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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a good break and were able to enjoy some of the lovely spring sunshine!

We have had a wonderful first week back at school and the children have really enjoyed the launch of their new termly topics. Curriculum bulletins and home learning leaflets are available on the website so you will be able to find out more about the children's learning for this term.

This week we have welcomed two new members to the Torridon Team. Anna Ellis and Ciara Cullen are teaching in the Resource Base. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to make it to our Resource Base coffee morning this week. It was lovely to see you face to face and for you to see how well your children are getting on. We hope to be able to have lots more opportunities to meet up later in the term.

Thank you to those of you who have passed on your best wishes to Heather who is recovering well after her operation. She will be back on the Key Stage One gate before you know it!

We will soon be advertising for a new parent governor. Look out for more details coming soon. If you would like some more information about being a school governor, please get in touch via the admin inbox.

Don't forget that our Y5/6 boys' football team are playing in the cup final tomorrow. The match starts at 10.15am and I hope that some of you may be able to make it to Blackheath to cheer them on. They have worked so hard to get this far and I know they are going to do wonderfully well!

Have a lovely weekend.

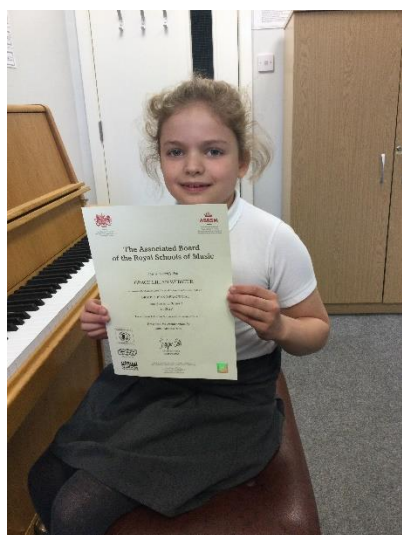
Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



EXAM SUCCESS

Congratulations to Romy, Alice, Rocco, Stanley and Ezra, who all took their debut grade drum kit exams and to Grace who took her Grade 1 piano exam. All achieved a merit. Very well done indeed!



School Uniform Exchange – Coming Soon!

Do you have old school uniforms cluttering your wardrobe? Wondering what do with your child's outgrown school jumper or old school shirts? Think no further!

Friends of Torridon PTA is setting up a school uniform exchange – and is now accepting donations. **Bring your child's old, freshly laundered, good condition shirts, trousers, skirts, pinafores, summer dresses, jumpers, cardigans, PE uniform and coats to the school office.**

We will sort all the donations and have a stall at the Summer Fair in July and at other points during the summer term for you to get clothing in exchange for your donations or, if you've not donated, to buy the uniform for a small price (any proceeds will go to the school).

Contact Sarah Hanks at friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com with any questions.



FAMILY CYCLING LIBRARY

Try out a range of family cycling equipment in a safe environment with experienced riders!
Forster Memorial Park from 10am.

This is a free workshop aimed at families with young children who would like to try out family cycling equipment.

Pride of place will be our electric cargo bike - put your kids in the front box and tackle those Lewisham hills! We'll also have rear seats, front seats, trailers etc.

This workshop is organised by Climate Action Lewisham and Lewisham Cyclists. We will have experienced instructors to attach equipment and guide you. You will have the opportunity to practise in a safe environment and chat to us about what could suit your family best.

24 April, Forster Memorial Park,
Try out our cargo trike, trailers and child seats

Lewisham

Family

Cycling

Library



Dr Bike
can mend
your bike
for free



Book a slot with the Cycling Library if you have young kids and you want to travel car-free around Lewisham.
For Dr Bike, just show up. 10 -12.30

To find out more and book a slot, click on the link below:

[Family Cycling Library Event](#)

Parent Workshop



Drumbeat Outreach

Parent Workshop

Exploring the Barriers to Eating and Drinking for children with Social Communication Differences

A session exploring ways to help your child with developing and extending their diet and dealing with food sensitivities and fussy eaters. This session will focus on children under 6 years old.

Thursday 5th May 2022 – 10am-12pm

This session will be a webinar.

Please email outreach_admin@drumbeat.lewisham.sch.uk or telephone 020 7635 9022 to reserve your place.



CALLING ALL KEEN GARDENERS! JOIN US FOR A SPRING GARDENING SESSION ON SATURDAY 7TH MAY 1.30 – 4.00pm



Enthusiastic volunteers wanted! With warmer weather here at last and nature coming back to life, the Green Team, along with the PTA, is holding its first session of the season to tend to the garden beds around the ball court and playgrounds. Green fingered or not, we welcome all members of the school community who want to help keep the green areas in tip top shape. Bring gardening gloves, bucket and trowel if you have them. Refreshments provided! It's an open session from 1:30-4pm, so any time you can offer during the session

will be gratefully received. Please RSVP to friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com. Many thanks!

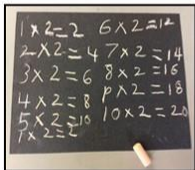
ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY

As I am sure you are aware, there is an extra Bank Holiday planned for 3rd June to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this falls within the half term holiday, schools are able to identify an alternative date for the holiday. School will be closed to staff and children on Friday 8th July 2022.

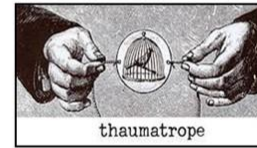


YEAR 1 VICTORIAN SCHOOL

Victorian School



It costs 1 penny to go to school? Which era have I ended up in, this time?



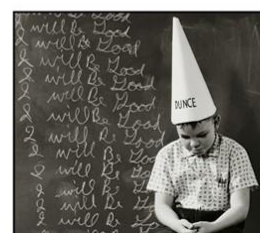
thaumatrope



The Time Machine took us on a journey back to Victorian times and there was no time to prepare as we arrived at school to find that we had to pay 1 penny to go in the classroom, we all had very silly Victorian names and our teachers were extremely shouty and strict, all of a sudden! We made spinning thaumatropes and, just like in Victorian times, we had to learn 'the 3 Rs' – reading, writing and 'rithmetic, but not in a fun way, no...we had to copy! We learnt the hard way, about some Victorian punishments and finished off with a dance. We're just hoping we don't have to stay here forever!



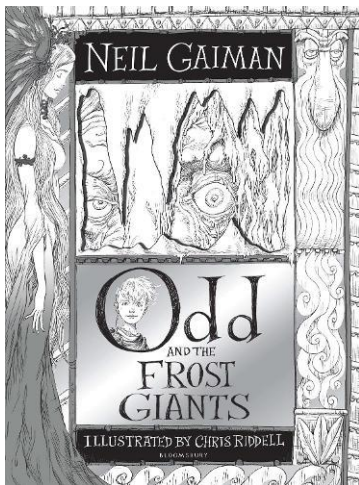
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Alien	King Arthur
Lettuce Burger	Okay Johnsen



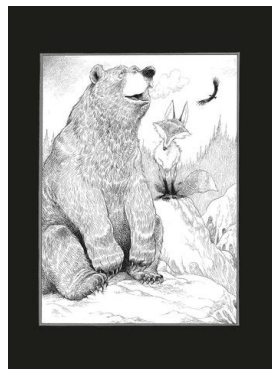
Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May	Eid-al-Fitr
Week beginning 9 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Sunday 15 th May	Torridon 10K/ half Marathon for parents, carers and staff
Week beginning 16 th May	Year 2 SATs week
Wednesday 25 th – Friday 27 th May	Year 6 School Journey
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	HALF TERM
Sunday 12 th June	Fun Run in the park
Friday 24 th June	INSET Day
Saturday 2 nd July	Summer Fair
Week beginning 4 th July	Assessment Week
Friday 8 th July	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term
Thursday 1 st and Friday 2 nd September	INSET Days
Monday 5 th September	First Day of Autumn Term

YEAR 4 DRAMA



Year 4 had great fun creating Freeze Frames based on their new core text 'Odd and the Frost Giants'. They learnt how important body language and facial expressions are when depicting a character's thoughts and feelings.



PE TIMETABLES

Please remember that children should be in PE uniform on the days that they have PE. PE uniform consists of black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, white Torricon T shirt and black trainers or plimsolls. Please do not allow children to come to school wearing colourful or branded sportswear. Here is a reminder of the PE timetable for this term.

Year 1	1BC and 1N	Wednesday Thursday
	1G	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 2	2G, 2L, 2S	Tuesday Thursday
Year 3	3A and 3S	Wednesday Friday
	3L	Tuesday Friday
Year 4	PE kit – 4C, 4CW, 4V	Monday
	Swimming - 4CH	Friday
	Swimming -4CW	Tuesday
	Swimming -4V	Thursday
Year 5	5CR and 5CY	Thursday Fridays
	5W	Wednesday – swimming Thursday – PE kit
Year 6	6A, 6C and 6P	Thursday Friday
Resource Base		Tuesday Friday

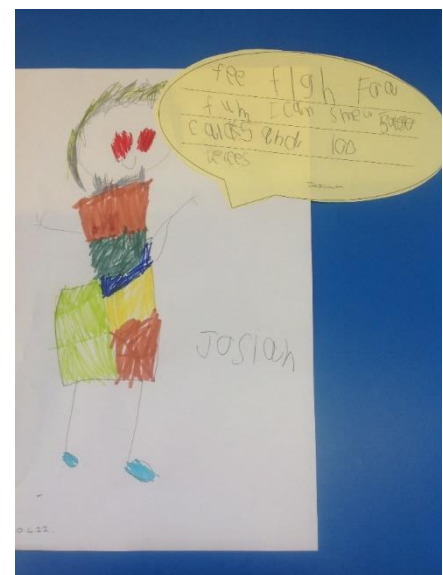
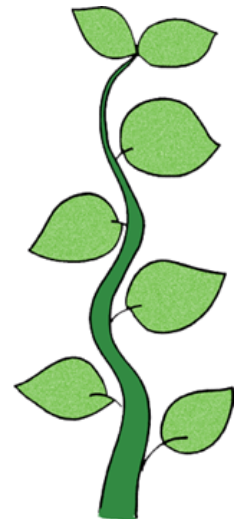
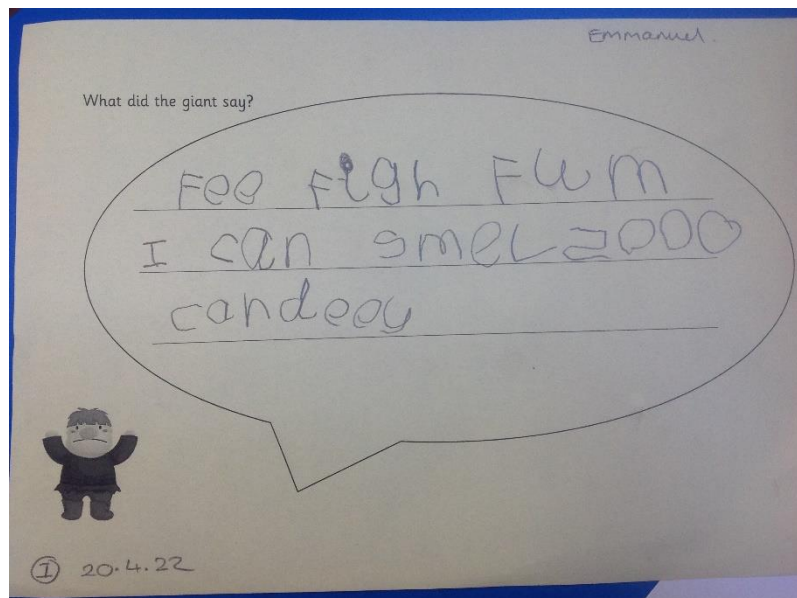
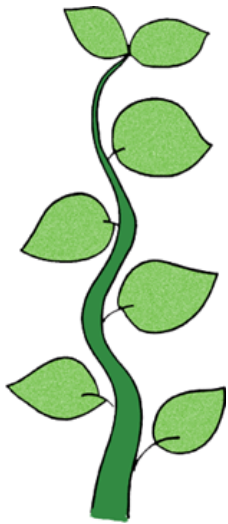
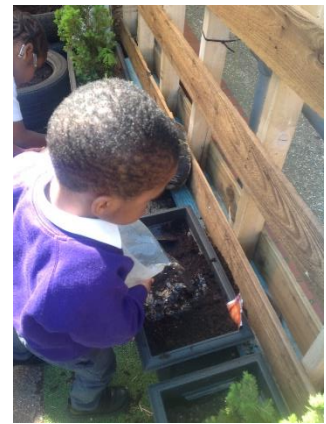
YEAR 2 HUNTING FOR CLUES

Year 2 were very excited to follow the clues to find out about their new topic '*The Great Fire of London*'. They were brilliant detectives. Let's see what they get up to next week!



RECEPTION LEARNING

The children in Reception have been very busy this week. They have been drawing giants, writing speech bubbles and have even planted their own beanstalks. I wonder if you can guess which story they have been reading?



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Dumitrita	For being a good role model for her peers, and for always being willing to help. Well done, Dumitrita!
Nursery AM	Kylan	For trying his best to follow the nursery rules, and for always helping his friends. Well done, Kylan!
RF	Nova	For fantastic Jack and the Beanstalk writing and drawing. Well done!
RL	Robin	For excellent effort in all his learning and always listening to others. Well done!
RP	Malakhi	For working hard on his writing and being helpful at tidy up time! Well done!
1BC	Allegra	For making excellent progress in her learning and being a great example to others.
1G	Masih	For his consistent enthusiasm in all areas of his learning, especially during maths today! He is a kind and helpful member of 1G.
1N	Elvis	For returning to school with such a positive and happy attitude and showing excellent listening skills. Keep up the great work!
2G	Madison	For her hard work and focus in all of her subjects, especially in Maths. Keep up the amazing work! 😊
2L	Bea	For her commitment to reading which has really improved! Well done.
2S	Rueben	For his wonderful listening and excellent attitude to learning.
3A	Gabby	For trying her best in all of her learning this week. Well done!
3L	Archie	He has set personal goals in writing, maths and reading and has made amazing progress towards his aspirations. Well done Archie!
3S	Kiron	Showing great maturity in his attitude towards school.
4CH	Felix	For always demonstrating attention to detail and taking care with his learning across all subjects. Keep up the great work Felix.
4CW	Malakai	For showing greater commitment and a positive attitude in lessons. Well done.
4V	Trayvon	For improved focus and enthusiasm in his learning.
5CR	Lewis	For great effort shown in class, and being a great role model for the children in the class.
5CY	Roc'EL	She has made huge improvement in her writing and maths and has developed more confidence.
5W	Aaliyah	She has returned to school with a positive attitude to learning and an impressive will to complete extensions and challenges in class. Keep it up Aaliyah!
6A	Vinujan	For displaying the core value of aspiration by engaging in all lessons and ensuring that he takes instructions to complete learning to the best of his ability.
6C	Aaliyah	For always aspiring to do her best. You always try extremely hard in all lessons and give 100%. You should be proud of your efforts. Well done, Aaliyah.
6P	Anaya	For outstanding commitment to her reading and always demonstrating our core values. Well done, Anaya – you are a fantastic role model.
RB Blue	Everyone	For returning to school with fantastic, positive attitudes!
RB Green		

TOMBOLA DONATIONS

St Christopher's Hospice are organising a Bluebell Walk and Festival on Sunday 1st May. They have asked for our help with donations for their tombola. They are seeking any unwanted chocolates or bottles - alcohol, fizzy drinks, shampoo – you name it! Please bring your donations to the school office or leave them at our donation station and we will make sure we get them to St Christopher's ahead of the big day.

Funds raised from the tombola go towards supporting the fantastic work that St Christophers do to support families through the most difficult times. You can find out more about the services they provide here: [St Christopher's Hospice](#)



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If you would like to take part in the Bluebell Walk, you can find all the information you need here: [Bluebell Walk](#)

BROMLEY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS



Open Morning

Junior & Senior Schools

Tuesday 10th May

Register online www.bromleyhigh.gdst.net

Bright Minds, Bright Futures



YEAR 6 TASTER DAYS (2023 11+ entry)

Thursday 15th September, 10:55am-3pm

Friday 14th October, 10:55am-3pm

Our Taster Days provide the opportunity to spend the day at the school, meet our teachers and students and give you a flavour of what makes Bromley High School unique.

Register online www.bromleyhigh.gdst.net

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