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Dear parents and carers,

What a wonderful week we have had! We started with our fantastic dance company UNITY performing at the Blackheath Halls on Monday night. It was such an experience for them to perform in front of a live audience and they really did us proud. Thank you so much to those of you who came along to support. We hope you enjoyed the performances.

We also had the best World Book Day ever! You really outdid yourselves with creative costumes and ideas this year. Have a look at some of the great outfits on the next pages. Can you guess the book characters from what they are wearing?

The children had such fun creating performance poetry, reading raps and beautiful bookmarks. It was so lovely to have the whole day dedicated to our love of reading. Special thanks to our English Lead Claudia Roe for organising the day's events.

Children can use their book voucher to purchase from a special selection of World Book Day books from their local bookshop or use it to get a £1.00 discount on a full price book or audiobook of their choice. We look forward to hearing about the books they have chosen.

I hope you will be able to join us for our virtual PTA meeting next week. we are very keen to hear your ideas and suggestions and would love you to get involved. Look out for the zoom link later in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.
Happy Reading!

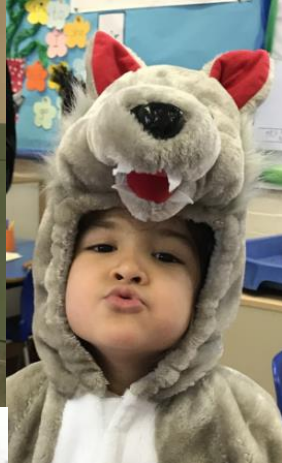
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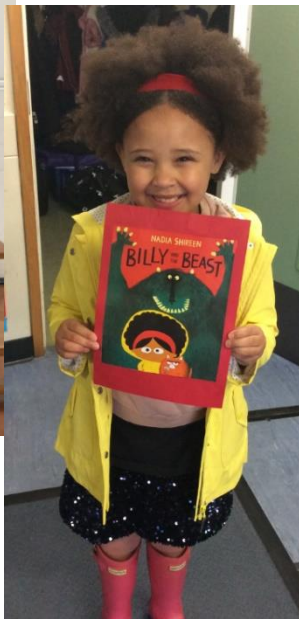
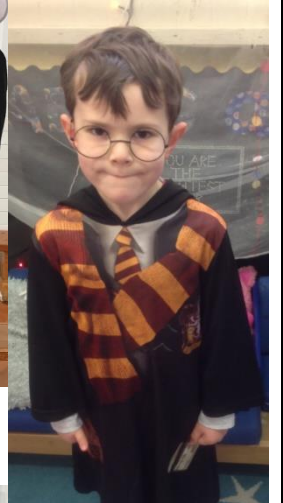
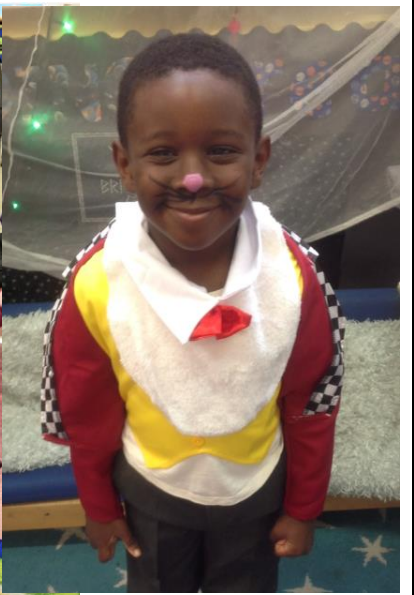
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World Book Day 2022





Reception Reading and Phonics 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 Torrington. 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



National Youth Jazz Orchestra



NYJO Creative Ensemble Taster Session Registration Form

NYJO Creative Ensemble

Weekly term-time ensemble: Tuesdays, 17:30 - 19:00

Woolwich Works, Greenwich SE18 6H

Calling all young musicians aged 11-16! Are you interested in finding out about jazz, keen to have a go at improvisation, and excited by the opportunity to write and perform your own music?

This January, the National Youth Jazz Orchestra launched the Creative Ensemble at our brand-new home in Woolwich Works! Delivered in partnership with Royal Greenwich Music Hub, the Creative Ensemble is led by the renowned musician and educator Byron Wallen. The ensemble takes place weekly during term-time, and is an exciting chance to create and play live jazz music with other young musicians.

If you would like to find out more about the Creative Ensemble, and get a sense of whether you would like to take part, please complete this taster session registration form!

- You should be able to play an instrument (your instrument can include 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

Priority will be given to Greenwich residents.

- Places are free if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium/Free School Meals/from a low-income family
- £50 per term for Greenwich residents
- £100 per term for all other young musicians

MINDFUL MUMS



Diversity Matters

Volunteer for Mindful Mums Befriending

Do you understand the emotional and physical pressures of pregnancy and the first year after birth? Have you had to balance these challenges with complexities that relate to your culture or upbringing?

Become a Mindful Mums Volunteer Befriender and help women from culturally diverse communities positively deal with the changes that pregnancy and motherhood bring.

Befriending support is provided on a one-to-one basis, in the home and local community. Training and ongoing support are provided and expenses covered.



<https://bit.ly/3sQBGE3>

Find out more:

Visit the link or scan the QR code with your smartphone to find out more.

Contact:

Selina Stewart or Tuginder Kaur

Tel: 07704 536 424

Email: mindfulmums@blgmind.org.uk

Friends of Torrison PTA Meeting

The Friends of Torrison PTA would love you to join them for a Virtual Meeting on **Tuesday 8th March at 12.30pm**. We are hoping you will have some great ideas to share about future fundraising possibilities. Everyone is welcome so please come along if you can.

Please see below for the link to join the meeting.

Topic: Friends of Torrison PTA meeting

Time: Mar 8, 2022 12:30 PM London

<https://bloomberg.zoom.us/j/98441319088?pwd=ajhKNDgwbHczR29xcmlia0JQMxRSdz09>

Join using a Meeting ID:

Meeting ID: 984 4131 9088

Passcode: 347869

We look forward to seeing you there!

UNITY DANCE PERFORMANCE



On Monday evening, UNITY performed with confidence and pride to a sold out auditorium. It was a huge personal accomplishment to perform live in front of an audience.

Nicholas spoke eloquently to the host about the dance celebrating everyone being unique and powerful.

They were a real credit to Torrison and great ambassadors for the school.

A very big thank you to our wonderful dance teacher Deme for fantastic choreography and all her hard work in getting them ready for their performance.

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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Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 8 th March	International Women's Day
	12.30pm PTA Virtual Meeting
	Y3/4 Tri-Golf Tournament
w/b 14 th March	Science Week
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
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
Sunday 15 th May	Torridon 10K/ half Marathon for parents, carers and staff

Creative Clay Creations

We had a brilliant afternoon in the Art Room exploring 3D texture through clay.

Year 2 investigated really carefully and experimented bravely.

Well done Year 2!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Safa	Working hard to follow all rules set in nursery
Nursery AM	Elsie	Working hard to join in with carpet time. Well done Elsie
RF	Patryk	For being a good friend, working hard and contributing to class discussions. Well done!
RL	Hussein	For his amazing maths learning and reading this week. He is very helpful in RL. Well done, Hussein!
RP	Xena	For always being kind and helpful. Well done!
1BC	Cairo	For showing more independence in his learning and making excellent progress in maths and English. Well done Cairo!
1G	Matilda	For her brilliant writing this week and for showing her love of reading on world book day.
1N	Aadhiran	For always being polite and kind to everyone. What a great friend he is, to everyone! 😊
2G	Arthur	For his kindness towards his friends and for taking initiative in lessons.
2L	Jeraiah	For trying really hard in his maths interventions and challenging himself.
2S	Ayaan	For always having a smile on his face and for his friendly nature in the classroom. It is a pleasure to have you as part of 2S!
3A	Gabby	For being a kind, thoughtful and caring member of our class and our school community. Well done!
3L	Thashyini	She shows kindness to all in class, particularly when someone is upset. Thashyini also is eager to help and support when others find a challenge.
3S	Javonae	For trying really hard to be a kind member of our community. Javonae has shown maturity this week and we are all really proud of him. Well done, Javonae, keep it up. You really are a STAR!
4CH	Akiz	For always having a positive attitude to his learning, showing superb collaboration with a range of pupils and showing kindness to everyone.
4CW	Adam	For amazing effort and fantastic learning.
4V	Abshitha	For her consistent positive attitude to learning as well as her fantastic, kind, and caring manner towards staff and her peers. You are a star Abshitha!
5CR	Bertie	For always participating in class and trying very hard in every subject.
5CY	Tiana	Tiana tries her best at all times and love to share her ideas. She works well with her peers and is always ready to help in class and take part in lesson.
5W	Ela	For her determination to be a role model in class. She has worked particularly hard in maths lessons and as a result, she is showing progress.
6A	Eddie	For displaying the core value of community by being mindful and respectful of members of the class and school community and always sharing his passion for the wider community.
6C	Abou	For being a helpful, respectful and determined member of our class community this week – well done, keep up the good work!
6P	Amari	For being a marvellous, helpful partner and member of the class. He is an extremely thoughtful and caring member of the school community.
RB Blue	Isaiah	For trying his best in all learning tasks
RB Green	Dalrekay	For being really kind and playing nicely with a younger child and being super helpful with tidying up

We have enjoyed thinking about COMMUNITY this week.
Next week we will be thinking about DIVERSITY.