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21<sup>st</sup> January 2022

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another great week at school this week. The children in year 2 were very excited to tell me about the secret messages they had made using Morse code, Year 5 showed great empathy through their diary writing from the point of view of a World War 2 evacuee and the children in year 3 have been working so hard on their handwriting. The presentation in their books is looking beautiful!

The highlight of our week was definitely the whole school dance extravaganza with Irie Dance theatre in preparation for next week's launch of the London Borough of Culture. I don't know who had the most fun – children, staff or the Irie professional dancers! We can't wait to see the video when it is released next Friday!

For those of you who have children in year 6, Richard Newsome (Assistant Headteacher) will be hosting a meeting to provide you with some information about SATs, to give you some ideas about ways to support your children at home and to answer any questions you may have. The meeting will take place at 2pm via MS Teams on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** and will be repeated at 5pm.

Don't forget to put in your order for pizza night on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Check your child's book bag for the flier with all the details.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



## REMINDER

Please make sure your children are wearing school uniform every day, including PE uniform on the day they have indoor or outdoor PE lessons.



## Year 1 Art



Year 1 have been creating their own natural paintbrushes in art and all foraged within the school playground and green spaces! The children really enjoyed making their own paint brushes and also produced some beautiful artwork and a lot of inky mess!

## London Borough of Culture



masse in the signature dance for the launch of Lewisham Borough of Culture.

Once again, Torridon are leading the way in creative arts. An outstanding collaboration with Irie Dance Theatre enabled the whole school to dance en

<https://www.wearelewisham.com/>



We were visited by Beverley Glean MBE - Irie Dance Theatre's founder and Artistic Director - to rehearse and record the dance for broadcast.

**IRIE!**  
dance  
theatre

Children in Nursery to Year 6 have worked this term on the Lewisham Borough of Culture signature dance entitled The LBOC Bop, created by Irie Dance in preparation for Day One of the schools launch celebration on Friday 28th January. The playground was awash with brightly coloured clothing, energetic moves and a drone filming us all for the forthcoming live stream where our performance can be viewed on the hour every hour. Look out for more details next week.

<https://www.iredancetheatre.org/>



# Sports Round Up



## Blackheath Football League – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January

It was a productive start to 2022 for our boys' team as they played their first matches of the new year, winning

both of their matches!

Torrison's first game was against Horniman – a team who were level on points with us at the start of the day. Our boys controlled possession well and dominated the first half but with only a few chances to score, they went into the break with a one goal advantage.

Horniman's defence capitulated in the second half as goals from Kayden, Bryant (2), Mason and Luke (2) provided them with their highest scoring win of their season so far. Amari (Y6) put in a 'player of the match' performance in the second half assisting four of the five goals scored with some outstanding through ball passes!

**Final score: Torrison 6 – 0 Horniman.**

The second match against Edmund Waller was a more even contest. Great saves from Uzair (on more than one occasion) kept our team in the game during the first half and as both teams tried to break the deadlock, it was Torrison who prevailed with Bryant weaving through their defence to score the winning goal.

**Final score: Edmund Waller 0 – 1 Torrison.**



Overall, a remarkable day for our boys as they took all 6 points away with them as well as seven goals scored and two clean sheets! Well done boys!

Our girls' team will be playing their first matches of 2022 this Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at Blackheath with matches kicking off at 10:30am and 11:30am. Good luck girls!

## Lewisham School Games Girls' Football Tournament – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January

23 Children across KS2 represented Torrison Primary School at the Lewisham Youth Games Girls' Football Tournament at St. Dunstan's Jubilee Ground on Tuesday. Our 8 children who formed the Y3/4 team were competing in an inter-school event for the very first time whilst our Saturday League team split up into two separate 7-a-side teams with the addition of Saphia (Y5), Hau Suan and Huda (Y6).



All three of our Torrison teams enjoyed an amazing experience competing against other Lewisham schools and every team had their share of scoring goals, winning matches, and gaining invaluable competition experience. Playing against a total of 23 teams across three Lewisham leagues, our teams played incredibly well finishing in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in their respective leagues. Well done to all our girls!

## Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 SATs virtual meeting (2pm or 5pm)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Lewisham Borough of Culture Launch
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Chinese New Year
w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Pizza and Cookie Night
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Women's Day
w/b 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Disco <b>PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b>
w/b 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Autism Awareness Week
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent and Carer Open Evenings
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Easter School
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School – First Day of Summer Term

## 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](mailto:covid@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)



## Y4 cricket



The children are really enjoying their cricket lessons with the Platform Cricket Team and have been refining their passing skills, remembering to keep their eyes on the ball. Congratulations to Zaniya-Rose, Sadie and Lucy for being the last-standing in the catching challenging. The children also played a game of quick cricket where all children had the chance to bat and catch.



We can't wait for next week!

# Musical Instrument Learning Opportunities

As some of you will know, we currently have over 150 students engaged in learning musical instruments at Torridon.

There is a waiting list for piano lessons that is currently 11 strong, but we do have some spaces coming up in the following instruments.

Clarinet	Paired or Individual (Hire or purchase of instrument will be necessary)	Years 4 and above
Recorder	Group	year 1 and above
Violin	Group	Year 1 and above (Reception considered)
Guitar	Group	Years 2 and above
Drum Kit	Paired	Years 3 and above
Drum Fun	Large group	Reception to year 2



If you would like to apply for lessons on any of these instruments, please complete and return the electronic form (attached to this email) to [music@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:music@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk) as a scan or photo. Alternatively, please return the completed form to the school office.

## Smoking Outside the School Gates

I have received a number of complaints regarding smoking outside the school gates whilst waiting to drop off or pick up children. Here are some things to think about before you light your next cigarette

- Children exposed to smoking are more likely to become smokers themselves.
- Children with parents who smoke are 70% more like to start smoking.
- Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world.
- Second hand smoke can contribute significantly to respiratory disease and asthma in children.
- More than 17,000 children under the age of 5 are admitted to hospital in the UK every year because of the effects of passive smoking.

Source: [spacetobreathe.org.uk](http://spacetobreathe.org.uk)

We work really hard to promote the health and wellbeing of all members of our school community.

Please help us to provide good role models for the children by not smoking near our school gates.

Thank you for your support.



# Stars of the week



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Myles	For settling in so well to the Torridon Community – well done!
Nursery AM	Kylan	For playing well with others and being kind.
RF	George	For fantastic role play as 'The Torridon Doctor' and looking after everyone.
RL	Rowan	She is always kind and helpful and is a fantastic role model to others in our school community.
RP	Mateo	For always being happy and willing to help to keep our learning environment tidy.
1BC	Gracie May	For persevering and not giving up, even when things are tricky!
1G	Emmaline	For being a fantastic member of our class. She is always enthusiastic in all areas of her learning.
1N	Christopher	For being such a kind, thoughtful and gentle member of our class community.
2G	Vega	For fantastic team work with all members of our class community.
2L	Nanshika	For being a valuable member of our community for always helping in our classroom and making sure we have a tidy learning environment.
2S	Amy	For her wonderful attitude to learning. it is a pleasure to have such a kind, caring and hardworking member of our class community.
3A	Orlando	For working well with everybody and being a valuable member of our class community.
3L	Najat	Najat always celebrates the success of others, always plays kindly and includes others with a warm welcome and a gentle smile. She makes Torridon a wonderful community.
3S	Harley	For being the embodiment of community spirit. He always celebrates the success of others.
4CH	Rocco	For always demonstrating kindness and compassion to others and sharing his wonderful ideas with our class community.
4CW	Akshana	For demonstrating all of the Torridon values and always celebrating the success of others.
4V	Amoriah	For showing resilience and contributing to our class community by always trying her best.
5CR	Maliah	For always giving 100% to every task and being a role model for our class community.
5CY	Saphia	She is a great member of the class community. She has a good attitude to learning and her positive personality helps to make our community a better place.
5W	Kivisan	For always being kind, helping others and being a positive member of the school community.
6A	6A	For working together as a class community and looking after each other.
6C	Saishvin	For being so helpful within our class community and using his initiative every day.
6P	Cayden	For working well with others and becoming an outstanding role model to others within our community.
RB Blue	Meritt	Always tries his best with learning tasks, follows instructions and focuses on his learning.
RB Green	Abdulraheem (Kenny)	For being super helpful in the classroom, tidying up and taking care of our resources.

We have enjoyed thinking about our community this week. Next week our Core Value next week is DIVERSITY.

# Half Term Tech Camp



**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM**

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**FEB HALF TERM 2022**

What's on?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Curious Coders	Ingenious Inventors	Virtual Reality	Expert Engineers

\*Example schedule only, activities at each camp may differ\*

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

**14TH -17TH FEBRUARY LIMITED SPACES**

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 Providing safe, fun, educational and essential childcare.

★★★★★  
 "My 9 year old son was totally absorbed and loved his day at camp from beginning to end. He still raves about it and has his 3D Darth Vader head, that he printed."  
 C. French (Parent)

**How to book**

**STEP 1**  
SCAN THE QR CODE



**STEP 2**  
FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP



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USE OUR COUPON TO GET £5 OFF

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**W: WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION**  
**E: INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150**

## Year 4 History Learning



The children in 4CH had some wonderful discussion when they worked together to create a chronological timeline of events in World History to see where the Stone Age fitted into the timeline. We also looked at the key events in Stone Age History, we were amazed to find out that the Stone Age was the first signs of human life.





## Resource Base Fun!

In science as part of our topic on states of matter (exploring liquids and solids) the children experimented with cornflour in powder and liquid form and used vocabulary such as liquid, soft, hard, sticky, gloopy and viscous to describe it.



## FLU vaccination catch up clinic



### Get your child vaccinated against the FLU this season!



**If your child missed the flu vaccination in school this is for you!**  
If your child is in Reception to Year 11 and did not get the FLU vaccination in school the School Health Immunisation Team will be delivering catch-up clinic;

Venue: **Kaleidoscope, 32 Rushey Green, London SE6 4JD**

Date: **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022**

Time: **9am- 4.30pm**

**No appointment needed**



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School Health Service Immunisation Team,  
call: 020 3049 1897 or 07341888526  
email: [Lg.shsimmunisation@nhs.net](mailto:Lg.shsimmunisation@nhs.net)



# Engine Idling More Facts and Myths

## Facts and Myths on Idling

If you **MUST** drive to school, please remember to park safely, away from residents' driveways and **ALWAYS** turn your engine off when your car is stopped.



Emissions from idling and driving are the same.



Idling creates worse emissions than driving. When a car is driving, the engine heats up faster and the catalytic converter becomes more efficient at reducing emissions.



Starting a vehicle uses more fuel than letting the vehicle idle.



More than 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than restarting the engine, thanks to fuel-injection systems.



Engines should be warmed-up before driving - letting a car idle on a cold day is a good way to warm it up.



The best way to warm a vehicle is to drive it; easing into a drive and avoiding excessive engine revving is the best way to get a vehicle's heating system to deliver warmer air faster.



Idling is good for your engine.



Idling can make your engine dirtier. As fuel is not burnt fully when idling, it leaves a build-up of residues on cylinder walls that can damage the engine.



Frequent restarting of the engine is hard on a vehicle's engine and battery.



Increased restarting of a vehicle's engine does only minimal damage to the engine, while only very slightly draining the battery. Idling can also reduce the operating life of engine oil by 75%.

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87596247280?pwd=UUNVcFlrbWdabUdWLTZuNnZFOiBRdz09>

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83313275883?pwd=Q2VxRWdldzVnZ3BvQk8wQ1NkXenU0dz09>

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82780018412?pwd=NUJPaWQwd1NnR2JFNNbnI1hGd1VWdz09>

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

## Torridon Maths News



In our maths lesson, we split into small groups and answered a range of maths reasoning questions. Once we had completed the questions on our table, we then moved onto the next table, where there were different questions, based on a different skill.



We really enjoyed investigating with our friends, although some of the questions were difficult.



We are looking forward to our next investigation, as we would like to work on even harder questions. We need maths for the future, so we appreciate having these complicated questions and lessons.

By Abou and Saishvin



## PTA Pizza and Cookie Night



# PIZZA & COOKIE NIGHT

## THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY

ORDER BY  
SATURDAY  
5TH FEBRUARY

Friends of Torridon PTA has teamed up with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order kits at <https://doughies.co.uk/products/torridon> by 5th February and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan pizzas and gooey cookies in your home oven.

Kits will be distributed to your eldest child at school on Thursday, 10th February. Pizzas will be ready to cook on the same day or will keep in the fridge for 48 hours. Cookies can be frozen for 6 weeks.

Questions? Get in touch at [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com).

£4.50/  
COOKIE KIT  
(5 COOKIES)

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12" PIZZA  
KIT

The PTA receives £2  
for each kit sold!

### #TORRIDONPIZZANIGHT



Kick off half term with a fun mealtime activity and support the PTA



## After School Club Collection

Thank you for your feedback and suggestions about the safe collection of children from after school clubs. From Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January, parents and carers will collect children on site from the KS1 playground (Entrance Gate A).

## Aquila Taekwondo

# Aquila Taekwondo

Disability inclusive sessions for d/Deaf and disabled children and young people. All abilities and disabilities welcome!

**Build confidence, develop coordination, have fun!**



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## CAMPS

### Munchkin Sports

January 2022

#### Holiday Camps have landed!

Dear Parents and Carers

We are super excited to announce that our NEW and IMPROVED Munchkin Sports Holiday Camps are taking place during all school holidays in 2022. Lots of activities previously reserved for our popular theme days will now be part of everyday life at camp. With over 40 different activities in a week, kids are going to love it!

We have 2 fantastic new locations, St Dunstan's College in Catford, which has a swimming pool and Buller's Wood for Boys in Bickley, which has the most wonderful sports facilities, oh to be a kid again!

Our camps offer a wide range of sports and activities that will keep your child entertained all week. Every day children will have brand new experiences, make new friends and of course have lots of fun. Your child will have an action-packed week, taking part in over 40 activities including Swimming, (subject to location), Exploring, Den Building, Rugby, Football, Athletics, Netball, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket, Dance, Archery, Dodgeball, Nerf Battles, Art and Crafts, and lots more.

All our camps are Ofsted Registered and are managed by our fully qualified members of staff, who are all enhanced DBS checked and Paediatric First Aid trained.

We offer an early drop off and late collection service, if needed. Sibling discounts are also available, as well as great savings for booking a full week of fun!

To book your child's place please visit the link below:

[February Half term – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022](https://munchkinsports.com/multi-sport-holiday-camps/)

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If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at:  
[admin@munchkinsports.com](mailto:admin@munchkinsports.com)

We look forward to seeing you at camp soon!  
Best wishes

*Everyone at Munchkin Sports*

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