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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had a good bank holiday weekend, and it has been lovely to have some sunshine again! We also hope that those of you who were celebrating Eid had a fantastic time with family and friends.

We are very fortunate to be joined by three final placement student teachers from the Institute of Education. Heather, Faye and Jonathan have joined the teams in year 2 and 4 and are enjoying getting to know the children and working with the staff team.

This week, our year six children have been working very hard on final preparation ahead of next week's SATs tests. We are very proud of their efforts that they have put in and know that they will excel next week. It is essential that your child attends school every day. Please also remember the importance of a good night's sleep. We hope that all of the year six children will be able to join us for breakfast each day from 8.00.

We ended this week with a gathering of both of our excellent football teams after school today. It was lovely to welcome the parents and carers of the children on the teams into the school grounds to celebrate our children's fantastic achievements this season. We are very thankful for families' support and the hard work of Michael Church in preparing the children. Their success is proof of how much we can achieve when we work together.

We hope you have a restful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Warm wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



# CALLING ALL DANCERS

We have some wonderfully talented dancers at Torridon and we want to develop even more. We want our dance curriculum to truly reflect the vibrant, diverse community of Torridon Primary School.

We are keen to find out about all the styles of dance you and your children participate in outside of school. It could be Bollywood, Banghra, Ballroom or Ballet, Streetdance, Salsa, Samba or Swing. Whatever the style of dance, we would like to hear from you.

Please send a photo (if you have one) to Deme at [admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk) so we can build a visual collage of the range of dance styles our families learn.



## FREE FOOD SUPPORT WITH OUR FOOD AID PROVIDER Legendary Community Club (LCC)

If you need a little extra help with food, LCC can provide you with a free food package every fortnight (everything is confidential and discreet)

Open sessions will run each fortnight on a Thursday and Friday at ST Marks Church Hall, Baudwin Road SE6 1RN (round the corner from the school.)

You will be able to attend and pick whichever food items you would like.

Please contact Carol Powell (Pastoral and Wellbeing Lead) on 0208 6972762 or email [admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk) for more information



# Lewisham Indoor Rowing Team

Lewisham Indoor Rowing Team is running trials for London Youth Games. The trials are ongoing every Friday starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May at The AHOY Centre. The sessions are free and the students get a chance to represent Lewisham at the London Youth Games.

## Details

**Location:** The AHOY Centre , Borthwick Street , SE8 3JY

**Time:** 15:00 – 17:00

**To book:** <https://app.acuityscheduling.com/schedule.php?owner=19389632&appointmentType=32662470>

**Date:** Every Friday starting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May until 10<sup>th</sup> of June

**Kit:** just normal PE kit ( shoes, t-shirt and short or track suit bottom.

**Age group:** 7-11

For any inquiry contact:

**Marta Szymanska** – [marta@ahoy.org.uk](mailto:marta@ahoy.org.uk)

Many thanks,

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## SPRING GARDENING SESSION – 7<sup>th</sup> May

JOIN US FOR A SPRING GARDENING SESSION

**FINAL CALL - SPRING GARDENING SESSION - SATURDAY 7th MAY - 1:30-4pm**

There's still time to join the Green Team in an open gardening session TOMORROW from 1:30-4pm. Green fingered or not, we welcome all members of the school community keen to help keep the school's green areas in tip top shape. Bring gardening gloves, bucket and trowel if you have them. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP to [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you there!



# Parent Governor Elections

Torridon Primary will shortly have a vacancy for a parent governor. Are YOU the parent or carer who might fill it?

For more information please look on our website in the vacancies section.

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/contact/vacancies/>



## Year 3 - Dance

In dance this term Year 3 have been using actions, dynamics and space to communicate the theme of Gladiators. We have explored working safely with a prop within duets and closely linking our learning to the year group topic - The Romans.

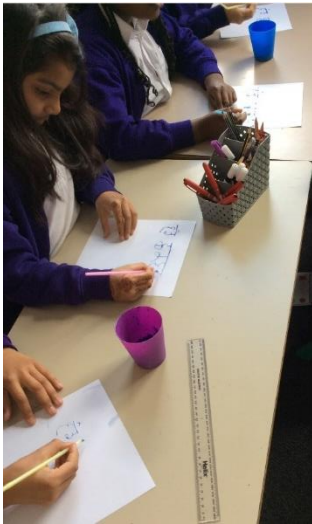
This week there have been some real wow moments where children have held and maintained shapes, performance skills and team work throughout their learning.



## YEAR 3 – Sikh Calligraphy

The children in year 3 have been making Sikh Calligraphy of the word 'Share' in R.E.

We used blue paint instead of Ink and straws cut at an angle as quills. Sharing is one of the golden rules in Sikhism.



## Nursery – Hungry Caterpillar

In Nursery the children have very busy making an amazing hungry caterpillar number line. They wrote the numbers and used it to count on and back.



# PTA PIZZA NIGHT



## PIZZA & COOKIE NIGHT FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY

ORDER BY  
SATURDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:friendsoftorriconpta@gmail.com).

## Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Gardening Session
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Intra Schools Sports Events
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Intra Schools Sports Event
	Year 1 and Year 5 Mindful Yoga
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Headteacher and Chair of Governors meeting for prospective parent governors
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Torricon 10K/ half Marathon for parents, carers and staff
Week beginning 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 SATs week
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Transport for London Safety Session
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 School Journey
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	HALF TERM
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Hip Hop Garden Block Party
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Fun Run in the park
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Fair
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Assessment Week
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last Day of Term
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Days
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	First Day of Autumn Term

## Wishing Year 6 Children All the Very Best of Luck!

We are very proud of our year 6. Our children have worked hard and have shown fabulous attitudes. SATs is a celebration of all that they have achieved and a chance to 'show off' all they have learned. The year 6 team have written this poem and shared it with the children in assembly today:

*In Year 6, we've been on a mission,*

*We have carried out lots of revision.*

*Every day, we've tried our best,*

*We're ready for the Year 6 test.*

*Each day, we've asked lots of questions,*

*And worked on our reading comprehension.*

*Addition, subtraction, multiplication,*

*We're ready for this examination.*

*We've been resilient, determined and encouraged our peers,*

*We've worked hard, we're ready, we've conquered our fears.*

*All you need now is to try your best,*

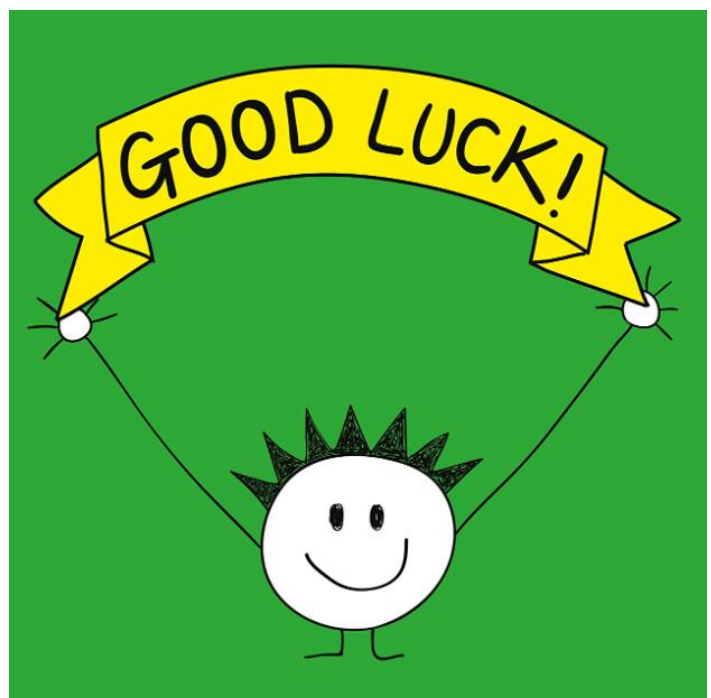
*And try not to think about all the rest.*

*Remember to breathe, try not to worry.*

*Take your time, there's no need to hurry.*

*The Year 6 team are very proud of you,*

*Just try to be brave, relax and be you!*



# TORRIDON 10K/ HALF MARATHON

## SUPPORT STAFF & PARENTS IN TORRIDON'S 10K/HALF-MARATHON RUN - SUNDAY 15th MAY @ 9AM

Come out and support our stellar staff and parents in this year's local 10k/half-marathon run on Sunday 15th May! And join us for a post-race celebration in the playground.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** The race can't run without the help of our wonderful volunteers - and we urgently need more. If you can marshal out on the course or help time the runners, please let us know here: <https://forms.gle/VvrsBDMjVt1L68k2A> or email [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com).

**2022 OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE APPEAL** - This year, the runners/joggers/walkers will be pounding the pavement in aid of an exciting new Outdoor Learning Space - this all-weather space will be an organic and flexible outdoor learning area for the whole school community where all subjects, including the creative and performing arts, can be taught, explored and experienced, performed and watched. Stay tuned for further details! Support this new addition to the outdoor space and sponsor our runners here: <https://wonderful.org/fundraisers/634> or here: <https://www.paypal.com/uk/fundraiser/charity/3180589>.

Many thanks for all of your support!

## Torridon Football Team Celebration

Our Torridon football teams celebrated the end of the football season with games against parents, carers and staff. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers and families.

Thank you again to all our families who have supported our teams by giving their time on a Saturday. The teams have grown throughout the season. We are very proud of them all. Another huge thank you to Michael Church for coaching the teams.





# STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Elyon	For being a fantastic helper to his teachers and great role model to his peers. Well done we are so proud of you!
Nursery AM	Haroon	For exploring and gaining more interest in different activities.
RF	Caspar	For sharing lots of interesting ideas carpet time! Well done!
RL	Kaiyon	For fantastic listening and sharing his ideas with the class! Well done!
RP	Cassia	For growing in confidence and sharing her answers at carpet time. Well done!
1BC	Sara	For her positive attitude and enthusiasm towards her work. Well done, Sara!
1G	Nissi	For her enthusiasm and improvement in English this week. Well done, Nissi, keep it up!
1N	Isaiah	For settling into 1N so easily and making it seem as if he was always here! 🌟
2G	Ralph	For his wonderful manners and for working hard. Well done!
2L	Thashvin	For your excellent contribution in English on the carpet. Well done!
2S	Campbell	For his enthusiasm during our Great Fire of London topic! Your historical knowledge is incredible and your attitude to learning is wonderful! We are SO happy you're in 2S-Well done Campbell 🌟
3A	Holly	For making a fantastic effort to be kind and helpful to everyone in our class community. Keep it up!
3L	Caelan	He showed respect and enthusiasm during R.E. this week. He made a fantastic Punjabi calligraphy!
3S	Thiksga	For always being a supportive member of our community. Thiksga strives to be helpful and kind to everyone in our class.
4CH	Nikisha	For making excellent efforts in all her learning and challenging herself to contribute to class discussions – keep up the great work.
4CW	Ezra	For an excellent attitude to his writing this week and writing at length. Amazing effort Ezra.
4V	Lashvin	For working hard and editing his writing work based on the feedback given – Lashvin has a great attitude to learning and is a great example of someone who puts effort into he does!
5CR	Renae	For putting in effort in her learning and trying very hard in all subjects. Well done, keep it up superstar!
5CY	Joshua B	For improvement in his attitude to learning, and his writing.
5W	Luke	For making an effort in a diverse range of subjects. He is always willing to take part in all learning subjects.
6A	Elisha	For always being kind and respectful to every member of our school community; displaying our core value of diversity.
6C	Mariam	For working so hard on your reasoning in Maths. You have demonstrated determination and resilience – well done, you should be very proud!
6P	Ethan	For settling really well into life at Torridon right before SATs and trying his absolute best. You have the right attitude, Ethan. Keep it up!
RB Blue	Merrit	For being an absolute superstar at swimming this week. Well done, Merrit. Keep up the good work.
RB Green	Amarachuku	For doing such a great job of settling into learning with his friends in reception class.