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Dear parents and carers,

This half term has flown by. We have been so busy with lots of fantastic learning as you will have seen when you saw your children's books at parent and carer open evenings this week. It was so lovely to welcome you back into the classrooms and to give you the opportunity to meet the teachers face to face. I hope you were as proud of your children's learning as we are.

We finished the half term with a whole school virtual assembly where each year group had the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the significant figures they have been learning about throughout Black History Month. I am hoping it will not be too long before we are able to invite you to come and join us for celebration events like this in the future.

We have had our first meeting with the newly appointed 'Friends of Torridon' PTA committee who have some fantastic ideas for events for the children this year. Look out for details of the upcoming Christmas Disco in December.

A very big thank you to Laura Newman, mum to Bea and George, who has worked so incredibly hard to set up the brand new reading room. We can't wait for the grand opening in the first week back.

As always, I wish to thank you for your ongoing support for the school and all the wonderful things you are doing to support your children's learning.

Have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing you all bright and early on **Monday 1st November**.

Kind regards

Manda George
Headteacher



Our Award Winning Chef

Raheem Morgan, our chef here at Torridon, fought off fierce competition to come second in the national finals of the LACA school chef of the year competition!

He was competing against some of Britain's top school chefs to create a delicious, two course imaginative meal designed for 11 year olds using Quorn as the main ingredient for the main course and a fruit based dessert.

Congratulations Raheem. This is an incredible achievement and we are all so proud of you!



Friends of Torridon PTA

Thank you for all the orders to the Christmas Cards Art Project, we have raised over **£800** to continue developing the Reading Room. We are starting preparations for the Christmas Disco and we need your support to make it a success for the children and fundraise for the school.

Many thanks

Friends of Torridon PTA

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



Southbank Sinfonia Concert

World class professional orchestra The Southbank Sinfonia will be returning to St Andrew's Catford to accompany Pergolesi's Stabat Mater with our very own Archibald Corbett Singers. It is on Saturday 13th November at 6.30pm for 45 minutes. All are welcome and there will be a collection on the way out for church funds. If you would like to sing in it please email Nick Bland: nick.bland@rocketmail.com

There will be three rehearsals before the day and there are recorded learning parts available.

Please support this community event, it might inspire your child to take up singing or to play an orchestral instrument.

AWESOME ART PROJECT



Back in October 2020 the Creative Arts team got in contact with a local artist, Peter Miller, who just happened to be one of our children's parents. He produces large scale art pieces and we really wanted something to help to make art sing from our little corner of the school and we were lucky enough that he agreed. We ran a small project with the children from the Resource Base looking at what a super hero was and explored these ideas through dance and movement, which we captured through photography. We got some beautiful photos that really



captured the true spirit and determination of our children at Torridon. Peter took our photos and sketched an initial design idea, which we loved! Covid put a dampener on our plans on so many occasions but finally it actually happened, Peter came in worked his magic on our walls!!



We can't thank him enough for this amazing work, the children loved getting involved and helping him paint the design on the wall. It really gave the children an insight into what it is to be an artist and the time and patience it takes to be one!

If you are a parent or carer that also has a hidden skill that you would be happy to share with us please email us: admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Green Fingered Volunteers

JOIN US FOR A PRE-WINTER GARDENING SESSION - SATURDAY 6th NOVEMBER - 2-4:30pm

Enthusiastic volunteers wanted! The Green Team, along with the PTA, are doing a weeding and pruning blitz on the garden beds around the school to get them in tip top shape ahead of winter. Bring gardening gloves, bucket and trowel if you have them.

Refreshments provided! It's an open session from 2-4:30pm, so any time you can offer during the session will be gratefully received.

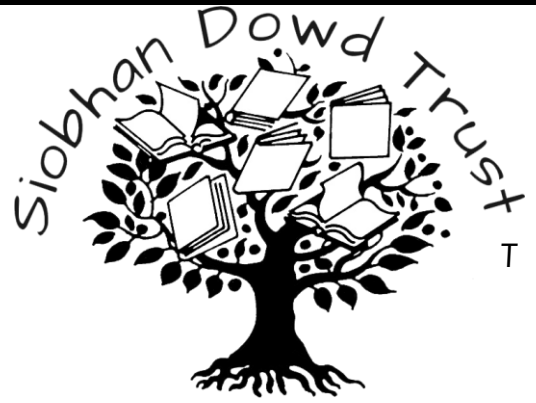
Please RSVP to friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com. Many thanks!



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 24 th October to Friday 29 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 1 st November	BACK TO SCHOOL
Thursday 4 th November (TBC)	Divali
Friday 5 th November	Soundabout Music Workshops for Reception and Resource Base
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
Friday 19 th November (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)	Children in Need
Friday 3 rd December	INSET DAY
Thursday 9 th December	Christmas Disco
Friday 17 th December	Last day of autumn term
Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday 4 th January	BACK TO SCHOOL

Moon Lane Book Spree



Thanks to the work that Laura Newman has been doing to create a fabulous reading space for the children, we were successful in

receiving a £500 grant from the Siobhan Dowd Trust. The trust works to provide books for disadvantaged children. A group of children from year 5 were lucky enough to join Laura and Claudia Roe, our English lead, on a visit to Moon Lane Books, where they had great fun browsing and choosing some new books for our reading room. We can't wait to see which authors they selected.

Moon Lane Books are running a Festival of Fun over the half term holiday. See below for details of some of the wonderful activities on offer.

MOON LANE **FESTIVAL of FUN**
NON-FICTION
★ OCTOBER HALF TERM ★
at MOON LANE BOOKS

► **Tuesday, 26th October**
2.30 pm **Dragon World** - enter the world of Dragon Magic with author Tamara Macfarlane! (ages 5-11)

► **Wednesday, 27th October**
2.30 pm **Bandoola** - draw together with author and illustrator of 'Bandoola: the Great Elephant Rescue' William Grill (ages 8-12)

► **Thursday, 28th October**
2.30 pm **My First Green Cook Book** - delicious gingerbread decorating with Bake Off winner David Atherton (ages 4-11)

► **Friday, 29th October**
2.30 pm **Fairy Tales with Gareth P. Jones**
Join winning author & performer for some musical magical mayhem based on his picture books Rabunzel, CinderGorilla & The Lion on the Bus. Sing, shout, rap and ROAR along in this hilarious and unique event. (ages 3-7)



Year 6 Rugby Stars



The children in year 6 took part in a rugby tournament in school this week. The children played brilliantly, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, team work and considerable skill.

Congratulations to 6P who were the overall winners.