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Dear parents and carers,

What an exciting week we have had at Torridon this week! It was absolutely amazing to have chef Tom Kerridge at school on Tuesday. He talked to the children in assembly about his job and why he is passionate about food. He also told them a little about his new Full Time Meals campaign which aims to ensure free school meal availability for greater numbers of children across England.

Then he went head to head with our wonderful chef Raheem as they faced each other supported by teams of children in a Ready Steady Cook competition. One team made a delicious spaghetti Bolognese whilst the other team was challenged to make a spicy, cheesy bean burrito with a tomato salsa. It was a very close call but I am very proud to say that Raheem and his team won both the Year 5 and Year 6 cook offs!!

The children were then treated to delicious school meals using recipes from Tom Kerridge's Full Time Meals range and at the end of the day we were able to give out ingredients bundles provided by M&S so you could have a go at making one of the dishes yourselves at home.

It really was a very special day for the children. They represented Torridon so brilliantly. All our visitors commented on how polite and friendly they were. I am extremely proud of them.

We finished the week with some wonderful music workshops provided by Maroon Town who use live music to teach children about Caribbean history, geography and culture. I am not sure who had the most fun – the adults or the children.

We look forward to seeing you at parent and carer open evenings next week.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher





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WATER, FOOD,
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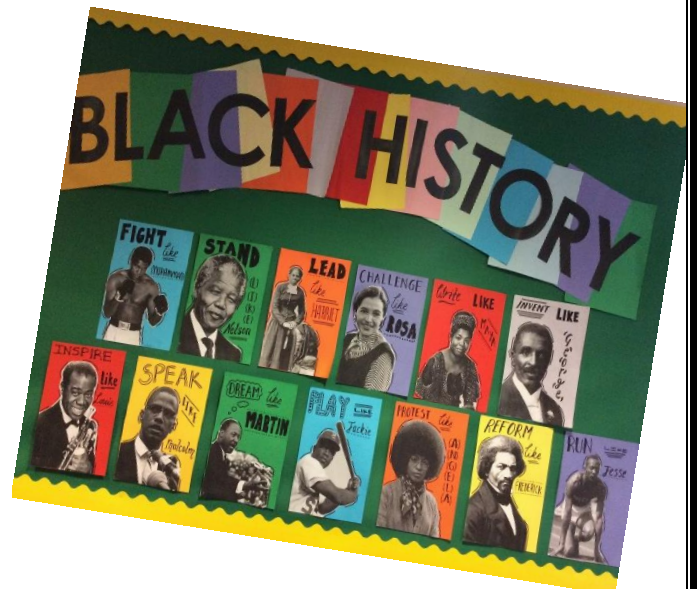
Article 24: Health and health services

'Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.'

This week we discussed the importance of protecting the environment. We reflected on some of the issues that the world faces and how we can all take small steps to help.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate the important people and events in black history, we have kicked off Black History month with some exciting activities. Children have taken part in assemblies to learn more about the significance of Black History month and why it is celebrated. They were introduced to their significant figures, who they will be exploring in their learning throughout the month of October. This will be the bedrock of our learning throughout this half term.



We will be happy for you to join us in the celebration by sending in any family pictures and stories to share with us.

Additional Funding (Pupil Premium)

Did you know your child could be eligible for additional funding which could be used to fund extra resources, tuition, music lessons, subsidised trips or extra curricular activities. If you meet the criteria, your child would also be entitled to a free school meal and food vouchers during holiday periods. In order to check if you are eligible please click on the following link:

www.lewisham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

If you need any further support please contact a member of the admin team.

School Photographs

Braiswick Photographers will be in school on **Thursday 13th October 2022** to take class and individual photographs of the children. There will an opportunity for sibling photos from 3.30pm until 4.30pm. If you would like your children to have a photograph with their siblings, please collect them from their classes at the end of the day and take them to the photographers who will be based in the Y5 and Y3/4 halls.

Please make sure all children are in school uniform **even if it is the day they usually have PE**. Thank you .



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We are approaching the time of year when traditionally farmers would have celebrated the gathering of crops from the fields, reflect on the food that they have and give thanks for a good harvest.

We know that for lots of families, rising food costs are a real worry and we would love to be able to help those in need in our local community. We will be opening the donation station from Monday and will be collecting tinned good which we will be donating to the Lewisham Food Bank. We hope that we will offer some support to make sure that no family goes hungry in these uncertain times.

If you would like to donate, please bring your goods to the donation station outside the main office at the beginning or end of the school day. All donations are welcome but we would like each year group to bring the following where possible:

Nursery and Reception	Tinned fruit
Year 1	Tinned vegetables
Year 2	Tinned fish
Year 3	Tinned pasta
Year 4	Tinned tomatoes
Year 5	Tinned beans
Year 6	Tinned soup

Thank you for your support

PTA Committee Election

Please confirm our new PTA committee members by submitting [this form](#).

It's not too late to get involved in the PTA! We need lots of help to organise the wonderful events we have planned this year. Please email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com to express your interest, and [join our mailing list](#) to find out more.

Many thanks

Friends of Torridon PTA

Black History Month Music Workshops

Today we were so lucky to work with Maroon Town who delivered a series of workshops using live music to engage and inform about Caribbean history, geography, food and dance in a highly informative, engaging, fun, and joyous fashion. The sessions have been designed to support children in developing their awareness and the importance of diversity and heritage as well as developing their own self-expression and confidence. We had such a wonderful time. Thank you Maroon Town.



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 10 th October	Year 1 trip to Beckenham Place Park
Tuesday 11 th October	BEAM Black History Month Workshop Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football Festival
Tuesday 11 th & Thursday 13 th October	Parent and carer open evening
Thursday 13 th October	School Photos
Friday 14 th October	Deadline for parent governor nominations
Monday 17 th October	Resource Base Hollywood Bowling Festival
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)
Tuesday 15 th November	Resource Base Primary Panathlon
Thursday 17 th November	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Monday 21 st November	National Child Measurement Programme
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
Tuesday 3 rd January	FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of Term (2pm Finish)

Morning Drop Off

In years 1 to 6, gates open at 8.45am and children will make their own way to classrooms ready for early morning work and registration. Please drop your children off at the gate, staff will ensure they get to their classrooms. **We respectfully ask that you do not come onto the school site at drop off time.**

Class teachers are always happy to speak to you about any questions or concerns you may have but the start of the day is very busy. Staff on the gate will be able to pass on a brief message. If you would like to discuss anything with your child's class teacher, please email admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk and a member of the team will get back to you to arrange an appropriate time for you to do so.

Half Term Tennis and Multi Sports Camp

A green poster for a 'blue tennis' camp. At the top left is a cartoon boy with a tennis racket. At the top right is a red circular sticker that says 'BOOK NOW'. The text in the center lists the dates (Monday 17th to Friday 28th October), times (9am-3pm and 9am-12.30pm), and costs (£28.00 and £20.00 per person per day). It also lists sports activities like tennis, basketball, golf, baseball, hockey, and various games. At the bottom, it provides contact information for Martin at Blue Tennis, including a phone number and email address. The LTA logo and website URL are at the very bottom. The poster is decorated with autumn leaves and various sports balls.

blue tennis

FOR 4-5 YEAR OLDS

MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER - FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER

MONDAY TO FRIDAY - 9AM-3PM - £28.00 PP P/DAY

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM-12.30PM - £20 PP P/DAY

(TENNIS & TENNIS GAMES ONLY)

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED - GROUPED IN AGE & ABILITY

BRING A PACK LUNCH, WATER AND £1 FOR THE TUCK SHOP!

TENNIS+BASKETBALL+GOLF+BASEBALL+HOCKEY+
TIN CAN ALLEY+JENGA+FOOTBALL+CRICKET+
TABLE TENNIS+BADMINTON+MAGNETIC DARTS+
SKITTLES & MUCH MORE

For bookings and further information contact
Martin at Blue Tennis on 07528 319723
or email soundsman.mc@gmail.com

Kent County Cricket Ground, Worsley Bridge Road, Beckenham, BR3 1DR

LTA qualified coaches with DBS + first aid certification

We operate a wet weather programme & go inside subject to availability

We use sponge balls that enable the children to continue to practice on core skills

 www.bluetennis.co.uk

Festival of Fun

During this October half-term, in partnership with Neon Squid, Tales on Moon Lane will be hosting several amazing authors and illustrators who will showcase their favourite non-fiction books in fun and interactive sessions, celebrating the best of non-fiction every day from 24 to 28 October! For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit:

[Festival of Fun](#)





Stars of the Week

Week commencing 26.09.22

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Zakaria	For playing nicely with his friends and for always asking for help when he needs it. Well done, Zakaria!
Nursery AM	Andrew	For being creative and expressive in his drawings and in his play. Well done Andrew!
Red Class	Bernice	For working extremely hard and being enthusiastic about learning, producing an amazing piece of art work.
Blue Class	Ola	For always being enthusiastic during carpet sessions, extremely helpful and kind to others!
Yellow Class	Mohamad	For always being so kind and helpful to others. Well done!
1G	Sayon	For always trying his best in all areas of his learning and having fantastic ideas in his writing! Sayon is always doing the right thing and is an excellent example to the other children. Well done!
1M	Meena	For being so resilient in her maths learning and for always trying her hardest. Well done Meena!
1N	Logan	For his amazing positivity! He has been trying so hard with his learning and has impressed us with his motivation and mature attitude to trying new things. Great work!
2G	Perla	For her focus and amazing ideas in English. Keep up the hard work!
2S	Nuala	For her wonderful attitude to learning and for always trying her best!
2SW	Neveah	For working really hard in her maths and showing great determination in her learning! Well done, Neveah!
3A	Isara	For creating an amazing piece of writing about Sybil Phoenix who she is learning about for Black History Month. Well done!
3L	Ashton	For showing respect to all those around him – people around the school have noticed! Superstar!
3S	Max	For working really hard and producing an amazing piece of writing. Well done Max. You really are a star!
4C	Chisom	For always being on task, participating in class discussion as well as bringing in her reading record on time! Well done
4V	Alyssia	For independently using adjectives in her writing.
4W	Isla	For being a member of our school community who shows respect to others. She is recognised by her peers as a caring and supportive classmate. Well done Isla!
5L	Shecaniah -Rei	For showing fantastic effort with his maths learning. He has also been reading exceptionally well in class and at home – reflected in his reading record entries. Well done!
5R	Sukhmani	For an excellent attitude to her learning in all subjects and showing determination to achieve her best. Well done!
5S	Martha	For showing respect to her peers and every adult. She is an awesome role model to the class and school. Well done, Martha!
6A	Amayah	For being a very respectful member of our school community, who is aware of our diversity and values everyone equally.
6C	Bertie	For your enthusiasm and passion for books which you have shared with other children this week. Well done!
6L	James	For always being so polite and respectful to others. Thank you for being kind!
Blue Pathway	Isaiah	Well done for having such a fantastic attitude towards your learning and doing great independent writing this week.
Green Pathway	Munasar	Well done for doing some fantastic learning in the Resource Base this week!

