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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have all had a good week. We have been as busy as ever at Torridon with some amazing learning happening across the school.

The children have been focussing on the core value of **DIVERSITY** this week and have been celebrating all the ways in which we are unique and special. Next week, we will be reflecting on **EXCELLENCE** and trying to demonstrate excellence in all aspects of school life.

Some of the children in Key Stage 2 spent some time on Thursday learning about the reasons for Holocaust Memorial Day and the significance of the 'Light the Darkness' initiative which took place across the UK.

We were very proud to be invited to be part of the promotional video for the launch of Lewisham borough of culture. You can watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUFbclRwgs>

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher

Forest School Environmental Heroes



The children in reception have been learning about recycling this week as part of our *Real Life Superheroes* topic.

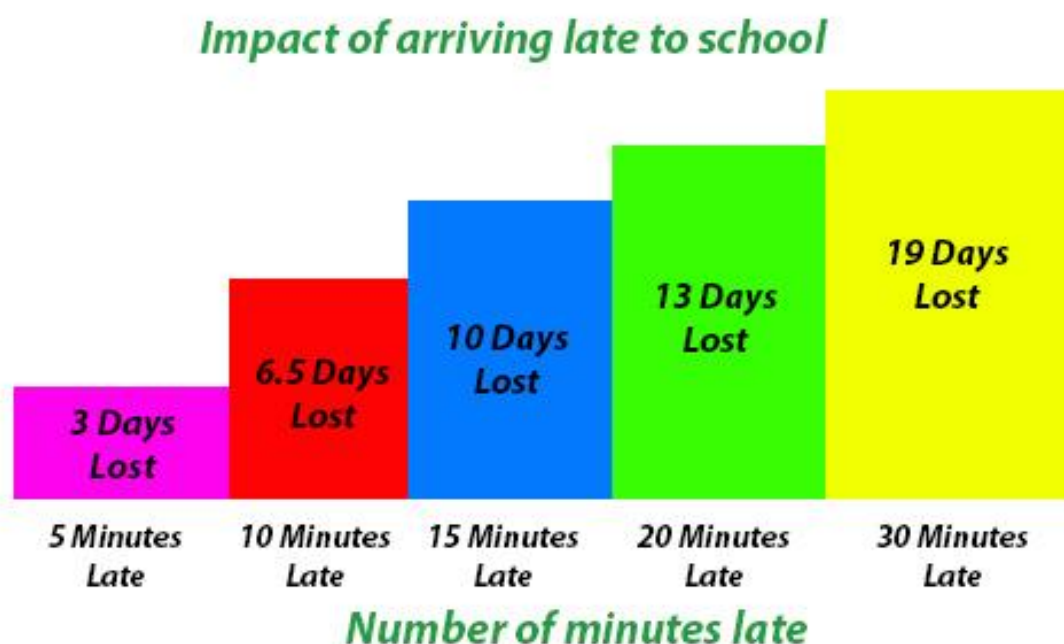
Forest school children became recycling heroes as they were shocked by the amount of rubbish and sports equipment which they found in the garden. They worked hard to clean up the garden and have made posters reminding everyone how important it is to care for our environment!!



Getting to school on time

Last week we had **183** late arrivals to school. It is so important that children arrive on time for school and are ready to start their learning. Being even just a few minutes late every day can have a significant impact on children's academic outcomes.

The chart below shows the amount of learning time lost over an academic year if your child is late to school.



Gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am

Learning starts promptly at 9.00am

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ARE AT SCHOOL ON TIME EVERY DAY

THANK YOU

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

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Dates For Your Diary

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

National Youth Jazz Orchestra Opportunity



February Half Term Project Application Form

Mon 14 - Wed 16 Feb, 11:00 - 16:00
Woolwich Works, Greenwich SE18 6HD

This February, the National Youth Jazz Orchestra are running a half term project led by the incredible Jas Kayser! Jas is 24-year-old drummer, composer and band leader. Jas studied at Berklee College of Music where she began to explore the common grounds between Jazz and Afro-beat. She has worked with many other leading Jazz lights including Alfa Mist, Nubya Garcia and Jorja Smith. She also played alongside Lenny Kravitz in the music video for his song Low!

Jas will be leading this half term project on the music of the greatest female jazz musicians. The course is open to all young musicians aged 11-18. It will be a chance to explore the world of jazz, experiment with improvisation, and experience playing live jazz with other young musicians.

- You should be able to play an instrument (your instrument could be voice, percussion or any instrument not usually thought of as jazz) and we welcome all levels of experience.
- You should be interested in playing as part of a group, but you do not need to have any prior ensemble experience.

To join us for this February Half Term project, please complete this online application form by **no later than Friday 11 February**.

Priority will be given to female young musicians, but male young musicians are also welcome to apply!

We also welcome applications from young musicians who are in receipt of Free School Meals, young musicians who have additional access needs, and young musicians who may experience barriers in a traditional jazz education setting

Lunch/refreshments will be provided across the course.

Fees to take part are:

- free if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium/Free School Meals/from a low-income family
- £30 for Greenwich residents
- £60 for all other young musicians

You can find full details, including information on how to apply, in the e-flyer below and on our short online application form (<https://surveyhero.com/c/tutkicid>). The deadline to register to take part is **Friday 11 February**.

WE LOVE READING!!



The children in 3A love reading for pleasure so much! They always cheer when Alice tells them that is the focus of the reading lesson. They love choosing a book for themselves from the book corner, and getting totally absorbed in a story, or learning more about their topic.

Inspiring Art Work



The children have been learning about Russian artist and illustrator Olga Gamynina. They have all embraced her technique of intricate mark making to create beautiful portraits of animals. They absolutely loving experimenting with all the different types of ink we have on offer in the 'Ink studio' this term.

Holiday Drama Club

SING A BOOK'S
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Drama Club!

Aged 7 - 16?
Do you want to
learn to act, sing, dance
and perform on stage to a
live audience? **Yes!**

Then join our team of professional coaches and be part of this
community theatrical production of **'Into Da Endz'**
to celebrate Lewisham's Borough of Culture!

Half term: 14 - 18 February at St. Anthony's R.C. School
Genoa Road, SE20 8ES. 11am- 2.30pm, £2.50 per day

Easter: 4 - 14 April at Goldsmith Community Centre,
Castillon Road, SE6 1QD. 10am-4pm, £5 per day

Live shows: 23 & 24 April

for more information and to register email
info@singabook.com
www.singabook.com

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Stars of the week



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Leo	For always helping others and for discovering new interests. Well done!
Nursery AM	Arush	For having a fantastic week. Well done!
RF	Mathias	He loved learning about different countries and how to say 'hello' in different languages.
RL	Josiah	When learning about diversity, he was so proud to share about his family.
RP	Daisy	Showing interest in all the different countries and how we can say 'hello' in lots of languages. She was excited to share about her own family, well done!
1BC	Kasvin	For a positive attitude to his learning.
1G	Zach	For his excellent behaviour this week. Zach is always enthusiastic towards all areas of his learning. Well done!
1N	Finlay	For always being positive and friendly to everyone and putting a smile on all of our faces. He always works hard too. Keep up the great work!
2G	Faizah	For her positive attitude towards her learning and for constantly showing respect and being caring.
2L	Phoenix	For being kind and making a new member of our class feel welcome and involving them in your games at playtime.
2S	Jesika	For always being so kind and respectful to others.
3A	Imogen	For being a diversity champion in our class PSHE discussions.
3L	Lilah	Because she asks important, insightful questions during discussions on diversity and social issues.
3S	Aaliyah	For always being fair with all the members of 3S.
4CH	Izzy	For always demonstrating respect and empathy for others
4CW	T'Shae	For showing respect for everyone's differences
4V	Farron	For demonstrating our core values consistently
5CR	Ibrahim	For a great effort to improve his writing and contributing insightful comments in class discussions.
5W	Martha	For showing kindness and respect to everyone, which is a positive demonstration of empathy and patience amongst our diverse community.
6A	Eva	For always displaying our core value of diversity in every area of her school life; by involving everyone and ensuring that everyone's ideas and opinions are valued.
6C	Jochebed	For being very helpful in the classroom, and showing persistence in her work.
6P	Isaiah K	For giving his best in every aspect of his learning this week! I have been blown away with his desire to push and challenge himself, he should be immensely proud of his achievements! Well done Isaiah – I am so proud!
RB Blue	Kenny	For excellent learning in maths, determination to complete every piece of learning and being super helpful around the classroom.
RB Green	Isiah	For fantastic maths, completing a new challenge in Mathletics as well as some excellent maths learning in class!

**We have enjoyed thinking about DIVERSITY this week.
Next week our Core Value is EXCELLENCE.**

FLU vaccination catch up clinic

NHS
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NHS Trust

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 (Lewisham Schools ONLY) 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 29th January 2022

Time: 9am- 4.30pm

No appointment needed

 High quality care for every patient every day

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

Resource Base



As part of our topic on chocolate and our text Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, the children made chocolate flower cakes, inspired by the chocolate trees and chocolate flowers in the chocolate room in Willy Wonka's factory.

The children followed this up in English by sequencing pictures of the chocolate flower cake making and retelling how they did it.

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.

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(5 COOKIES)

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