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Dear parents and carers,

The weather has certainly turned very wintry this week. We are very happy to see the children wrapping up warmly. Please make sure your children's coats, hats, gloves and scarves are labelled with their names so they don't get mislaid.



Please remember that the gates close at **8.55am** and **3.25pm** to ensure a prompt start to morning lessons and after school clubs. Please help us by making sure your children are here on time so they are ready for learning at the beginning of the day and by clearing the playground swiftly once you have collected your children.

The children have worked incredibly hard this term and we are looking forward to seeing how much progress they have made during whole school assessment week next week.

As we are approaching the festive period, it is important to spare a thought for some of our more vulnerable families. Our food bank is still operating and we would be grateful for any donations of dried or tinned goods for our weekly food parcels. If you are able to help, please send donations in to the school office. Thank you, as always for your support and generosity.

Don't forget that **Friday 3rd December** is an INSET day so school will be closed to the children.

Have a good weekend and Happy Thanksgiving to those of you who may be celebrating this week.

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher

Children in Need

Thanks to your amazing generosity, we raised a whopping **£750** last Friday for BBC Children in Need.

THANK YOU !



Torridon Primary PTA Christmas Disco



Friends of Torridon PTA is delighted to host the whole school Christmas Disco on

THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER

Tickets are £2.50 per child

Time	Year Groups	Location
4.00-5.00pm	Nursery and Reception	Key Stage One Hall
	Years 1 and 2	Year 5 Hall
5:15 – 6:15pm (tuck shop available)	Years 3 and 4	Key Stage One Hall
	Years 5 and 6	Year 5 Hall

PLEASE PURCHASE A TICKET USING PARENTPAY

by 3pm Monday 6th December

(tickets will be issued on the 7th and 8th December)

If you are able to help us on the day please email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE



Online games are really popular amongst children. **59% of 5-15 year olds play online games**, as games like Fortnite, Minecraft and Roblox become increasingly important part of their social lives.

While playing games online is often great fun and a good way to chat, there is a chance that your children will play with people they don't know who may use in-game chat inappropriately to expose them to harm or risk.

As with any space for talking online, there is a possibility that the chat tools used to bring players together can be abused. That's why it's important to take an interest in any online game your children play to identify risks.

Chatting and meeting new people on the internet can be fun and appealing for children. There are lots of online apps and communities that can be educational and supportive for them, however there are opportunities online for adults to contact children.

No matter how young your child is, if they are using a device that has the internet- it is important to talk to them about people who contact them online.



The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP) have developed a wealth of helpful resources to support you with keeping your children safe when they are online gaming, streaming videos or chatting with friends. The website also provides you with the opportunity for you to report any inappropriate online behaviour should you come across it.

Please see the link below to access the resources:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>



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



Meerkat Mail



The children in Year 2 have been learning about a range of animals as part of their 'African Safari' topic. They have been reading Meerkat Mail as one of their texts. Look at their fabulous meerkat drawings and excellent writing (spelling is all their own).

Postcard Home by Amy (2S)

Dear my beautiful mum,
Are you OK? Do you miss me? I went to a safari. It was amazing. I saw hippos bellyflopping. When I drove past, I exedently crashed into a tree and herd a skweek. It was a flufy bird tweeting on a ruff, brown tree branch. Finily when I was wundering I felt a elephant it was so so smooth. Anyway I must must see much more. I wish you were here. It's so sunny.
Snugels and love and kissis.
Your sun sunny.

Meerkat Fact File by Tommy (2S)

What do meerkats look like?

Meerkats have soft, wirey fur but amazingly their fur does not make them hot. They also have sharp long claws for digging deep dark hoels. Did you know meerkats have a strong tail to keep them up?

What do meerkats do?

Meerkats sit/stand on their hind legs to watch for falcons scowering in the big, blue sky and slithering snakes.

What do meerkats eat?

Meerkats eat crunchy bugs and dilishos scorpions.

Did you know.....?

Amazingly meerkats are immune to a scorpions venomus sting because they rip the scorpions tail off. They are also the size of a large squrirel.



Saturday League Football

On Saturday 20th November, our Girls' football team were back at Blackheath playing in their second round of league fixtures. The first match was against a strong Fairlawn team which included two Year 6 girls from the Lewisham District Team! It only took a few minutes to realise that this game was going to be a very defence-minded match as the Fairlawn girls had early chances to score. Annaliese, Maile, Evallia and Maddison resisted each and every attack that came their way to keep the score 0-0 at half time. Our girls had to work even harder in the second half as our opponents pushed for a winning goal but again, now with Shalany, Samaya and Alicia, our team's defence was equal to their attack. With only minutes left of the match, Fairlawn broke the deadlock to go ahead and eventually win the match 1-0. An unfortunate loss for our girls but a very respectable score against a well organised team.

The second game against John Ball was extremely similar to the first match, but this time it was our girls who were the dominant force. In this match we could clearly see the progression of our team as their positioning on and off the ball was outstanding. Our defence had much less to do in this match, but the few chances John Ball had were swiftly dealt with. Meda, Romy, Alice, Precious and Cerys worked hard up front and created a number of scoring opportunities, but just couldn't find the back of the net. Eventually their determination prevailed as, under immense pressure, a defensive error led to a John Ball own goal giving our girls a 1-0 lead at half time. The second half was identical to the first, but our girls tried to control the ball within the team rather than pushing for the second goal. Although more chances did come our way, the game ended as a 1-0 win.

Overall, it was a good weekend for our girls! Another win and another clean sheet along with their increased confidence, deeper understanding of positioning, and playing stronger as a team. Congratulations to the girls!



Digital Magazine

Inside this wonderful digital magazine, you will find recipes, quizzes, crosswords, activities, competitions and much, much more: <https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/lewishamandgreenwich/winter/32/>



Sparkle In The Park



Returning for a second year, Sparkle in the Park is a winter wonderland. Offering a variety of fun activities such as immersive light trails, fire art installations, performances and Christmas market stalls. The first hour on the Friday will be extra SEND friendly, with lower noise levels and reduced flashing lights. The event will be running from the 1st-5th of December. For more information about Sparkle in the Park please see [here](#).

You are invited to join Trinity Laban's Dance Ability at Sparkle in the Park, on Friday 3rd of December!

As part of International Day of Disabled People, Trinity Laban we will be delivering a **FREE** inclusive **dance** session inspired by Dance Ability. This fun winter workshop is for everyone! The session will explore creating and developing a variety of different movement and will be run by lead artist Vicki Busfield.

Details of the workshop are below:

Date: Friday 3rd of December

Time: 17.40-18.10h

Location: Maryon Park, Charlton, SE18.

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/sparkleinthepark>

Year 3 and Year 4 Athletics Tournament

On Tuesday 23rd November, 18 children from Years 3 & 4 represented Torridon Primary School in the Lewisham School Games Sportshall Athletics event at Prendergast Ladywell School. As our Year 4 children did not have the opportunity to compete in any events last year, this meant that for all 18 children – this was their first school tournament! Eight other schools from the Lewisham Borough attended the event and competed against us in 12 events. There were six track events including sprint races, hurdles, obstacle races and relays. As well as track, there were six field events including long jump, vertical jump, speed bounce and javelin.

Each child from Torridon took part in 4 events each, with every child's points counting towards Torridon's total score. Overall, they earned 210 points between them, earning Torridon a 5th place finish! The first placed team finished with 278 points which just proves how close the event was and how amazingly well our children represented our school. Here's what some of the children said after the event:

"I had fun because I was racing against other schools. The Under and Over was my favourite one." – Nicole.

"I enjoyed all of the events because they were all really fun." – Isla.

"I enjoyed my day because we got to do lots of different sports and it was really noisy and fun!" – Arun

Year 3 Have a Dream....



Year 3 listened to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's famous 'I have a dream,' speech where he called for civil and economic rights and an end to racism.

The children wrote their own speeches based on their hopes and wishes for the future.

I have a dream that one day I will wake up and there will be no pollution.

Herbie

I have a dream to live in a world where there is no fighting. A world that comes together and gives hugs.

Thiksga

I have a dream that one day there will be no lies.

Zephaniah

I have a dream that there will be no more violence.

Zohal

I have a dream that one day every continent has no racism.

Ariz

I have a dream to live in a world where there is no robbing or crime.

Isabella

I have a dream that one day there will be no homeless people.

Harley

I have a dream to live in a world where no one judges peoples skins.

David

Christmas Lunch

We will be having our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 14th December 2021. If your child normally has a packed lunch, please let the office know if your child would like Christmas lunch on the 14th.

If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 and normally brings a packed lunch please pay £2.30 via Parentpay under "School Dinner".

FESTIVE MENU!

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So much more than fantastic food

£2.30

MAINS
Roast Turkey
or
Roast Vegetable & Cranberry Slice

Served with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Stuffing, Mini Sausage & Gravy

DESSERTS
Sticky Toffee Pudding served with Custard
Christmas Chocolate Brownie & Fresh Fruit

Don't forget! School meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2

Speak to your School office for further information

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

As we approach the Christmas period, we would like to spread some Christmas joy! Last year, we collected and distributed over one hundred Christmas boxes, as a way to spread Christmas cheer to others. This year, we would like to create as many Christmas boxes as possible, so that we can give them to children who may not have as much as others. Therefore, we need your help to support our project. If you can, please decorate a shoe box with wrapping paper, and fill with small gifts, such as: a colouring book, pens, pencils or bubble bath. These gifts do not need to be expensive, just small, thoughtful items, which will brighten up a child's Christmas. Alternatively, any spare shoe boxes, wrapping paper or gifts would be appreciated, as we can then make these into Christmas boxes. Please bring the shoe-box to the office by Friday 3rd December.



Dates For Your Diary

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 PLEASE NOTE 2pm finish
Monday 20 th December to Monday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday 4 th January	BACK TO SCHOOL

Looking After Little Teeth



NHS
King's College Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust



The Oral Health Promotion team will be hosting a Q and A session via Zoom for parents and carers on:

Tuesday 30th November at 9.15am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88325413432?pwd=eHraFN0SHJYY3hFV0tnZGtSN0hJdz09>

Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82641339627?pwd=SndQWi9tMmlkUEJKYndvekp0QUwrdz09>

Thursday 2nd December at 2.00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85981904459?pwd=bU54b1h0c3JFakVZ3RqWHY1WmlvQT09>

Join us for a friendly and interactive session for top tips on how to look after teeth.

Stars of the week



Congratulations to these superstars for some amazing learning this week!

Nursery	Mohamad Ola	Resource Base	Israel Meritt
RF	Melinda	3S	Sapphire
RL	Seth	4CH	Sadie
RP	Aamarah	4CW	Franny
1BC	Max	4V	Shecaniah
1N	Jude	5CR	Yoel
1G	Kayden	5CY	James
2G	Ivanna	5W	Joshua
2L	Julia	6A	Asia
2S	Kitan	6C	Anujan
3A	Oscar	6P	Hau Suan
3L	Kayden		

