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Dear parents and carers,

We have been thinking about our core value of **EXCELLENCE** this week. I have seen children demonstrating excellent manners, excellent effort and excellent attitudes to their learning. It makes me very proud to see our children trying so hard to be the best that they can be. Next week's core value is **RESPECT** and I am hoping to see some wonderful examples of this across the school.

I hope you managed to view the LBoC Bop video last week as part of the launch of the Lewisham Borough of Culture. The children (and staff) had great fun and they were thrilled to see themselves on screen.

We are looking forward to next week's learning as it is **Children's Mental Health Week**. The theme this year is **Growing Together**. We will be thinking about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to grow and adapt and trying new things can help us to move beyond our comfort zone into new realms of possibility and potential.

We will also be learning how to keep ourselves safe online on **Safer Internet Day** which is on Tuesday next week.

Remember we have an **INSET Day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February** so school will be closed to children.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



## LAST CHANCE TO ORDER



**PIZZA & COOKIE NIGHT**  
**THURSDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**

ORDER BY  
SATURDAY  
5TH FEBRUARY

<https://doughies.co.uk/products/torridon>

The PTA receives £2  
for each kit sold!

**#TORRIDONPIZZANIGHT**



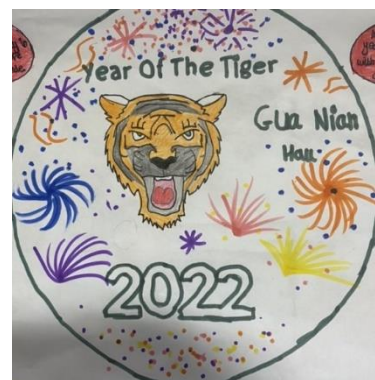
The children were fascinated to find out about some of the traditions celebrated during Chinese New Year. The year 6 children were very excited to learn that some of them were born in the Year of The Tiger. I hope that those of you who were celebrating with friends and family had a wonderful time and we wish you a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2022.

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year. We found out that it was the year of the Tiger. Year 6 have made Chinese New Year posters to celebrate.

We found out that each year, Chinese New Year starts in late January to early February. During this time, Chinese people often clean their houses and gardens to sweep away bad luck. They also decorate them with paper scrolls and lanterns. On New Year's Eve, families father together and have a large feast of fish and chicken. Some stay up until midnight to set off fireworks.

We also found out that children receive red envelopes filled with money and sweets on New Year's Day. Every family member starts the day with brand new clothes from head to toe.

Here are some of the posters, which we created:







# CHINESE NEW YEAR

- . The year of the tiger is celebrated because of the spring celebration. It also marks the end of the year of the Ox.
- . People also say the fireworks drives off evil spirits.
- . Chinese New Year falls on a different day each year that's crazy. Isn't it?!
- . So, this year it's the tiger, so every year has a different animal - pretty cool right?
- . Guess what... this stupendous date lasts for 15 days! Well I didn't know that, well that's why we got the internet right.?
- . Also, did you know that Guo Nian Hao means Happy New Year? Now I know some Chinese.
- . Also, people say that Children receive red envelopes with money inside.
- . My favourite part is Chinese New Year ends with the 'Lantern Festival'.
- . Also, the year I was born in was the year of the Tiger, so lucky me.

These are the Chinese animals →

By Oscar (6C)



## 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)



## Dates For Your Diary

w/b 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Internet Safety Day
	Year 5 World War 2 Workshop
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
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


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# OPEN MORNING INVITATION

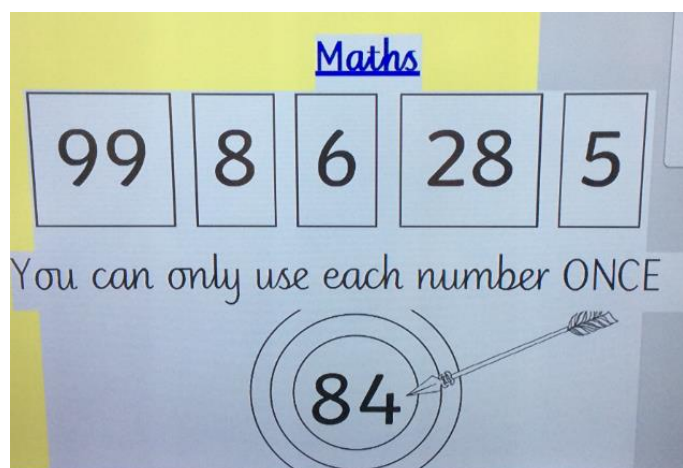
## SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2022

for

### Year 7, Year 9 & Sixth Form Entry

### in September 2023

## Year 3 Maths Magic



During early learning time, 3L have been exercising their mathematical skills - using combinations of numbers and operations to reach the target number. Everyone joins in and tries to find a different way to the same result. This week we managed to find 5 different ways!

Why don't you have a go at home?

$$\begin{array}{l}
 99 - 28 = 71 \\
 \begin{array}{r} 99 \\ -28 \\ \hline 71 \end{array} \\
 71 + 8 = 79 \\
 79 + 5 = 84 \\
 28 - 8 = 20 \\
 20 - 5 = 15 \\
 99 - 15 = 84 \\
 \begin{array}{r} 99 \\ -15 \\ \hline 84 \end{array} \\
 99 \\
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 90 \quad 9 \\
 90 - 6 = 84 \\
 28 - 8 = 20 \\
 99 - 20 = 79 \\
 79 + 5 = 84 \\
 \begin{array}{r} 99 \\ -20 \\ \hline 79 \end{array} \\
 79 + 5 = 84
 \end{array}$$

## Year 5 Chocolate Investigation

In Year 5, children were provided with a challenge that offered the opportunity to demonstrate and develop their understanding of fractions as well as use mathematical vocabulary. They had to imagine (if necessary!) that everyone enjoys chocolate and wants to have as much as possible.



Table 1 has one block of chocolate on it, table 2 has two blocks of chocolate on it and, guess what, table 3 has three blocks of chocolate on it. Children approached the tables one by one and ask themselves:

*"If the chocolate on the table I sit at is to be shared out equally when I sit down, which would be the best table to sit at?"*

'It is fairly easy for the first children to decide where to sit, but the question gets harder to answer at the end.' Deren



'This was a yummy investigation.' Lovpal



'It was tricky to find out which one was the biggest share, I had to calculate again and again how much I will get.' Shardonai





# LAST CHANCE – CATCH UP FLU VACCINATION CLINIC



## LAST CHANCE FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST FLU THIS WINTER

If your child is in Reception to Year 11 (in a Lewisham School) 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 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

Time: **9am- 4.30pm**

**No appointment needed**



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

## Talk To The Professionals

### Lewisham EP Connect

A TELEPHONE SERVICE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Talk to one of the Lewisham **Educational Psychologists (EPs)** about issues related to your child. We can offer support to think about..

How to help your child with their learning/ homework

Managing routines at home

School issues, e.g. peer relationships / friendships, learning

Other services that might be helpful to you

Supporting your child's well-being

A listening ear for you... How you are feeling?

Fears and worries associated with return to school after lockdown

Understanding children's feelings and behaviour

Please let us know if you are calling about a looked after child



# Stars of the week



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Carlos	Always playing nicely with his peers and working hard to extend his learning. Good job Carlos!
Nursery AM	Haroon	For having a good week and trying to join in with carpet time. Well done!
RF	Evie	For being very helpful and having excellent behaviour. Well done!
RL	Rayan	For an excellent start at Torridon! He has settled in so well and has done lots of creative learning.
RP	Logan	For an excellent start at Torridon! He has settled in so well and is always happy to be at school.
1BC	Ana Paula	For her excellent ideas during circle time discussions.
1G	Eda	For her excellent attitude to learning. Eda always tries her best and has made wonderful progress. We are very proud!
1N	Josann	For becoming a fantastic learner! She has really improved in all subjects now that she's focused and doing her best. Keep up the great work!
2G	Vaishnavi	For showing excellence in all of her learning and for always trying hard and doing her best. You are a star!
2L	Yasmine	For always producing learning of high quality and ensuring you try your best in everything that you do.
2S	Campbell	For developing your creativity in your learning and always showing excellence in all your learning.
3A	Jahvarnie	For showing excellence in all of your learning and friendships! Well done.
3L	Azariah	Because he pushes himself to do his very best in all areas of learning.
3S	Mujtaba	Mujtaba for showing excellence in all aspects of his learning especially reading. Well done Mujtaba, keep up the amazing work!
4CH	Amira	For always ensuring she tries her best and consistently producing work of an excellent standard.
4CW	Hali	Consistently hard work at all times and aiming for excellence!
4V	Ismael	Ismael has really put an effort to his learning throughout this week, he has been a fantastic learner! Well done Ismael !
5CR	Meloe	For being a conscientious and enthusiastic member of our class who always produces excellent learning.
5W	Malika	She has an excellent attitude to learning and always produce work of a high standard.
6A	Ty	Ty has made an excellent effort this week to read daily at home, take pride in his school uniform and complete learning tasks with greater care in class. Keep on striving for excellence!
6C	Rafan	For displaying the core value of excellence in every area of his learning this week and being resilient, even when tasks are challenging. Keep it up Rafan!
6P	Molly	For constantly pushing herself to produce high quality learning.
RB Blue	Romel	For excellent effort in all areas of learning.
RB Green	Raphael	For excellent verbal communication.

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