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Dear parents and carers,

As ever, it has been a very busy week here at Torridon. We have seen some wonderful learning across the school and I have been very impressed with how engaged the children have been and how excited they are about this term's topics.

In addition to some of the fantastic outcomes highlighted later in the newsletter, there has been a very wide range of cross curricular learning in every year group. Nursery have been on their very own Bear Hunts and the Reception children are very busy writing shopping lists and planning for their upcoming party. Children in year 1 have been learning all about plastics and pollution and the impact on our oceans, whilst year 6 have been totally inspired by Greta Thunberg's biography. Year 4 classes have been discovering the challenges faced by Matthew Henson on his journey to the North Pole and Year 5 have been performing scenes from Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. The year 2 classes have discovered some amazing facts about Meerkats and Year 3 have been challenging themselves using the column method to add 3 digit numbers. All in all it has been a very impressive week!

Next week is Anti-Bullying week which we are launching with Odd Socks Day on Monday and don't forget pyjamas or fancy dress outfits on Friday for Children in Need.

Have a lovely weekend.
Warm wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



Remembrance

Yesterday we observed a 2 minute silence to commemorate the armistice which ended the First World War. The children in year 6 wrote some very moving poetry in remembrance of those who lost their lives in wartime.

*From above, came a haze of blood
dripping upon the men
eyes open or closed,
constantly, constantly dripping.*

*Hour by hour the dreaded spirits fell
to their knees
asking for mercy,
but it was too late,
a single tear dropped,
they let go.*

*Once alive with optimistic patriotism,
now a corpse lying on the cold floor of
the trench,
drowning in a cesspool of their own
blood.*

*Men everywhere,
Eyes blurred with red and emotions
broke,
trying not to remember what
happened
yesterday, a week or month ago.*

*In the trenches and on the battlefield
You were either dead or dying.*

Molly

*Trudging through the battlefield
Crouching low and slowly moving.
Bangs and loud explosions
Receding from across.*

*Our adversaries began to strike.
We pulled our triggers,
Loud bursts blaring
From the barrels of our guns.*

*Corpses lie in waiting
Rotting as time went on.
Imitating the corpse,
I fell to the floor.*

*As blood left my body
Scarlet flowers bloomed by my side.*

Stanley



*All of the soldiers marching,
trudging
Silver bullets winking, shining
As they nestle into soldiers hearts.*

*Drop down dead,
Leaving families to weep
All alone.*

*What are we fighting for?
The soldiers cry out
As they run to war.*

*Remember us! the soldiers cried
As they lay on the soil,
Where the poppies grow.*

Dora



ONE KIND WORD

Anti-bullying Week 2021

Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of consideration can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons the [Anti Bullying Alliance](#) (which coordinates the campaign each year in England and Wales) has chosen 'One Kind Word' as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year.

Following the success of the campaign in 2020 – when a jaw-dropping 80% of schools marked the week reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – the Anti-Bullying Alliance asked over 400 young people, teachers, and parents, what they wanted from this year's Anti-Bullying Week. Again and again, the young and not-so-young said they wanted anti-bullying week to be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to halt hurtful behaviour in its tracks.

Next week we will be learning about different types of bullying, (including cyberbullying) and thinking about ways in which we can demonstrate kindness to others.

Don't forget to wear ODD SOCKS or FUNKY TIGHTS on Monday 15th November to celebrate our individuality and express how we are all unique!



Green Team Extraordinaire!



A huge thank you to this wonderful group of volunteers who gave up their Saturday afternoon to come and help with some gardening around the school grounds. What a session! Children and parents alike were super stars. They weeded, pruned and moved some of the spikier trees, collected lots of rubbish and generally left the ball court garden beds in good shape for winter.

Many thanks to Emily Steadman for organising what we hope will be the first of many green team activities.

Football Fun

On the 6th September, it was Torridon's girl Football Team's first match. All the newcomers to football arrived at Blackheath at (around) 9:20.

The families of the members gathered around as the girls began warming up and practising drills. After about 20 minutes, Michael told the girls to split up into groups to practise things from passing to shooting.

The last 10 minutes before the match arrived and Michael demonstrated where we should be on the pitch depending on our position and talking us through tactics.

As one of the players, I think we all felt excited deep down for our first match, but that didn't make us any less scared for the showdown. It was lovely how the whole team was supporting each other and how you could relate to how each other were feeling. Confidence definitely built up as the games went further along.

Overall, I had a great time and can't wait for our next training session and match.

-Alice ☺



Christmas Disco

The PTA are excited to announce that the Christmas Disco will be taking place this year on **Thursday 9th December!**

Tickets: £2.50 per child to include a drink and snack
Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – 4pm to 5pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 –
5.15pm-6.16pm

A tuck shop will be available for Years 3 to 6!



What are we fundraising for??

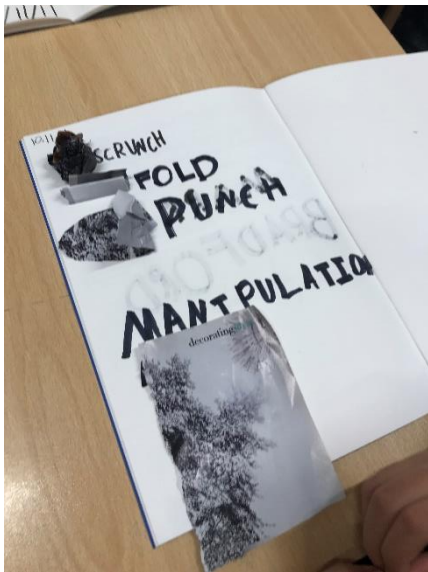
The Music, Art and Dance team would like to put on a show at the end of this year and therefore money raised will be going towards a sound system, lighting and staging so that a whole school Expressive Arts production can take place!!

We will need **PARENT VOLUNTEERS** in order for this to go ahead – please send an email to friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com or get in touch via our Facebook page Friends of Torridon PTA to offer your support!

Many thanks

Friends of Torridon PTA

Year 5 Art



This week Year 5 have been experimenting with paper in the Art Room. How many different ways can you manipulate it? Next week they will be using all these newly appreciated techniques to start their Mark Bradford inspired pieces. It is great to be making art (mainly) out of the contents of the recycling bin!

BBC Children in Need



On **Friday 19th November** we will be fundraising to support BBC Children in Need and the incredible work they do to support children and young people. This year, we will be inviting children to come to school in their pyjamas or their favourite fancy dress outfit. Donations can be made on the day.



Reading Room Launch



The children were so excited to have the opportunity to set foot in our brand new reading room for the very first time. They were having such a lovely time that they did not want to leave!



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

Friday 12 th November	Y6 RAFT Team Zero Carbon School Assembly
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 15 th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week
Tuesday 16 th November	Year 6 Netball Tournament
Wednesday 17 th November	Irie Theatre Dance Workshop Resource Base
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 23 rd November	Y3 and Y4 Athletics Tournament
Monday 29 th November	National Child Measurement Programme (Reception and Year 6)
Week beginning 29 th November	Whole School Assessment Week
Wednesday 1 st December	Year 5 and Year 6 Athletics Tournament
Friday 3 rd December	INSET DAY
Thursday 9 th December	Christmas Disco
Monday 13 th December	NHS Flu Vaccination Programme
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch Reindeer Fun Run
Thursday 16 th December	Year 6 Netball Tournament
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

Community Concert

Parish Church of St. Andrew the Apostle, Catford

PERGOLES

STABAT MATER

Vanessa Ashbee - Soprano
Amy Kerenza Sedgwick - Mezzo
Southbank Sinfonia
The Archibald Corbett Singers
James Olley - Conductor
Nick Bland - Organ

Saturday 13th November at 6.30pm

Refreshments Available
Collection on exit for church funds

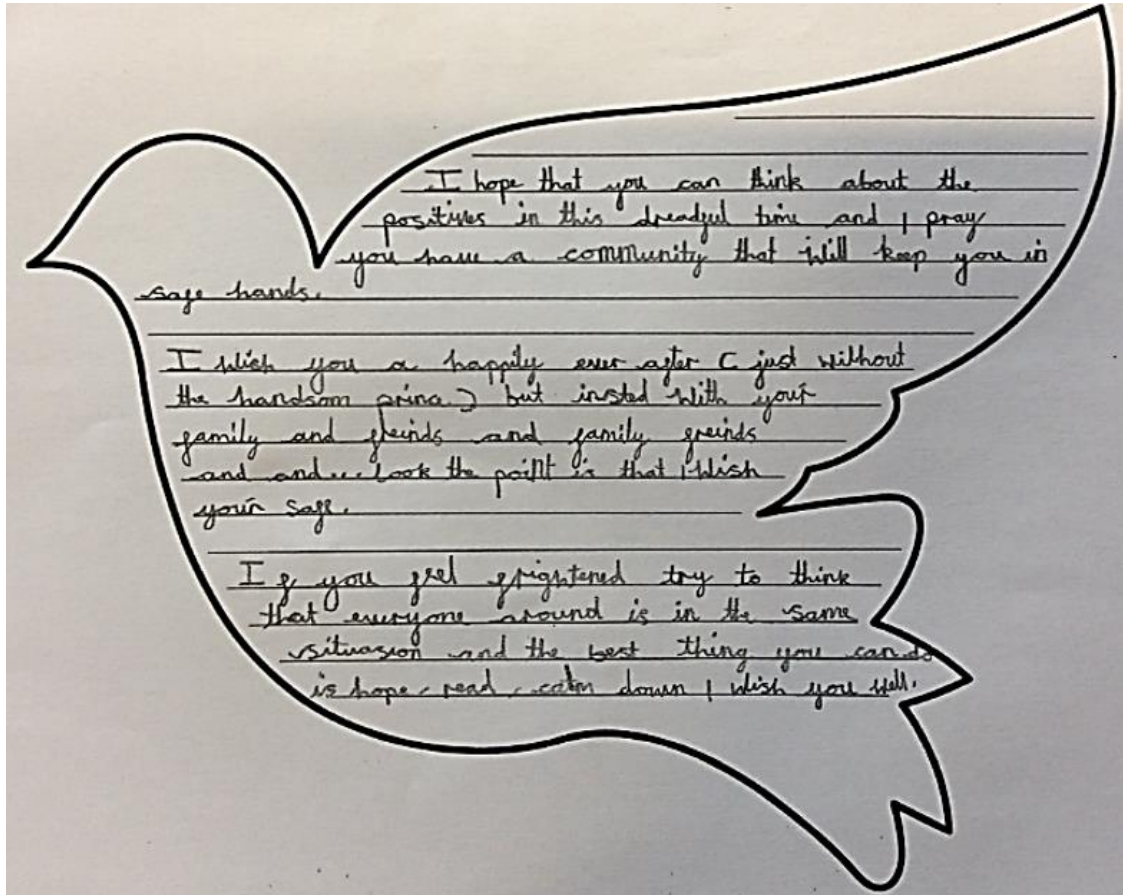




Thoughts About Peace

Year 3 have been thinking about peace in a global context as part of their learning in RE lessons.

Here is Sophie's wonderful wish which earned her a headteacher's award this week.



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