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Dear parents and carers,

It has been another very busy week at Torridon as you will see from the articles in this week's newsletter.

Huge congratulations to our boys' football team who finished the Saturday League cup final with a 2-0 win. We are the champions of the league and the proud holders of the Mary Bennett Shield. Thank you to Michael Church who coached them to victory and to all the parents, carers and staff members who were there to support them on Saturday.

Thank you to those who have donated bottles or chocolate for the tombola appeal for St Christopher's Hospice. I hope that some of you will be joining the Bluebell Walk on Sunday. You can find details of how to book later in the newsletter.

For those of you celebrating Eid, I hope you have a wonderful time with friends and family.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Warm wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO JENNIE



Many of you will know our wonderful School Business Manager, Jennifer Stephenson. What you may not know is that she has recently been awarded her degree in Business Management after many months of studying alongside all the hard work she does at school.

Sadly for us, Jennie will be leaving Torridon to take up a new role as HR and Operations Manager at a large secondary school in a neighbouring borough. This is a very well deserved promotion for Jennie and I am sure you will want to join me in wishing her every success for the future as she embarks on the next steps in her career.

SATURDAY LEAGUE CUP FINAL

At the end of last term, our boys football team secured their place in this season's cup final by coming top of their group league and winning their semi final 2-0 against John Stainer. Last weekend, on Saturday 23rd April, those 11 boys from Years 5 & 6 met up at Blackheath for the last time this year with the task of playing against Holbeach in the cup final!

From the moment the match kicked off our team took control – dominating the early stages of the game and passing the ball around decisively. It was clear that Holbeach were on the back foot as they were playing quite a defensive formation but it only took a few minutes before Luke broke the deadlock to put us in front. The cheers from our crowd of parents, carers and staff members was taken well by our proud team as they went on to score a second goal to put us 2-0 up at half time.



Knowing that Holbeach may change their tactics, the half time team talk was focused on defence and ensuring that the boys would not allow Holbeach to break through. They knew that providing the other team did not score, they would become the 2022 champions – and that is exactly how the second half played out. Our boys secured possession of the ball and although some chances were created, the score finished as a 2-0 victory for Torridon!

Uzair and Rayaan have only conceded a handful of goals this year as our goalkeepers but have kept multiple clean sheets. Wilf and Josiah have been solid in defence all season, giving only few opportunities for their opponents. Bryant, Orin, Mason and Fraser have worked extremely hard playing as our wingers – creating space, creating chances to score and constantly running up and down the pitch supporting defence and attack. Junior and Amari have been superstars in the centre midfield position, controlling the game, communicating with the team and winning back possession of the ball in crucial moments. Luke and Kayden have improved each and every week in attack, causing our opponents defences to struggle and scoring some vital goals for our team. Each and every child on our team has contributed to their success in their own way and they should all be incredibly proud of themselves – as we are! They are more than worthy champions. **WELL DONE TEAM TORRIDON!!!**

Thank you to the parents, carers and family members who have supported the children this year travelling to and from Blackheath and staying to cheer the teams on. Without your support it would not be possible. Thank you to all the staff members who have supported the teams on Friday training sessions and Saturday mornings. The children really do appreciate all members of our school community being involved in their efforts. Finally, thank you to our amazing children. As always, not only did you play well, play fair and win, but you did it with respect, teamwork and passion. You have all worked incredibly hard this year to be the very best team you could be and you have finished the season as the very best team full stop! It has been a wonderful season of football and we can only hope that next season is as challenging, rewarding and fun as this one has been.

Michael Church
Sports Coach

TRINITY LABAN DANCE WORKSHOP

Year 6 Unity dancers took part in a workshop run by Trinity Laban this week. They were really impressed with our talented dancers and a number of children have been invited to join follow up workshops outside of school.

Well done UNITY!



TORRIDON PRINT STUDIO

The Art Room has been transformed into a Print Studio this term. Everyone at Torridon is experiencing some kind of printing. Year Two have just spent a happy Friday afternoon experimenting with Mono Printing.



ST OLAVE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

In place of their traditional Open Morning, which was originally to take place on Saturday 25 June, St. Olave's Grammar School will be holding a number of "visits to school" to include a tour of the school with a current student, followed by a talk from Mr Rees, the Headteacher with a short Q&A session at the end, if desired.

These visits are free, ticketed events with a limited availability and can be booked via our website www.saintolaves.net and are only available to boys in their current Year 5 at primary school and their parents/carers.

Please contact admissions@saintolaves.net with any queries.

SPRING GARDENING SESSION



CALLING ALL KEEN GARDENERS!
JOIN US FOR A SPRING GARDENING SESSION

SATURDAY 7th MAY

1:30-4pm



Enthusiastic volunteers wanted! 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!

MINDFULNESS YOGA



This week, children in years 1 and 5 enjoyed the first of three workshop of Mindfulness Yoga sessions provided by the London and PE School Sports Network.

The children explored movement through their bodies and had the opportunity to take a quiet moment, breathe and relax in a fun and encouraging environment.



COMMUNITY SERVICES



Abbotshall Healthy Lifestyle Centre,
Abbotshall Rd, London SE6 1SQ

Monday 30th May
Tuesday 31st May

9AM - 3PM

Ages 4+

To book visit:
www.superstarsportsel.co.uk

£28 PER DAY
£50 FOR BOTH DAYS



Aspire Preparatory Centre

- Is your child currently KS2 (7-11) or KS3 (11-14) needing help with their learning?

Places Available

We provide support with:

- English - Literacy
- Maths - Numeracy
- Black History

As well as more practical activities in:

- Music, cooking, creative arts, gardening, and fun games Inc. board games etc

When:

Saturdays (Term time only)
10:00am - 1:00pm - £5.00 Per Session

For more information contact:

Garnett Clough
Perry Rise Baptist Church, Perry Rise, Forest Hill, London SE23 2QL
Email: aspire@perryrisebaptistchurch.org.uk
Mobile: 07956400708 or 07957 268903

YEAR 5 COMPUTING



The children have been learning how to programme microbits during their computing lessons this week.

YEAR 4 VICIOUS VIKINGS

We have been learning about the Vikings and their way of living. Milk was an essential food source that was made into other food sources. Today in Science, the children churned double cream by shaking it in jars to produce butter.



In dance this week, Year 4 have transformed into Vicious Viking warriors using emotive actions to explore a dance narrative. Closely linked to their learning in English the children have used character descriptions and replaced sentence structures with a dance sentence. Carefully using props as spears they have created an opening scene of a whole class dance.



PTA PIZZA NIGHT



PIZZA & COOKIE NIGHT FRIDAY 20TH MAY

ORDER BY
SATURDAY
14TH MAY

By popular demand, Friends of Torricon PTA and Doughies are teaming up again to offer another fun and delicious family night in. Serve up some truly tasty sourdough pizza straight from your home oven, and help raise funds for the PTA!

Order at <https://doughies.co.uk/products/torricon> by 14th May. Kits will be distributed to your eldest child at school on Friday, 20th May. Pizzas will be ready to cook on the same day or will keep in the fridge for 48 hours. Cookies can be frozen for 6 weeks.

Questions? Get in touch at friendsoftorriconpta@gmail.com.

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COOKIE KIT
(5 COOKIES)

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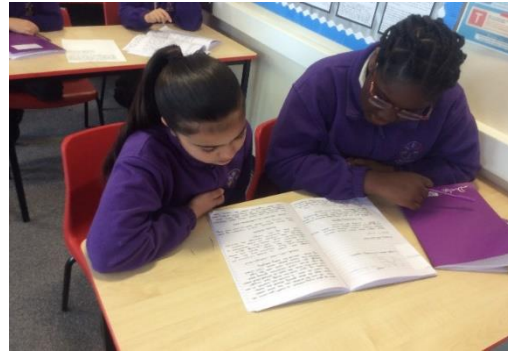
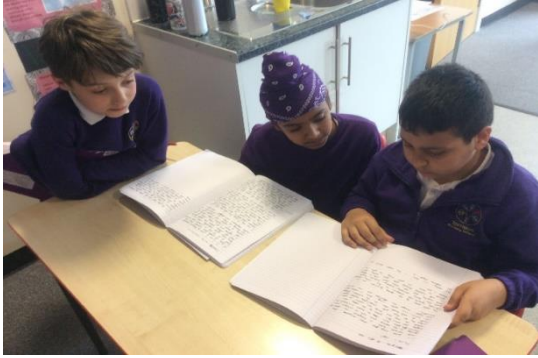
The PTA receives £2
for each kit sold!

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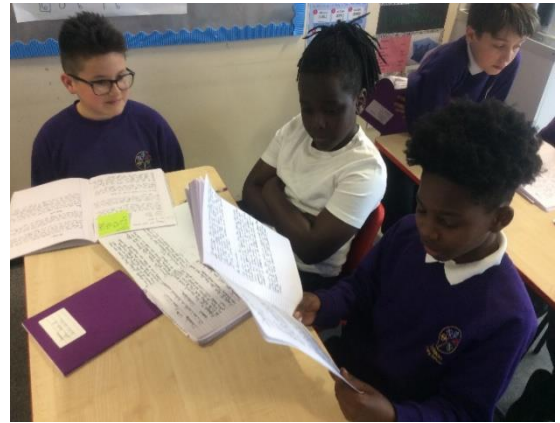
Year 6 love to share their learning!



Today we had the pleasure of meeting our year 5 peers today. We shared our explanatory texts with the year 5's. We had a great experience sharing our knowledge and listening to their opinions. The year 5's had some great ideas that they shared with us to expand our knowledge. The year 6 had a chance to edit and improve their writing. We had the delight to get to know more about the year 5's personalities. We had a lot of things in common.



By Gabriel,
Junior and
Saishvin



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

TORRIDON 10K/ HALF MARATHON

SIGN UP FOR THE TORRIDON 10K/HALF-MARATHON RUN - SUNDAY 15th MAY!

There is still time to join the team of staff members and parents in this year's **local 10k / half-marathon run with Sandhurst on Sunday, 15th May**. All parents, carers and staff welcome to take part. We will also need lots of volunteers to help out on the day. Please indicate interest in running or volunteering here: <https://forms.gle/VvrsBDMjVt1L68k2A>. Or email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com. Happy training!



LEWISHAM BOROUGH QUAD KIDS TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 21st April, 10 children from year 4 and 10 from year 6 represented Torridon Primary School in their respective KS2 Quad Kids Tournaments at Ladywell Arena. Every child took part in each of the 4 events: 75m sprint, long jump, long throw and the 400/600m long distance race.

Both year groups put in an outstanding amount of effort and produced some amazing individual results. Congratulations to Mariam from Y6 for earning the highest score in the long distance – not just for Torridon but within the entire Borough of Lewisham!

At the end of the day, every child's score contributed to Torridon's overall results. Considering that this was the very first time some of our year 4 children competed in a tournament, they should be extremely proud of themselves for finishing in 5th place in Lewisham!

Our Year 6's produced yet another competitive performance and for the fourth time this year, they finished in 2nd place overall and will be receiving silver medals for their overwhelming efforts. Congratulations to the children who participated and well done for representing our school with self-belief, determination and respect.



JAGS SUMMER TASTER



JAGS Summer Taster

Is your daughter in Year 5 and thinking about JAGS for Senior School in September 2023? If so, then we warmly invite her to join us for our virtual taster after school on **Monday 23 May from 4.30–5.45pm.**

This will consist of fun and engaging lessons in two subjects, and will take place via an interactive Zoom webinar (using question and answer surveys). It will enable your daughter to sample a flavour of life at JAGS and to meet some of our warm and friendly teachers.

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Please book via our linked form [here](#).

We will send you our Zoom call details by Friday 20 May.

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James Allen's Girls' School

YEAR 2 FLOWER POWER



Year 2 have been learning all about flowering plants. They enjoyed looking at different types of flowers and have learned the names of the different parts of a plant.

Why don't you ask them what they have learned?



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Nathan	For being really helpful and for good listening, well done!
Nursery AM	Ola	For being so caring to others and growing in confidence! Well done!
RF	Joy	For her artistic creations! Well done!
RL	Zariah	For a great improvement in reading and handwriting! Well done!
RP	Jehonel	For being more independent and trying hard to achieve his goal. Well done!
1BC	Remey	Remey has been making a huge effort to work independently. Well done!
1G	Malachi	He always tries his best in all lessons! Malachi works really hard and is an example to the other children. Keep it up!
1N	Havana	For her fantastic dancing and gymnastics, during which she helped me by demonstrating some new moves much better than I could! 😊
2G	Beni	For his focus and great attitude towards learning. Keep it up!
2L	Izza	For always being respectful to everyone and being an excellent role model to others.
2S	Amy	For her fabulous description of The Great Fire of London! Your work is a pleasure to read. Your presentation and choice of vocabulary is very impressive 😊
3A	Neriah	For being a kind, hard-working member of our 3A community. Thank you, Neriah!
3L	Moliesa	For working hard at being a wonderful part of our 3L community since joining Torridon.
3S	Simeon	For being an active member of the class community, therefore being a fantastic role model in our 3S community.
4CH	Abshika	For always showing kindness and consideration to all children in the class community.
4CW	Sariah	For always working hard and showing kindness to all children in the class.
4V	Gobi	For being a fantastic part of 4V's community. Gobi has put in great effort into every one of his lessons this week and has shown an immense effort with his reading. I am so proud of you Gobi!
5CR	Yoel	For his hard work in Writing and Maths this week and willingness to improve and try hard in not only these two subjects but all. Keep up the good work!
5CY	Joshua S	For display great community spirit and working hard I all subject. He has made huge improvement in his handwriting and demonstrated fantastic tennis skills.
5W	Jerush	He has been displaying small acts of kindness throughout the week – helping around the classroom and checking on his friends - Continue being a positive member of our classroom community.
6A	Henry	For working really well independently and as part of a team during learning, displaying a core value of Torridon community.
6C	Shalany	For working extremely hard on your writing over the last week. You have created an excellent explanation text – well done!
6P	Amari	For being a fantastic member of the 6P community and the Torridon community, from his contributions to our football team to his excellent effort in lessons. Well done, Amari. Keep up the good work.
RB Blue	Ibrahim	For being able to calm down when he was in the red zone.
RB Green	Ryan	For having a fantastic and happy week at school.

TOMBOLA DONATIONS

St Christopher's Hospice are organising a Bluebell Walk and Festival on Sunday 1st May. Thank you to those who have donated to their tombola.

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](#)