchoir.co.uk

Tesco Community Grants Scheme

We are delighted to let you know that we successfully applied to the Tesco Community Grants Scheme for funding to support our Foodbank. This will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in stores from 1st October and continue to 31st December 2021.

We are one of three projects and the project with the highest number of votes will receive £1,500, the second placed project £1,000, and the third placed project £500.

Please see below a list of Tesco stores taking part in the voting.

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| GROVE PARK EXPRESS | SE12 0DU | Express |
| LEWISHAM | SE13 7PY | Superstore |
| LOAMPIT VALE EXPRESS | SE13 7TG | Express |
| DOWNHAM BROMLY RD EXP | BR1 4PB | Express |
| HITHER GREEN LANE EXP | SE13 6UR | Express |

To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here:

<http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk>

To vote, you will need to make a purchase within store of any value. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Do:

- Cast your vote as soon as you receive your token for a project in the current voting round
- Only submit Community Grants tokens to cast your vote If you tweet, don't forget to use #communitygrants and tag @groundworkUK or @greenspacescot and @Tesco or @Tesconews to alert the community about the voting for our cause.

Thank you

Lewisham Parents and Carers Forum



Please see link below for the latest newsletter for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

<https://mailchi.mp/1b782dd38185/members-lpcf-september-2021-newsletter-5385306>

Play Sessions for Under 5s



invites you to our

Free Monthly Fun Play Session

*for children under 5
with special educational needs*

on

Monday, 18th October 2021
at 9:30am -10.30am

at

Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre
5 Randlesdown Road, Bellingham
SE6 3BT

FRIENDLY STAFF



INFORMATION ABOUT
LOCAL SERVICES

FREE FOR ADULTS
AND CHILDREN



EXPERIENCED
PLAYWORKERS

This is a dedicated session, and the fun play area will be closed to the public. To book a place please email bcp@bcp.uk.net places will be allocated on a first come first served basis (30 places available).

For more information, please email bcp@bcp.uk.net or call 020 8461 2213
or call Pam (Lewisham Portage Worker) on 0783 4144 934

Please note that the accompanying adult will be expected to stay and will be responsible for their child throughout the session. We request all adults wear a face covering, however this will not be enforced.



