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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a fabulous half term and the children have been delighted to celebrate some of their wonderful learning in the newsletter this week.

We finished the half term focussing on our wellbeing during Children's Mental Health week. It was a great opportunity for us all to reflect on ways in which we can take care of our mental health.

Thank you to those of you who order from Doughies for the pizza and cookie night. We had almost 100 orders and have raised over £400 for the PTA. Thank you for all your support. We hope the pizza and cookies were delicious!

Please take a look at the Dates for your Diary section of the newsletter. There are lots of exciting things planned for next half term, including World Book Day, Red Nose Day and opportunities for you to meet with your child's class teacher during our parent and carer open evenings.

I hope you have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 21st February**.



Warm wishes

Manda George Headteacher



YEAR 3 HISTORY - AWESOME EGYPTIANS

This week, in year 3 we have been finding out all about Tutankhamun. We used Horrible Histories, Awesome Egyptians as our stimulus and produced some amazing learning.

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GUILDHALL YOUNG ARTISTS

Guildhall Young Artists



What's On for Young **Musicians and Actors** aged 4-18

Apply to Junior Guildhall for September 2022 Junior Guildhall offers advanced training in music and drama.

- Saturday's at Guildhall School and other venues in EC2

Entry by audition for Music & Drama Course
Bursaries available

Applications close Tuesday 1 March. Find out more and apply at gsmd.ac.uk/juniors

Apply to CYM London for September 2022

London's Centre for Young Musicians helps children and young people achieve their musical goals.

- Saturday's at Morley College, SE1
- Entry by free audition (exc. Primary Years)
 All levels welcome, minimum of one year learning
 an instrument recommended
 Opportunity to join flagship orchestra LSSO
- Bursaries available

Applications close Monday 7 March. Find out more and apply at **cym.org.uk**

Guildhall School of Music & Drama is a world-leading conservatoire based in the City of London. If you would like to hear more about other Guildhall Young Artists opportunities, please get in touch with gya-enquiries@gsmd.ac.uk



YEAR 1 MUSIC - COMPOSING IN SPACE!



Year 1 have been looking at the excitement and sounds of a space rocket launch in music this half term.

The children group-composed a short piece of music to accompany a clip of a rocket launch. They learned about the musical terms dynamics and pitch, and included texture and tempo in their compositions.

Performances were played live with the video, to give the feeling of composing for a film, and some excellent work was done.

Well done year 1!

RESOURCE BASE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY





WAKEHAM CHORISTERSHIP

St. Olave's Grammar School:

An exciting opportunity for boys in Year 5

WAKEHAM CHORISTERSHIP

Are you a boy in Year 5 who likes to sing? Maybe you're already a member of a choir?

St. Olave's Grammar School has 4 places for Year 7 entry available every year via our Wakeham Choristership scheme singing with the prestigious choir at:

The Queen's Chapel of The Savoy

Singing in a Chapel Royal Choir Musical training at the highest standard Admission to one of the country's best state schools

APPLICANTS MUST BE BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2011 – 31 AUGUST 2012

Applications <u>open</u> via our website on Monday 7 February 2022 and <u>close</u> on Friday 22 March 2022

for further information on how to apply and what's involved, please see our website <u>www.saintolaves.net</u>



SAFE PARKING

This week we have observed lots of parents stopping their cars in the middle of the road and opening doors to let children out. This is very unsafe and puts children in danger as well as causing traffic build up.

If you must drive to school, please make sure you park safely away from the school entrances and avoiding residents' driveways. Please support us to ensure the safety of our school community.

Thank you for your co-operation.



YEAR 6 ARTISTS

The preparatory work that year six has put in over the last 3 weeks playing with ink, is really beginning to show!! We are learning about the DIVERSITY of local Lewisham wildlife and studying different texture effects.



RISE 'N' SHINE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB VACANCY

Rise 'n' Shine After School Club, based on the school site, are looking to recruit an enthusiastic assistant to join our team.

Hours are from 2.15pm - 6.15pm, term-time only.

Days and rates of pay to be negotiated.

If you are interested and would like to know more about the position please contact Lynne Nelson on 07981560319 or email at <u>risenshineascltd@gmail.com</u>



SAFER INTERNET DAY







On Tuesday 8th February, we celebrated Safer Internet Day exploring the theme 'All fun and games' where children looked at exploring respect and relationships online. Throughout the week the children learned how to help make the internet a much better place using the story 'Digiduck and the Magic Castle' in KS1. In KS2, children completed a number of activities including writing a recipe for a healthy and respectful relationship online.

Please see attached a video link to support you helping your child in using the internet positively and safely. - <u>https://bit.ly/3rFB5WI</u>

MARK YOUR DIARIES – TORRIDON 10K/ HALF MARATHON RUN IS BACK!



Back by popular demand, Friends of Torridon PTA, in conjunction with Sandhurst School, is delighted to announce another local 10k / half-marathon fun run on Sunday, 15th May. All parents, carers and staff are welcome to run. We will also need lots of volunteers to help out on the day. Please email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com if you are interested in running or helping - help us make this year's run even bigger and better! More details in due course, along with a fundraising page. For those of you running, it's never too early to start training so lace up those shoes, get out and

start pounding the pavement!

YEAR 5 HISTORY WORKSHOP – RESILIENT BRITAIN











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This week, the children in year 5 took part in a World War workshop, which took them back in time to the 1940's and allowed them to experience life as an evacuee. The children learned about the evacuation process, how to bake biscuits

and how to sew. They also had the privilege of meeting Ffrangcon Whelan who lived through World War 2 and shared her fascinating memories and experiences with the children. They were able to ask questions and gain further insight about our topic Resilient Britain.

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

HALF TERM
World Book Day
International Women's Day
Science Week
Red Nose Day
PTA Disco
Autism Awareness Week
PTA Sponsored Bounce
Parent and Carer Open Evenings
Last Day of Spring Term
EASTER HOLIDAY
Year 6 Easter School
Back to School – First Day of Summer Term
Torridon 10K/ half Marathon for parents,
carers and staff

Kickstart Dance Company



This term our new Key Stage 1 Dance company 'Kickstart' was formed . We now offer unique provision in primary education through two dance companies, one in each key stage. The fantastic dancers in Kickstart are from Year 1 and Year 2. Children meet once a week and focus on developing skills in dance technique, performance and choreography leading to showcases and entries into competitive dance. Finally - our T-shirts arrived this week and we are looking dance ready!

Year 4 Stone Age Art



The children in year 4 had great fin this week creating art work inspired by Stone Age cave paintings.









National Online Safety Guides

The National Online Safety website provides school communities with helpful resources to support children and families to understand how to keep themselves safe online. There are some very helpful parent guides to support you with internet safety at home: <u>https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides</u>



Parenting Support





South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust



Good parenting ideas based on science, research & experience



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Struggling to cope? Worried about your parenting?

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 Learn discipline strategies that work

 Improve communication
 Meet other parents who share your experience
 Enjoy family life more

For more information, sign up here: https://kclbs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3lu WeTjmKHZaKYC or email ellie.baker@kcl.ac.uk

Stars of the week



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Louie	For amazing imaginative play. Well done!
Nursery AM	Ruqaya	For great work on her numbers this week. Good job!
RF	Amiah	For having a great half term and settling back into Torridon really well. She is always kind and respectful to her friends. +
RL	Navpreet	For showing respect through being kind and helpful to others. Well done, Navpreet!
RP	Salome	For always being respectful to others. She always listens and is kind to everyone.
1BC	Sophia	For consistently trying her best in all aspects of her learning
1G	Nuala	For always trying her best in all areas of her learning. Nuala is always kind and helpful to all. Well done!
1N	Rhonelle	For always being kind and respectful to adults and children, alike. She is also so kind and looks out for others — always making sure everyone feels included and is never alone. Thank you for your empathy, Rhonelle!
2G	Ashton	For showing respect towards his peers and for having a fantastic attitude towards learning which has had a positive impact on his presentation.
2L	Sasha	For being a respectful member of our school. You are an excellent role model to others.
25	Natalie	For always helping her friends and for her fantastic approach and attitude to learning.
3A	Annaliese	She shows respect for herself and all those around her.
3L	Evie	She shows respect to her peers, all adults and is always polite. She listens and cares for people.
35	Acacia	Always being respectful to everyone. A fantastic role model for our Torridon community.
4CH	Lucas	For always demonstrating respect to peers and adults and consistently having a fantastic attitude to his learning.
4CW	Nawal	For showing respect to both adults and children in her class and working hard at all times.
4V	Lakshan	For always being consistently kind and respectful to adults and all of his peers. Well done Lakshan!
5CR	D'Angelo	For building his resilience when faced with a challenge and for being increasingly determined to complete tasks
5W	Fraser	For his attitude towards lessons and making massive improvements in his maths learning.
6A	Maram	For her dedication to be a consistent role model of exemplary behaviour across the school. As well as respecting others she shows respect for what she believes to be morally right.
6C	Bryant	For being a polite and respectful member of our class, who is now learning to extend that level of respect to other people's ideas, values and beliefs.
6P	Gabriel	For always being respectful to others. He is always kind, and thinks of other people. Well done, Gabriel.
RB Blue	Joshua Kerr	For having a fantastic attitude to learning, always engaged and trying his best
RB Green	Naoki	Showing kindness and sensitivity to another child during PE and giving them a generous head-start!

We have enjoyed thinking about RESPECT this week. After Half Term we will be revisiting our core values of Aspiration, Community, Diversity, Excellence and Respect.

CBBC SHOW – GAME ON GRANDPARENTS



Premises Assistant Opportunity

We are currently advertising for a Premises Assistant to join our team through the Kickstart initiative. Kickstart is an employment scheme for 16-24 year olds who are eligible for Universal Credit. Training is also offered with the scheme.

If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please contact Jennifer Stephenson (School Business Manager) on 02086972762 or <u>jstephenson@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk</u>.