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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a lovely half term and were able to enjoy some of the Jubilee celebrations. We have started the new term with a bang and have been as busy as always at Torridon!

The children in Nursery and Reception have had a wonderful week learning all about ways to stay healthy and we had a very entertaining and enlightening environmental workshop today with 'Plot 17'. Look out for more details later in the newsletter.

The children in years 5 and 6 have been rehearsing for [Hope 4 Justice](#), a music, dance and spoken word performance involving over 1,000 young people, from 26 local schools, about the climate emergency. Today we hosted children from two other local schools for a joint rehearsal with the Trinity Laban Professionals who have been leading the project as part of the Lewisham Borough of Culture activities.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Forster Park on Sunday for our Fun Run. Fingers crossed the weather is as lovely as it was today.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher

## CORE VALUES IN ACTION



Congratulations to Kenny (2L and Resource Base) who received a headteacher's award this week for being thoughtful, kind and helpful.

Kenny went out of his way to help a younger child who was feeling a little bit upset.

We like the way this links to our core value of **community**.

Well done Kenny! We are really proud of you.

## ENVIRONMENTAL BLOCK PARTY PERFORMANCE



We were very lucky to welcome underground hip-hop hero Kenny Baraka (AKA The Green Man) and his DJ Conrad Kira with their Plot 17 mobile block party.

The children were entertained and inspired as The Green Man helped them to spread the message of 'making things green'. The soundtrack certainly made us want to sow seeds, plant trees and look after the bees!

You can see the Plot 17 performance for yourselves as they will be performing at the London Borough of Culture Neighbourhood Get Together on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June**. Click here for more details:



<https://www.wearelewisham.com/event/neighborhood-get-together/>

## TORRIDON FUN RUN



We are looking forward to the **Torridon Fun Run this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June from 1-4pm in Forster Park**. Please can you make sure you **arrive promptly** and **collect your race number from the registration desk** that will be near the café/ playground area. On the day new registrations welcome.

There will be a short warm-up followed by a 1 mile fun run for Nursery/ Reception, Yr1/2, Yr3/4 and Yr5/6.

**All Torridon families are welcome**, whether you are running or cheering others along! You can bring a picnic and space out around the running track to support the runners. The café and toilets will be open.

**We are raising money for an Outdoor Learning Space. Please share this link with family and friends asking them to sponsor and support your child in the Fun Run:**

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/9ygwne-torridon-fun-run>

**For those who pre-registered, Fun Run T-shirts were handed out this afternoon.**

All finishers will receive a medal, with trophies for the winning boy and girl in each race.

If you have any questions or can offer volunteering support on the day please email

[friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com).

Many thanks and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Friends of Torridon PTA

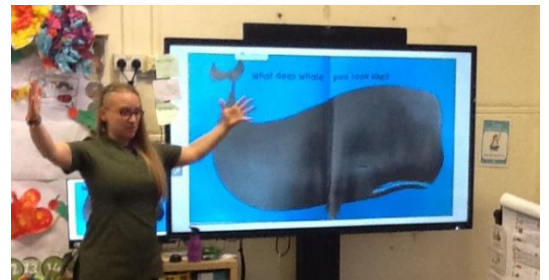
# EARLY YEARS HEALTH EDUCATION WEEK

This week nursery and reception children have enjoyed an Early Years Health Education week. It started off on Monday with the children learning about oral health and taking a toothbrush and toothpaste home. One child excitedly told us. "I'm going to try to go to the dentist this week."



On Tuesday, we took part in some football sessions facilitated by coach Dominic. He was really impressed with the behaviour and concentration that the children showed.

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a visitor Amy. She talked to the children about how to have healthy poo. We learnt so much about different types of poo and the children now know what a 'happy' and 'sad' poo look like.



We finished the day by making delicious fruit kebabs using different coloured fruits to look like a rainbow.



On Thursday we learnt about sustainability and the children planted herbs in a recycled pot.



We finished the week with some meditation and the children explored the importance of a good sleep to keep healthy. We thoroughly enjoyed this week and would like to express our thanks to the visitors Amy and Dominic. If you would like to find out more about any of these activities please talk to Emma or Becki.



# Wellbeing



# String Ensemble

Our first rehearsal for the brand-new string ensemble was so well attended, we are going to need a bigger room. They sound fantastic together!

String ensemble is on Friday mornings, and any bowed string players are encouraged to attend, even if they have lessons elsewhere. Please ensure children arrive at 8.10am for a 8.15am start.



## PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH PROJECT



Would you and your child be interested in helping with research at University College London?

**What is it about?** We have a range of studies focused on understanding how the autistic mind works, and how it differs from non-autistic development. Our research looks at sensory reactivity, social cognition, and the effect of culture in autistic children.

**Who is it for?** We are looking for non-autistic 3-8 year olds to take part with their parent/carer (as well as autistic 4+ year olds).

**What's involved?** Children will take part in some simple word games, story tasks and picture tasks. Parents will be asked to fill in some questionnaires.

**Where?** These projects can take place via video call, so no need for you to travel to UCL.

**How long does it take?** This could be as little as 1 hour to as much as 4 hours. You are welcome to take part in as many or as few studies as you like, and we can break up the activities across different sessions.

**In return...** You will receive an Amazon voucher or bank transfer to thank you for your time and effort.

**Anything else?** We are also looking for mothers of autistic or non-autistic children to take part in an in-person research study at UCL.

**Interested?** Please contact Maryna on [m.nosyk.17@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:m.nosyk.17@ucl.ac.uk) to learn more about these projects.

## Torridon Summer Fair



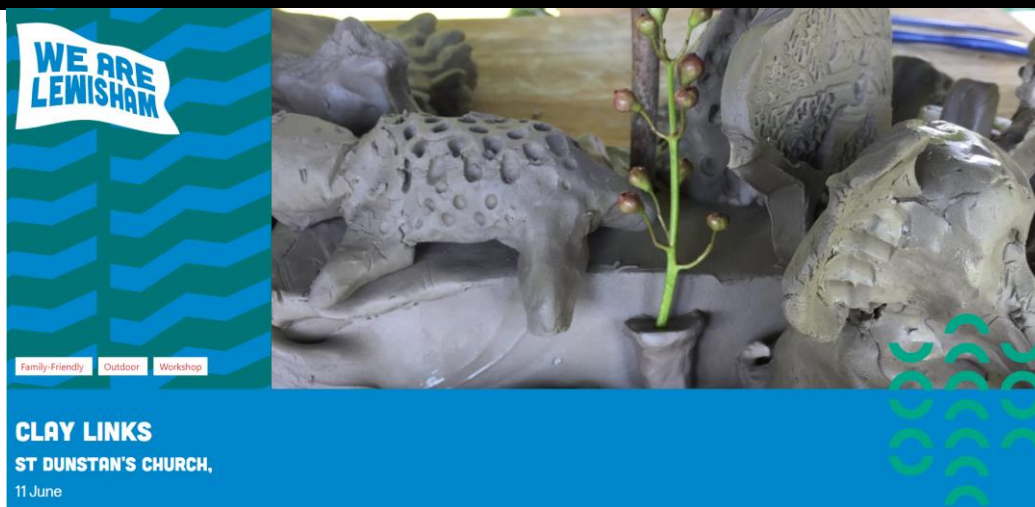
Preparations are underway for the Torridon Summer Fair on Saturday 2nd July 11-3pm. Friends of Torridon PTA will be holding a non-uniform day on Thursday 23rd June. We would like to ask children in Early Years and KS1 to bring chocolates, sweets or other sweet treats (non-perishable items please) and children in KS2 to bring a bottle of something (this could be ketchup, lemonade, bubble bath etc) - all to go towards games/ stalls for the Summer Fair! We hope you will be able to support us with this.

If you would like to get involved and can offer your help on the day please email [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com). We need as much help as possible to make the event run smoothly.

Many thanks

Friends of Torridon PTA

## CLAY WORKSHOPS



Bethlem Gallery and Lewisham artist Karta Kaur, in collaboration with St Dunstan's Church bring you community day workshops where you can get creative with clay.

Drop in and help build an outdoor temporary communal clay sculpture. Suitable for all, no previous experience of clay is needed. Stay for a little while or the whole day. Make friends, bring your picnic and a blanket to sit on or buy refreshments from the church volunteers.

Supported by the [Creative Change Fund](#), a grant scheme for local people and organisations leading their own events as part of London Borough of Culture 2022.

Click here for more details: <https://www.wearelewisham.com/event/clay-links/>

# Clean Air Fair



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**Stalls:** Breathe 2022, London Environment and Energy, Lewisham Cyclists, Mums for Lungs, NHS Lung Screening Stand, SGN Gas and much more...



**Catford Broadway**  
**18th June 2022**  
**11am-4pm**



**Sponsored by Janet Daby MP and Lewisham Council**

**Supported by Rosamund Adoo Kissi-Debrah  
from the Ella Roberta Family Foundation**

## Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Fun Run in the Park
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Resource Base PE Festival
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Lewisham Clean Air Fair
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Tag Rugby Festival
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Weednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Community Police Visit – KS1
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Community Police Visit – Y5/6
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Fair
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Assessment Week
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Community Safety Workshop
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Community Police Visit – Y3/4
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Workhops
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 to Tate Britain
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

## Year 6 Recount Writing

In Year 6 this week, we have been working incredibly hard in English. We have created our own recounts, based on PGL and our activities at the end of last term. It was fun to look back at the memories which we have made on our trips and create a recount, so that we can hold onto our memories. We produced some high-quality writing, which was presented to an excellent standard.

Aaliyah

On a hot, sunny Wednesday, it was a very joyful day as I was going to PGL (Marchants Hill) in Surrey, for a reward from working hard in SATS. As I woke up, I felt butterflies in my stomach but I was feeling excited. My mum drove me to school and helped me with bringing my enormous suitcase to school. When we arrived there, I went to see my marvellous friends to tell them how thrilled I was to have the chance to go on a trip with them. As I was leaving, I waved goodbye to my mum; she was anxious and upset because I was leaving. I took a step into the coach; it was big and fancy. When I sat down I thought to myself, "Will it be as remarkable as I think it will be...?"





# LEWISHAM BOROUGH OF CULTURE COMMUNITY MURAL



Rushey Green Time Bank- Lewisham Borough of Culture Community Mural 2022

This year Lewisham is Borough of Culture and during the month of July we wish to decorate the huge blank wall in our community space at PLACE/ Ladywell, following the huge success of our community mural at Wildcat Wilderness in 2021.

Think of something that represents our wonderful diverse Borough be it past, present or future. It could be food, fashion, a self-portrait, music etc. Design a new Catford cat or a costume to represent everyone who lives here. Draw your favourite food or capture the music you love in an image. You can send us graffiti art or an oil painting! Contributions from all ages welcome.

Your entries will be taken by our artist and Time Bank member Louise Cain and combined to make one big image for our mural which you can then help to paint.

## What to do?

It's so easy, just draw or paint your design on a piece of A4 paper. Your drawing can be a simple black and white line drawing or a full colour painting. You then need to get your design to us in one of the following ways and be sure of giving us your contact details.

Post to: Lewisham Local PLACE/ Ladywell- Unit C, 261 Lewisham High Street, SE13 6NJ or you can hand deliver; our office hours are 9-5 Monday- Friday.

Email to: [bettina@lewishamlocal.com](mailto:bettina@lewishamlocal.com)

By submitting your design you give us permission to use it. Closing date is Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2022 and we will let you know if your picture is used.

During July we will be running several fun workshops so everyone can come and help us decorate our wall. Our fabulous new mural will be unveiled in August.

We are very grateful to receive funding from Creative Change to support this project.

# MATHS LEARNING IN 3L



The children enjoyed plotting the hours of the day on a physical timeline including key points of the day (start of school, lunch time etc).

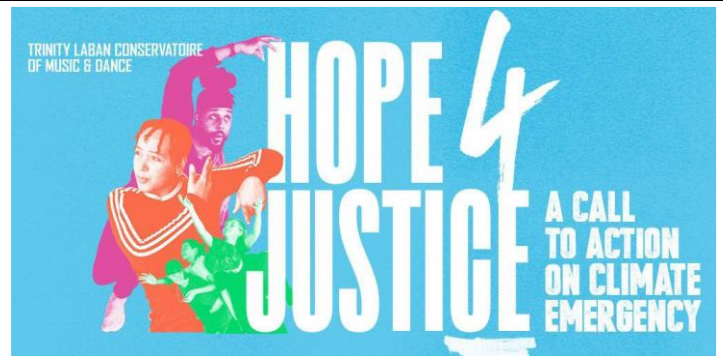
This really helped them to understand the 12 hour clock and they continued to use this to support them in their fluency and problem solving.



## HOPE 4 JUSTICE PERFORMANCE

### Hope 4 Justice performance in Mountsfield Park

Years 5 and 6 children are performing in Hope 4 Justice, a music, dance and spoken word performance involving over 1,000 young people, from 26 local schools, about the climate emergency on **Saturday 18 June**.



The children have been learning their parts in school time. We will be taking your child to an onsite rehearsal at **Mountsfield Park on Friday 17 June** within school time. Please bring a packed lunch and full water bottle, and a waterproof jacket if it is raining/sun cream if it is hot.

#### Key Information: Saturday 18 June Performance

**Times:** 10am- 5:15pm. **Performers will be required on site from 10am -5.15pm.**

**Address:** Mountsfield Park, London, SE6 1AN

**Performances:** 3pm and 4.30pm

**Tickets:** We hope you'll watch your child's performances.

You need to register for FREE tickets in advance by booking here.

<https://www.thealbany.org.uk/shows/hope-4-justice/>

Tickets are limited to 4 per family, and we encourage parents/carers to attend the second 4.30pm performance in order to collect children following the performance

We are in the PINK group, so please send you child in for the rehearsal and the performance wearing an item of pink clothing as close to this shade as possible. All other clothing should be white, grey or black.

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
<b>Nursery FT</b>	Jeremiah	For trying his best to follow nursery rules and for being creative with nursery activities. Well done Jeremiah!
<b>Nursery AM</b>	Joshua	For trying his best to follow nursery rules and for his amazing interactions with his peers. Well done Josh!
<b>RF</b>	Jacob	For working hard on his reading and writing. Well done!
<b>RL</b>	Bobby	For having an excellent attitude to learning. Well done!
<b>RP</b>	Florence	For working hard and doing some excellent maths work. Well done!
<b>1BC</b>	The whole class	For their inspirational enthusiasm for phonics and reading. They have made us so proud with their focus and self-motivation!
<b>1G</b>	The whole class	For their inspirational enthusiasm for phonics and reading. They have made us so proud with their focus and self-motivation!
<b>1N</b>	The whole class	For their inspirational enthusiasm for phonics and reading. They have made us so proud with their focus and self-motivation!
<b>2G</b>	Teddy	For his hard work and positive attitude towards learning. Keep it up!
<b>2L</b>	Ayaan	For making excellent progress with phonics and improving your decoding – well done!
<b>2S</b>	Sophie	For her wonderful participation and contributions during carpet time. Well done Sophie!
<b>3A</b>	Imogen	It's Imogen for being an amazing role model and friend to her new classmate. She still managed to focus on her own learning too!
<b>3L</b>	Savain	For his enthusiasm for learning that shows in all he does. His attitude to learning means he is achieving his goals!
<b>3S</b>	Sapphy	For being in school on time every day. Well done, keep it up!
<b>4CH</b>	Nicholas	For challenging himself in all lessons and demonstrating his capabilities.
<b>4CW</b>	Amari	For a superb day with focused learning. Well done!
<b>4V</b>	Hugo	For his enthusiasm for writing. For improving the amount and quality of your writing. Keep up the great work.
<b>5CR</b>	Noah	For settling well into the class and trying very hard. Well done!
<b>5CY</b>	Tiana	For always being organised and completing her task to the best of her ability.
<b>5W</b>	Mason	For aspiring to be a good role model in school. Many have noticed his positive attitude to learning and hard work. Keep it up Mason!
<b>6A</b>	Kathleen	For the quality of learning she has produced this week in English writing and maths which demonstrates her aspiration to become a better learner. Keep it up Kathleen!
<b>6C</b>	Rayaan	For working hard in English this week, on both your handwriting and presentation. Well done Rayaan for aspiring for excellence.
<b>6P</b>	Dora	For her outstanding effort in writing lessons and for always aspiring for excellence in all aspects of school life. Keep up the good work, Dora.
<b>RB Blue</b>	Jahvontai	Well done for amazing participation at PGL! You have also been very helpful tidying up the resource base.
<b>RB Green</b>	Kenny	Well done for independently integrating into your mainstream class and producing some fantastic similes.

# GUILDHALL YOUNG ARTISTS

Guildhall  
Young Artists



## What's On for Young Musicians and Actors aged 4-18

### Spaces available for Junior Guildhall this September

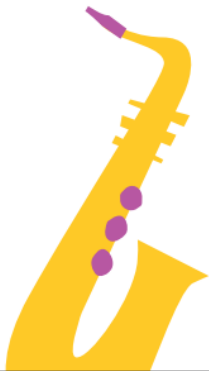
Junior Guildhall have limited spaces available for musicians aged 11-18, who play the following instruments:

- Double Bass
- Jazz Bass
- Jazz Drum Kit
- Viola
- Jazz Piano
- Trombone
- Woodwind
- Jazz Saxophone
- Tuba

If you are interested in finding out more information, please email [juniors@gsmd.ac.uk](mailto:juniors@gsmd.ac.uk) with your name and the instrument you play before Monday 4 July.

### Introducing Guildhall Young Artists King's Cross

Guildhall Young Artists King's Cross is a brand-new Saturday performing arts centre opening in September. The centre will offer a range of classes and performance opportunities for 5-18 year-olds in drama, music and production arts. Register your interest with [gya@gsmd.ac.uk](mailto:gya@gsmd.ac.uk) and be the first to hear more about our new centre.



## Summer Schools

Looking to unleash your creativity, develop new skills and make friends this summer?

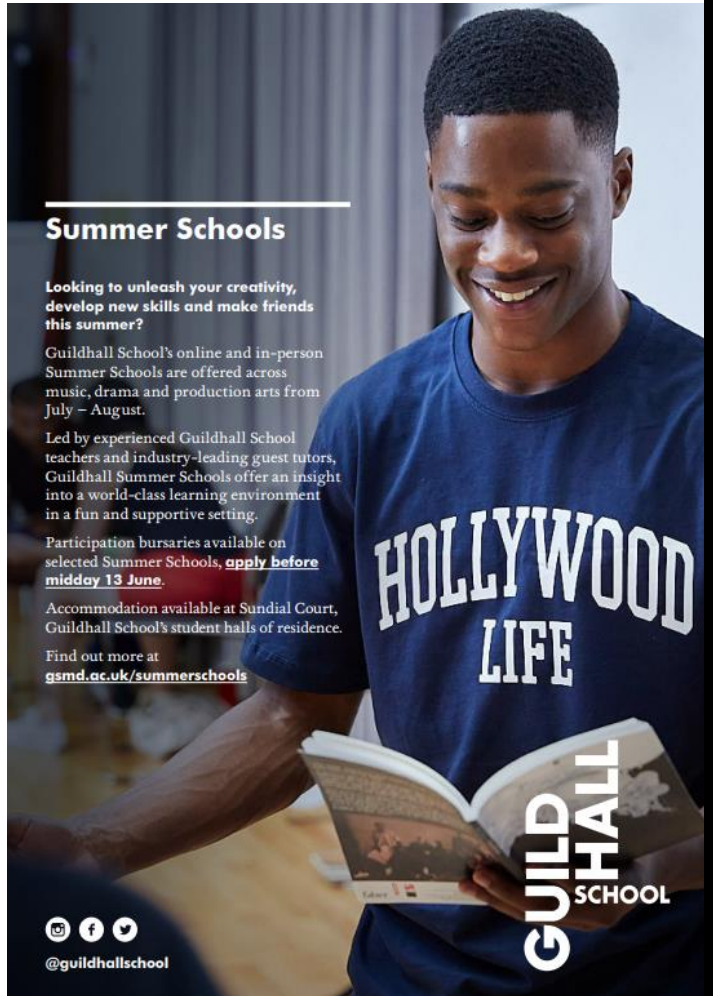
Guildhall School's online and in-person Summer Schools are offered across music, drama and production arts from July - August.

Led by experienced Guildhall School teachers and industry-leading guest tutors, Guildhall Summer Schools offer an insight into a world-class learning environment in a fun and supportive setting.

Participation bursaries available on selected Summer Schools, **apply before midday 13 June**.

Accommodation available at Sundial Court, Guildhall School's student halls of residence.

Find out more at [gsmd.ac.uk/summerschools](http://gsmd.ac.uk/summerschools)



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