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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you have had as good a week as we have. On International Women's Day we enjoyed finding out about women who have influenced and inspired others, including Rosa Parkes, Coco Chanel, Nina Simone and Clara Zetkin, who was the founder of International Women's Day in 1911. It was wonderful to hear lots of children talking about their amazing mums, aunts, grandmas and sisters as some of the women they look up to the most.

Thank you to those who were able to join our fantastic PTA to find out about some of their plans for the rest of this academic year and to offer your thoughts and suggestions. Look out for details about the upcoming disco and sponsored bounce and please let us know if you would like to come along and help out at these events. Next week is assessment week for children in years 1 to 5. We can't wait to see how much progress the children have made this term.

Next Friday we will be donning our superhero capes in order to raise money for Red Nose Day. We are also asking you to send in any loose change you may have at home in order to boost our fundraising total. Please check the letter emailed earlier today for further details.



Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher

Support for Ukraine

Young people have access to a huge amount of news information, and some may be well aware that Russia has launched a military attack on Ukraine. We know that many children have questions about what's happening in Ukraine and that they are likely to find the news upsetting. The resources below may support you when talking to your children about current events.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60662417

From Monday, we will be reopening our donation station in order to support the Lewisham organisations who are collecting aid parcels for the Ukranian refugee crisis. Wanted items include; sleeping bags, blankets, towels, personal hygiene products, nappies, wet wipes, batteries, candles and flashlights.

Alternatively, you may wish to donate via one of the funding pages such as:

unicef.org.uk/donate/donate-now-to-protect-children-in-ukraine

RECEPTION PHONICS AND READING WORKSHOP

Little Wandle Letters and Sounds (Phonics)/Big Cat Collins E-Library Workshop.

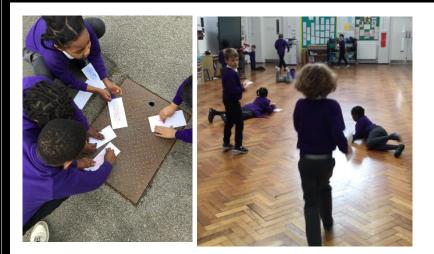
Come and find out more about the way phonics and early reading is taught at Torridon. We have recently adopted the Little Wandle Phonics scheme and have subscribed to the Big Cat Collins e-library which we will be launching to help support reading at home.

17th March 2022 at 9.30 am OR 4.30 pm via MS Teams.

Please attend the meeting at time most convenient for you. An invite will be sent to you via your child's MS Teams account.

We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education

Art in Year 3



The sun was shining this week and allowed us to hunt for texture outside as well as inside! Year 3 then worked hard to translate their findings into 3D paper texture tiles.





RED NOSE DAY

Friday 18th March is Red Nose Day. This year we will be raising money by dressing up as superheroes. You can donate at the gates or on our just giving page using this link:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/torridon-primary-school

RED NOSE DAY IS BACK ON FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2022

Red Nose Day is coming. And whatever you do, no matter how small, you can help people live free from poverty, violence and discrimination. This includes funding organisations that are supporting people right now in Ukraine, and those attempting to cross the border. Because you have the power to change lives.



Calling all superheroes! Whether it's as Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, a superhero of your own creation, or a local hero in your community. Just make a small donation at the gates or on our just giving page and dress to impress.

We will also be carrying out a loose change challenge in each year group, to see which year group can create the longest loose change trail. Look in pockets, behind cushions and under the sofa and bring in all your loose change on Friday. All coins from the challenge will be added to our fundraising total for Comic Relief.

We look forward to seeing your superhero creations on the 18th March.

Meet The Experts



PTA NEWS

PTA SPRING DISCO Thursday 24th March



If you purchased tickets via ParentPay for the Christmas Disco then these have automatically been transferred to this date. Your child will receive their ticket week beginning 21st March. The times for the disco remain the same:

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 - 4.00-5.00pm (KS1 Hall)

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 - 5.15-6.15pm (Yr 5 Hall)

A tuck shop will be available for Yr3-6 - (50p per item)

PTA SPONSORED BOUNCE Tuesday 29th March.

Children from Nursery to Year 4 will take part in the sponsored bounce during the day at school on **Tuesday 29th March.** Each child will be challenged to complete as many bounces as possible within 1 minute. Parents, carers, friends and family will be able to sponsor them for the bounce through a gofundme link which we will send out nearer the time.

We still need lots of volunteers to help us run these events - if you are able to help out at either the disco or the sponsored bounce please complete this form and we will be in touch soon!

https://forms.gle/MzruX2XEP2eim7Mv9

Thank you for your continued support

Friends of Torridon PTA

Week beginning 14 th March	Assessment Week (Years 1 to 5)
Thursday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day
	Reception Phonics and Reading workshop
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 24 th March	PTA Disco
	Autism Awareness Week
Week beginning 28 th March	Assessment Week (Year 6)
	Science Week (please note change of date)
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
Sunday 15 th May	Torridon 10K/ half Marathon for parents,
	carers and staff

BBC FEATURE FILM CASTING

CASTING



BBC FILM - OPEN KIDS AUDITIONS

HEATHER BASTEN CASTING is casting across London, Essex and Kent primary schools and clubs for a new exciting BBC Feature Film.

CASTING FOR:

MIDDLE EASTERN Girls 6 - 11yrs only. An extrovert & confident. WHITE Girls 6 - 11yrs only. Playful & outgoing but also an observer.

No previous acting experience needed. The ethnicity is only specific because of the older actress versions of the girls already cast.

Shooting: April-May 2022 in London.

Professionally paid. Must live in one of the UK counties above to apply.

CASTING@HEATHERBASTEN.COM

Heather Basten & team are DBS checked. Certificates available upon request.

www.heatherbastencasting.com/opencastings



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Chinemeram	For a great start to his nursery journey. Well done!
Nursery AM	Akshara	For being a great friend to all of her peers! Well done Akshara
RF	Rina	For sharing great ideas and always being so creative! Well done!
RL	Manasseh	For his amazing independent story writing this week. Well done, Manasseh!
RP	King-David	He always works hard with his writing and phonics! Well done!
1BC	Amelia	Amelia has worked incredibly hard and made excellent progress in maths, reading and writing. Well done Amelia!
1G	Christian	For all his wonderful effort in both English and Maths this week. What an improvement! Well done, keep up the hard work!
1N	Ottilie	For the massive improvement she has made in her writing. She's always had fantastic ideas but she is now sharing them through her writing and she's worked hard to make her presentation and handwriting top notch, too! Keep up the great work 😰
2G	Alex	For his amazing progress and focus in lessons. Keep up the good work!
2L	Lillian	For always taking pride in her learning and presenting her learning beautifully.
2S	Sophie	For her wonderful attitude to learning! She always tries her best in everything
		that she does and we are all so proud to have her as part of 2S $ \!$
3A	Whole class	For their fantastic discussion about International Women's Day, sharing their knowledge of a diverse range of brilliant female figures.
3L	Reis	Because he plays well with everyone and always tries to include everyone.
35	Aksa S	For always trying to get on well with all her peers.
4CH	Ilayda	For always showing kindness and consideration to others.
4CW	Sukhmani	For always taking pride in her learning.
4V	Martha	For always being a positive and respectful role model.
5CR	D'Angelo	He has worked very hard this week in all subjects especially reading. He has been very focused in the lessons and put in 100% effort. Well done!
5CY	Mubashar	He has settled in well in class and has a good attitude towards his work. He gets on well with everyone in the class
5W	Nefertiti	For making a huge effort to use figurative language in her poetic writing. As a result, she wrote a fantastic poem about our world. Well done, Nefertiti!
6A	Harvey	Harvey has demonstrated his ability to solve different arithmetic questions this week. Really proud!
6C	Mariam	For working extremely hard on her maths this week. Well done, Mariam.
6P	Anaya	For consistently hard work in lessons and demonstrating all of Torridon's core
		values in her behaviour and actions. Well done, Anaya. Keep it up.
RB Blue	Joshua Higgins	for trying his best in all learning tasks and showing an excellent learning behaviour
RB Green	Ryan	for being settled and engaging with the adults supporting him, accepting others playing alongside him and sharing toys
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World Book Day Fun





Matilda and Miss Trunchbull

A Willy Wonka Bar and a Golden Ticket



Hermione's reading about Hermione



Reading raps and poems

COVID UPDATE

There is no longer a legal requirement for people to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. If children are unwell and need to stay at home, we ask that you report their absence in the usual way by telephoning or emailing the admin office.

The dedicated email address and phone line will remain active for any queries or communication related to COVID 19. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to speak to a member of the team.

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Easter Football Academy



TECH HOLIDAY CAMP



TALES ON MOON LANE BOOK SHOP

Use Your World Book Day Tokens at Tales on Moon Lane



We hope you all had an amazing time on World Book Day, we know we did!

Although lots of the festivities may be over now, some of you might still have your world book day tokens. If you'd like to use yours at Tales on Moon Lane we have lots of World Book Day books available or, if you'd prefer, you can use your token for £1.00 off any other book.

World Book Tokens are valid until **Sunday**, **27th of March**, so make sure you come into the shop and use yours.