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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the new academic year. We have had a very smooth start to the term and all the children have settled into their new classes very well. Thank you for all your support in making sure they were at school on time and ready for their learning.

Thank you to those who were able to attend our welcome meetings this week. I hope you found them useful. For those of you who were not able to join us, we will email the slides to you. As I said at the meetings, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the team if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. We are always happy to hear from you.

Today was very special as the whole school came together to remember and honour Elyon. His family came to join us and were very moved by the love and support shown by all members of the Torridon community. Thank you for your kindness and understanding at this difficult time.

The book of condolence will remain in the office next week for those who would like to send a message of love and support for the family and if you would like to make a donation to the Family Memorial Fund, you can do so by scanning the QR code or by following the link below:



[Family Memorial Fund](#)

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



**Her Majesty
Queen Elizabeth II
1926 - 2022**

A statement from the Mayor of Lewisham.

I am saddened to hear the news from Buckingham Palace this evening, announcing the death of Her Majesty The Queen.

Her Majesty sacrificed much for our country and served with unwavering dedication and that will not be forgotten.

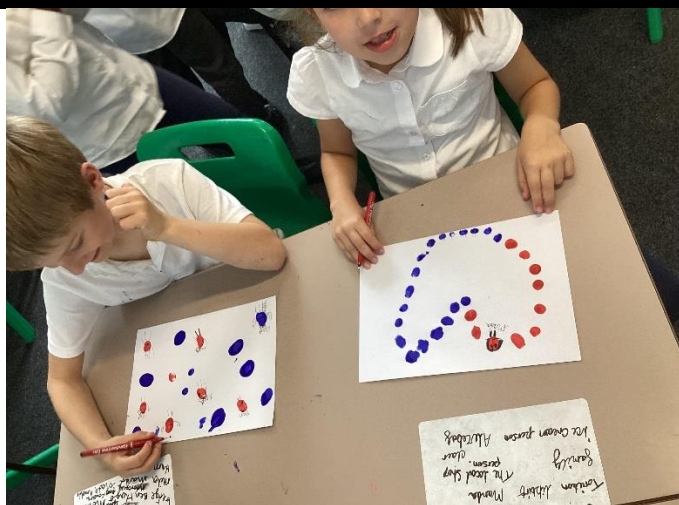
Earlier this year Lewisham residents came together to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, with community events and street parties held across the borough. In the true spirit of Her Majesty, these parties, concerts and picnics brought people from different communities, backgrounds and ages together for a very special weekend of celebrations. Lots of local people also took part in the formal celebrations in central London. These are special memories that will be cherished.

I know that many people will have their own personal memories which they will reflect on, and the Council will be opening books of condolence for those who wish to pay their respects locally. These will be available from tomorrow afternoon at The Civic Suite, Catford; Downham Library and the Deptford Lounge.

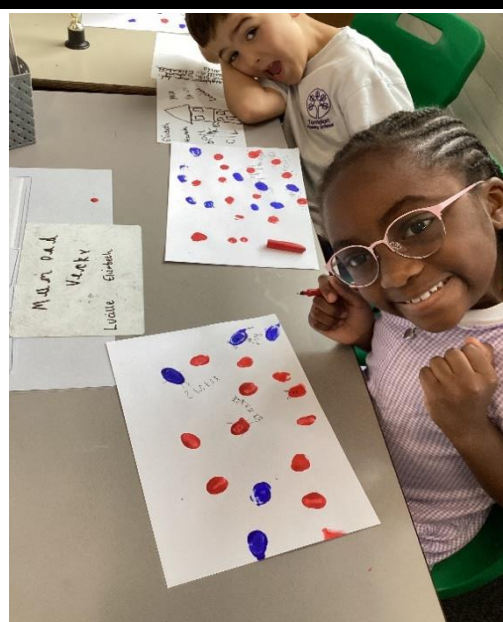
The flag at the Civic Suite is being flown at half-mast as a mark of respect and our thoughts and sympathies are with the Royal Family at this sad and difficult time.

Damien Egan
Mayor of Lewisham

Year 3 – Community themed art



In 3L we used paints, finger tips and pens to create a representation of our community.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 12 th September	Year 3 Local Area Walk
Wednesday 14 th September	Year 6 BEAM Workshops Launch
Thursday 15 th September	School tour for prospective parents and carers
	PTA Coffee Morning
	Year 6 secondary transfer meeting (5pm)
Friday 16 th September	Sensory morning for Resource Base parents and carers
Week Beginning 19 th September	After School Clubs start
Tuesday 20 th September	Fantastic Fred Wellbeing Workshops
Friday 23 rd September	PTA Play Street
Thursday 29 th September	Y5/6 Online Safety Workshops
	PTA Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 11 th & Thursday 13 th October	Parent and carer open evening
Thursday 13 th October	School Photos
Tuesday 18 th – Thursday 20 th October	Whole school musical performances (6pm)
Friday 21 st October	Non Uniform Day
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 31 st October	Back to school
Thursday 3 rd November	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Saturday 5 th November	PTA Gardening Day
Thursday 10 th November	PTA Coffee Morning
	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Thursday 17 th November	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Thursday 24 th November	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Friday 25 th November	INSET DAY
Week beginning 28 th November	Whole school assessment week
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Disco
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term (2pm Finish)
Tuesday 3 rd January	FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM

Year 6 Entrance Exams and School Visits

We understand that at this time of year our year six children will be visiting secondary schools, and some may be required to sit entrance exams during the school day. Please inform the office prior to any days when your child will be absent from school, and provide any written evidence you have so that the absence may be authorised.

PE UNIFORM

Children can come into school wearing their PE uniform on the days they have PE lessons. PE uniform consists of black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings, white T-shirt (preferably with the Torridon logo) and black plimsolls or trainers. Children can wear their Torridon jumper, cardigan or fleece over the top of their PE uniform in cold weather.



PE Days are as follows:

Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Tuesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday

Year 4 swimming (starting week beginning 19 th September)	
4V	Monday
4W	Wednesday
4C	Thursday



Stars of the Week

Week commencing 05.09.22

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	All of the children	For settling so well into nursery and reception. We are very proud of you!
Nursery AM		
Red Class		
Blue Class		
Yellow Class		
1G	Alyssa	Consistently showing excellent behaviour and being a role model for the rest of 1G!
1M	Noah	For showing empathy and trying his best with everything this week!
1N	Whole class	For settling in to Year 1 so easily! They have all been very considerate to one another and worked on our class and school rules as a team. Keep up the great work!
2G	Jude	For his kindness towards his peers and for helping his friends in the classroom.
2S	Siddy	For his excellent effort during his learning this week! Your enthusiasm for learning is a pleasure to have in the classroom-Well done Siddy!
2SW	Esther	Following our school rules and being a great role model. Well done Esther!
3A	Ariana	For being a kind, helpful, hard-working member of our community. Well done!
3L	Dejahn	For showing concentration, focus and enjoyment in the first week of year 3.
3S	Rome	An excellent start to year 3. Well done for being a kind member of our class community.
4C	Hatice	For settling well into Torridon and producing some pieces of learning that she should be proud of.
4V	Kairo	For being a role model and for having a high level of respect for all members of our community.
4W	Rashvin	For settling into Year 4 with a positive attitude to learning. He has worked hard to be attentive and a shining role model to the class.
5L	Akshana	For making a fantastic start to Year 5. She is helpful and works well with others! Well done Akshana.
5R	Amira	For always showing empathy and kindness to everyone. Amira is a great friend and is always happy to help others.
5S	Whole class	For settling in so well to year 5. Well done!
6A	Kamare	For settling into year six and consistently demonstrating all of our core values.
6C	D'Angelo	For settling in to year 6. You have been listening carefully and working hard. Well done – keep it up.
6L	Orin	For his valuable contributions to discussions in lessons this week – well done!
Resource Base Blue	Nathan	Well done for coming back to school with such a positive attitude and working so hard in class.
Resource Base Green	Lotanna	Well done for settling into the Resource Base so well and being very helpful to the adults and children.



This year we are excited to be launching our journey to becoming a recognised Rights Respecting School.

The Unicef UK Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA) supports schools across the UK to embed human rights in their ethos and culture. Children will be exploring their rights during weekly assemblies and Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) lessons.

For more information about the Rights Respecting Schools Award please visit; <https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>



Lewisham Borough Community Football Club

Lewisham Borough Community Football Club are offering all residents of the borough of Lewisham a free season ticket for their upcoming season.

**FREE SEASON
TICKETS NOW
AVAILABLE!**

USUAL PRICE: £60

#UPTHEBORO

THIS SEASON WE WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM - SO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH CAN NOW APPLY FOR A FREE SEASON TICKET FOR THE 2022/23 SEASON.

EMAIL: TICKETS@LBCFC.CO.UK
WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO RECIEVE YOUR FREE 2022 / 23 SEASON TICKET.

OFFER ENDS 30TH SEPTEMBER

BEAM Workshops Beautiful, Empowered and Me

We are very excited to announce that this term, Year 6 girls, will be taking part in a six-week programme by the charity 'Beleve'. BelEve UK is a safe and open space for girls to explore their thoughts and feelings about starting secondary school and the changes they will experience. They will be running empowerment sessions, which are fun interactive workshops that inspire and motivate girls to develop self-esteem and be confident about the next steps in their education.



Online Safety Guide

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as scam links or general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATING

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter Oders. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, while it's possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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Moving Stories: Lewisham creative competition

MIGRATION MUSEUM



**We are now accepting submissions for Moving Stories:
Lewisham – a creative competition for all young people
in Lewisham aged 9–18!**

Deadline: Friday 30th September 2022

Moving Stories: Lewisham is a creative competition inviting young people to design an exhibit exploring migration and what it means to them. Shortlisted teams will work with a range of creative professionals to build their displays for thousands to see. This is an opportunity for the young people you work with to have their voices and ideas seen, heard and amplified, as well as the chance to win some exciting prizes!

This is a brilliant opportunity to get your students involved in Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022, highlight the heritage and culture on your doorstep and delve into this important subject.

[Submission form now open](#)

The online form to submit entries is now live.

Deadline: Friday 30 September 2022

[Submit an entry here](#)

Year 6 Cultural Representation



The thought process behind this art, is that I wanted to show as many cultures as I can - not just one. Culture influences many parts of our identity, thoughts and feelings which is why I tried my hardest to accurately show different cultures and their cultural clothes, or the different kind of settings they might be in. For me, and I'm sure many others, culture should be embraced, not repressed.

By Ava, 6C