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25th March 2022

Dear parents and carers,

It was so wonderful to finally go ahead with the long-awaited disco last night. The PTA did such an excellent job planning, organising and running the event and we want to say a huge thank you to them on behalf of all the children. Thank you also to all the parent, carer and staff volunteers who gave up their time to help with the organisation and supervision - although I think they secretly enjoyed themselves as much as the children!

Next week is Autism Acceptance Week. We will be holding special assemblies and follow up learning in classrooms to develop our understanding and appreciation of what it means to have autism.

I know you will be looking forward to meeting your children's teachers at parent and carer open evenings next week. Whilst you are at school, please pop in to the Year 5 hall and the art room to see some of the wonderful work the children have been doing in their specialist lessons.

We will be finishing off the half term with a fun day of science and technology activities. Look out for the photos next week.

Fingers crossed for more of this lovely spring weather next week. Have a super weekend.

Manda George
Headteacher



SIGN UP TODAY FOR THE TORRIDON 10K/ HALF MARATHON RUN – SUNDAY 15TH MAY

Back by popular demand, Friends of Torridon PTA, in conjunction with Sandhurst School, is putting on a **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.



Pleas email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com if you are interested in running or helping - make this year's run even bigger and better! More details in due course, along with a fundraising page. In the meantime, runners: lace up those shoes and start pounding the pavement!

RED NOSE DAY

Thanks to your generous donations, we raised over **£400** for Red Nose Day.

Thank you for all your support!



DISCO FUN!



COVID UPDATE

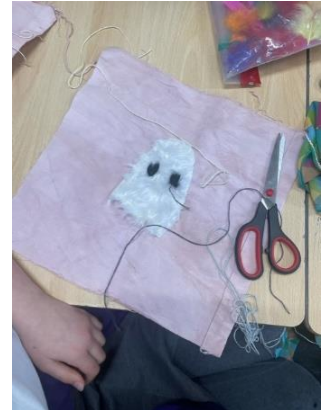
There is no longer a legal requirement for people to self-isolate if they test positive for COVID-19. If children are unwell and need to stay at home, we ask that you report their absence in the usual way by telephoning or emailing the admin office.

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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Year 6 Create Club



In create club this term the children had the opportunity to develop their own creative projects, which ranged from designing a skirt, creating cushions and making applique badges. The children have thrived working independently and have really impressed us with their maturity and creativity.



TORRIDON ART EXHIBITION



Dates For Your Diary

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| Week beginning 28 th March | Autism Acceptance Week |
| | Assessment Week (Year 6) |
| | Science and Technology Day |
| Tuesday 29 th March | PTA Sponsored Bounce |
| Wednesday 30 th March | Y4 Visit To King's Church, Catford |
| Wednesday 30 th and Thursday 31 st March | Parent and Carer Open Evenings and Art Exhibition |
| Friday 1 st April | Last Day of Spring Term |
| Monday 4 th April – Monday 18 th April | EASTER HOLIDAY |
| Monday 4 th April – Thursday 7 th April | Holiday and Food Programme |
| 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 |

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DT Project – Cat Boxes Wanted



Year 5 will be making wooden CAM based toys next term and in order to keep costs down we are trying to collect as many cat food boxes as possible to create the casing. In total we will need 77 boxes, so if you have any boxes at home, please can you send them into school, intact not flattened. Thank you for all your support

Year 3 Dance



In dance lessons at Torridon we link work to class topics and also watch professional dance clips to support and develop an understanding of dance as a whole. This allows us to be choreographers, performers and dance critics.

Year 3 have been busy this week finishing a whole class dance based on "Stomp" - the musical. Stomp combines percussion, dance and comedy. We have used brooms to create and perform rhythmic choreography and came up with some exciting results.

Holiday Club at Torridon

We are delighted to inform you that Torridon will be hosting a Holiday and Food programme during the Easter holiday. Please see below for further information.

Please get in touch with a member of the admin team if you would like to find out more.

Lewisham Easter holiday programme of food and fun 2022

How to register

This spring, with funding from the Department of Education, Lewisham Council is providing a varied holiday programme, with free activities and lunches for school-aged children and young people (aged 5–16 years – up to 19 years for young people with SEND) eligible for and in receipt of benefit-related Free School Meals.

A wide range of providers in Lewisham are supporting the delivery of this programme, offering various fun-packed sessions, including art & crafts, multi sports, singing, dancing, drama and games.



Each club will provide:

- a wide range of exciting activities to suit different ages and personalities
- fun physical activity sessions
- free, nutritious and tasty food.

Sessions last at least four hours and are free to access, though children must be registered.

Some providers can offer longer hours for an additional cost.

We know how important it is to be and feel safe, and all programmes will be delivered in line with government COVID-19 guidance.

The programme is provided from Monday 4 April to Thursday 14 April 2022, with details for each club listed below – contact the providers to find out more and sign up!

Places will be prioritised for children eligible for Free School Meals and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you have any questions or need support with registration, please contact HAFProgramme@Lewisham.gov.uk



Free School Meals: Your child might be entitled to Free School Meals during term-time. Find more information on our website.

Short Breaks: To see what SEND Short Breaks are available in the borough, please visit our SEND Local Offer web section.

Family Information Service: The Family Information Service offers help and advice on a range of issues that affect you and your family. Visit the Lewisham Family Information Service section on our website.

STARS OF THE WEEK



| Class | Name | Reason |
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| Nursery FT | Nathan | For following the nursery rules and for always encouraging his friends. Well done! |
| Nursery AM | Ayla | For always helping others and showing respect for the environment by helping to keep nursery tidy. Well done! |
| RF | Oscar | For working really hard to improve his writing. Well done, Oscar. Keep it up! |
| RL | Anice | For always working hard on her phonic writing and always being kind and helpful. Well done, Anice! |
| RP | Cedar | For always being kind to others and always taking care of our learning environment! Well done! |
| 1BC | Orel | For making the right learning choices and setting such a good example to others. |
| 1G | Kayla | For her excellent attitude to learning this week! Kayla is always helping others in our class. |
| 1N | Mordecai | For his fantastic sounding out and blending. When he smiles, he brightens up the room too! 😊 |
| 2G | Anaila | For her good manners and for showing respect to everyone! 😊 |
| 2L | Emmanuel | For his commitment to Mathletics and home learning – well done! |
| 2S | Evan | Because he has worked so hard at taking his time to complete his learning. Your learning is brilliant Evan – well done! 😊 |
| 3A | Joseph | For being kind to everyone and making us all laugh. You bring a smile to our faces. Well done! |
| 3L | Adelina | Because she has shown great respect to herself by prioritising her learning upon returning from a short break away from school. |
| 3S | Mahalia | Mahalia for always respecting herself and others. |
| 4CH | Nicholas | For his fantastic creative writing, including fronted adverbials |
| 4CW | Malakai | For his excellent attitude towards his learning. Well done, Malakai, and keep it up! |
| 4V | Ava | For always being a great example to her peers. Ava always works hard, tries her best in everything, and is a fantastic member of 4V. Well done, Ava! |
| 5CR | Kieran | For always showing respect and being an example for all to follow and always trying very hard in every lesson and doing the best he can. Well done! |
| 5CY | Joshua S | He is making great progress in his writing and has consistently demonstrated respect to all |
| 5W | Wande | For being an exceptional role model over the week. She tries her best to focus in lessons and respectfully make the right choices. |
| 6A | Alicia | For being respectful to others at all times and for trying really hard with her writing this week. |
| 6C | Cerys | For working very hard all week and making excellent progress. You should be very proud of your efforts – well done. |
| 6P | Tyrelle | For giving his utmost in every aspect of his learning this week! He should be immensely proud of his achievements! Well done Tyrelle – I am so proud! |
| RB Blue | Ibrahim | Ibrahim for excellent learning behaviour, stamina and determination to complete learning to the best of his ability resulting in some fantastic writing this week! |
| RB Green | Amarachukwu | He has been more settled, followed the routine and has been really helpful with organising the daily schedule and has been sharing and taking turns. |

Household Fund

Lewisham Council received £2.6m to support residents with food, utility bills, and water rates. This was called the Household Fund and was distributed to the following groups;

- Families with children receiving free school meals;
- Families with children not receiving free school meals but receiving housing and/or council tax benefit;
- Single people/couples without children receiving housing and/or council tax benefit.
- Care leavers and special guardian carers.

We also set aside some funding to support households who, without support, would face homelessness for rent arrears.

For more information and to find out if you are eligible for support, please see the link below:

[Lewisham Council - The Household Fund](#)

SPONSORED BOUNCE

Friends of Torridon PTA are delighted to once again host the much-loved Sponsored Bounce on Tuesday 29th March during the school day. Children from Nursery up to Year 4, including the Resource base, will be bouncing their way into spring. We are raising funds for a new sound system for the hall!

How to Donate



To sponsor, visit one of these links. We will receive 100% of your donation (plus Gift Aid):

[Wonderful fundraising page](#)

[PayPal Giving Fund donation page.](#)

Many thanks for all your support,

Friends of Torridon PTA

DRUMBEAT OUTREACH

AUTISM ACCEPTANCE WEEK SPECIAL 'EMPATHY AND ACCEPTANCE'



With Autism Acceptance Week happening from 28th March-4th April 2022, Drumbeat Outreach are pleased to announce a special episode of their podcast entitled 'Empathy and Acceptance'. The episode contains spoken word poetry and the voices of young people from Lewisham discussing what autism means to them.

The episode can be found by following the link below or by searching for 'Drumbeat Autism Outreach' on your preferred podcast app.

>> <https://tinyurl.com/2p8fp33d>

We have also produced a short YouTube video to accompany the episode which can be found here...

>> <https://youtu.be/eKtwk9euex8>



World Autism
Acceptance Week
28 March - 3 April 2022

<https://anchor.fm/drumbeatautismoutreach/episodes/Episode-8-Empathy--Acceptance-Autism-Acceptance-Week-2022-Special-e1fq2u9>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKtwk9euex8>

HOLIDAY CLUB



BALLERS

Free Spaces Available !!

In partnership with Lewisham Council and the Department of Education

Who the spaces are for :

- Children eligible for and in receipt of free school meals.
- Children assessed as being in need.
- Children with EHC plan (education, health and care)

Aim of provision:

- To take part in engaging activities during the school holidays.
- Eat healthier and gain knowledge of healthy nutrition.
- Be more active, safe and not socially distanced.

Date: Week 1 → 4th April - 8th April 2022 Week 2 → 11th April - 14th April 2022

Time: 10:00AM - 2:00PM

Where: SEDGEHILL ACADEMY, SEDGEHILL ROAD, LONDON, SE6 3QN

For more information and to book your spot:

Ages:
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10-14

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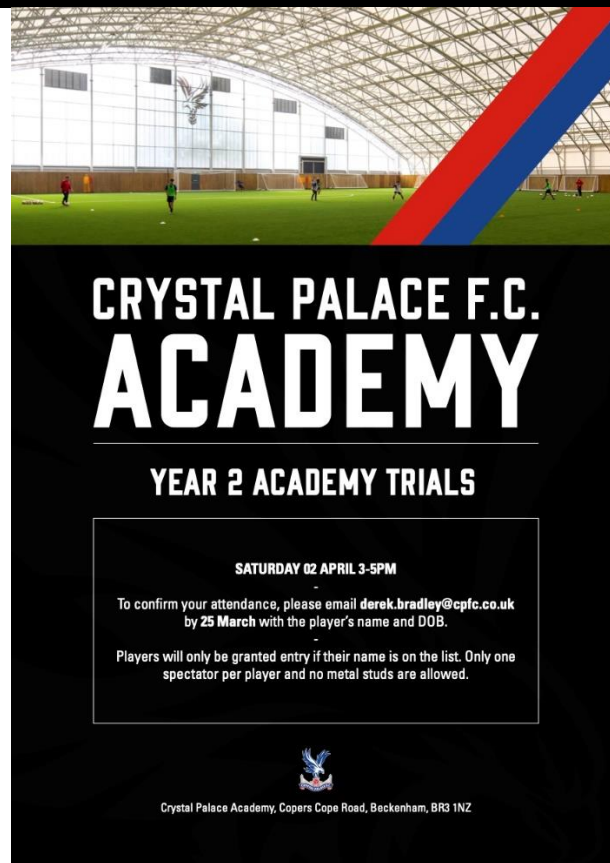
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LIMITED SPACES



FOOTBALL TRIALS




**CRYSTAL PALACE F.C.
ACADEMY**

YEAR 2 ACADEMY TRIALS

SATURDAY 02 APRIL 3-5PM

To confirm your attendance, please email derek.bradley@cpfc.co.uk by **25 March** with the player's name and DOB.

Players will only be granted entry if their name is on the list. Only one spectator per player and no metal studs are allowed.


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