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Dear parents and carers,

This week we welcomed 10 visitors from schools in Stockholm in Sweden. They came to look at Torridon as they were particularly interested in how we support our children who have Special Educational Needs. They spent time in some of our classrooms and in the Resource Base. They were so impressed with what they saw. They loved our classroom and hall displays and said that they could really see our core values of **aspiration, community, diversity, excellence and respect** in action. They were particularly impressed with the writing that children were doing. It made me very proud to have visitors to our school recognising the hard work of the staff and the children's fantastic learning.

We have had a really successful anti-bullying week. School council met to review our anti-bullying policy and will be talking to their classmates about their thoughts and suggestions next week. We were working on the theme 'SPEAK OUT' as recommended by the National Anti-Bullying Alliance. They have produced a very useful parent and carer guide with helpful advice about talking to your children about bullying. Please click here: [parent and carer guide](#)

Children in Need was great fun today. There were lots of Pudsey ears, spotty outfits and dressing up (including the teachers). Thank you for those who donated at the gates this morning. There is still time and you can donate via ParentPay or directly to Children in Need [Children in Need Donations](#)

Please remember that Friday is an INSET day so children do not come to school.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



## Year 6 Junior Citizenship

On Monday, the Year 6 boys visited Lee Fire Station for a Junior Citizen Event. The children took part in a range of transition workshops, including fire safety from London Fire Brigade, personal safety from the Met Police and Bus/Tube safety from Transport for London. The day was informative, interactive and will prepare the children for their transition from primary to secondary school.



## Reception Forest School



We have had an amazing week starting Forest School in Reception. Every child has had one session this week and it's clear to see they have had a great start!! We splashed in puddles, we dug deep into the mud to find lots of worms, we used our nets to find out what is living in our pond and we played games together with our friends. Our welly boots have been essential this week with the weather. Forest school can get a bit messy so waterproof trousers are also very handy to have!





# Children in Need





# Children in Need



Children in need first started on the 21 November 1980 by the BBC. It was created to help children across the UK who face disadvantages as poverty, being ill or experiencing distress, neglect or trauma.

Together, we can  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Children in Need is an amazing organisation that has reached nearly £51 million!

This charity has helped more than 460,000 last year alone!

**P**udsey the bear,  
**U**sually seen with spots.  
**D**oes a lot to help others.  
**S**upportive and helpful.  
**Y**ou can help by  
DOING



## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

Children in Need is a charity which raises money for children that are disabled and who are in need.

This charity is helping a lot of disadvantaged children in the UK as loads of people are joining to help.

BBC Children in Need has a day where people get money for the children that are in need and is celebrated annually on November 18th



Nicola



**BBC**  
**Children in Need**

What is BBC Children in Need?





BBC Children in Need is a charity that helps children who have disabilities like Autism.

Schools raise money for charity by getting children to dress up and bring in a Pound.

## Weekly Attendance by Class

We will now be reporting the attendance of each class in the newsletter. A trophy will be awarded in our Celebration Assembly each week, to the class with the best attendance in Key Stage One, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. We will be working with the children to develop their understanding of the importance of regular attendance at school and thank you in advance for your support in ensuring that they attend regularly and are punctual. If you need any support regarding attendance and punctuality, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team who will be happy to meet with you.



	Class	Attendance
	1G	95%
	1M	95%
	1N	94%
	2S	92%
	2SW	97%
	2G	98%
	3S	98%
	3L	98%
	3A	97%
	4W	98%
	4V	94%
	4C	96%
	5L	98%
	5R	99%
	5S	91%
	6A	98%
	6L	92%
	6C	96%

## A big thank you from Lewisham Foodbank



## School Council meeting

This week our school council members met to discuss our current Anti-Bullying policy.

We had a very productive discussion and have decided to update our Anti-Bullying policy together.

Keep your eyes peeled for the updated version.





## Rights Respecting School



### **Article 2 – Non-discrimination:**

‘The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say whatever their family background.’

### **Article 12 – Respect for the views of the child:**

‘Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child’s day-to-day home life.’

### **Article 19 – Protection from violence, abuse and neglect:**

‘Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them’

During our Rights Respecting assemblies this week, we have been discussing Anti-Bullying Week. We spoke about how bullying can take place in many different forms and how we can work together to make sure bullying does **NOT** take place in our school.

## Goodbye to Vicky



Many of you will know Vicky as she has worked at Torridon for a number of years initially as a teaching and learning support assistant and more recently as the lead of the Wellbeing Hub. Vicky will be leaving Torridon to take on a new role working for a charity organisation supporting families who have experienced domestic abuse.

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking her for all her hard work and dedication during her time at Torridon and in wishing her well as she takes on this new challenge.

We will continue to provide support for children and families through the Wellbeing Hub. Please speak to a member of the senior team if you feel your child would benefit from some additional support.

## Year 6 – Tate Britain Trip

On Wednesday, the Year 6 children visited Tate Britain to see the Hew Locke exhibition. Hew Locke is a British sculptor and contemporary visual artist who has created new and exciting large-scale sculptures. The children enjoyed the procession, where they were able to see the figures who travel through space and time. They reflected on the art work and created their own sketches in their art books.



## Anti-Bullying Week Posters





## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	National Child Measurement Programme Football Team Celebration Event
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y3/4 Girls' Football Tournament Y2 to London Zoo
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 and Year 5 Fit Media Assessment Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school assessment week
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisation Programme
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Resource Base to Lewisham Bus Garage
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Art Exhibition (Evening Viewing on Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Resource Base Christmas Assembly PTA Christmas Disco
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Christmas Assembly
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 and Year 5 Christmas Assembly Reception Nativity
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas Songs Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Assembly
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term (2pm Finish)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>

## London Borough of Culture



The Albany Theatre are looking for volunteers join them and be part of LIT! - a spectacular illuminated finale event to celebrate our year as London Borough of Culture 2022.

On the 21st December The Albany will be delivering a massive finale, **LIT!**, and are looking for volunteers from the Lewisham community to take part as **Volunteer Performers** or as members of a special choir for the event - **The LIT! Chorus**. Everyone is invited to take part!

You can find all the details of how you can get involved as a performer or as a LIT! Chorus member at this link <https://www.wearelewisham.com/get-involved/take-part-in-lit/>.

# Christmas Events



There are lots of festive fun times ahead before the end of term. Please put the dates in your diary. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.



## Nursery Christmas Songs

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am (Morning and Full Time Nursery)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm (Afternoon and Full Time Nursery)

## Reception Nativity

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am or 2.30pm
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## Christmas Assemblies

Year 1	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am
Year 2	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Year 3	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am
Year 4	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Year 5	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am
Year 6	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm
Resource Base	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am

## PTA Christmas Disco

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

## Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

## Last Day of Term

2pm Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December







## Stars of the Week

*Week commencing 26.09.22*

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Liam	For trying really hard to communicate with the adults. Well done, Liam!
Nursery AM	Zachary	For his amazing pattern making with shapes and for joining in with whole class carpet sessions. Well done, Zachary!
Red Class	Ada	For always showing enthusiasm to learning and following instructions.
Blue Class	Oghenenyrehovwon	For her focus and engagement in carpet time and early morning work. Keep it up!
Yellow Class	Seyon	For always following instructions and being a good friend to others. Well done!
1G	Lotta	For her consistent excellent attitude to learning. She is always trying her best in everything she does and is kind to everyone. Well done!
1M	Hazel	For her great storytelling of our class book 'The Little Turtle and the Changing Sea'. She has done a fantastic job of retelling the story with expression. Well done, Hazel!
1N	Finn	For his self-motivation! He has been challenging himself in all his learning and with a newfound resilience and enthusiasm. He is making fantastic progress in his writing. Great work!
2G	Jude	For his dedication to improving his writing and for always being kind to his classmates and adults around the school. 😊
2S	Assia	For settling into Torridon Primary School so well! We are so happy that you are a part of 2S 😊 Keep up the brilliant work Assia!
2SW	Finlay	For always showing kindness and being helpful to others. Well done Finlay!
3A	Djonathas	For always aiming high and trying his best. Well done!
3L	Ayaan M	Ayaan M for developing his independence, contributing more in class and being more enthusiastic in class.
3S	Jasmithan	For challenging himself to do the very best at all that he is asked to do. Well done! Keep up the amazing work.
4C	Annaliese	For always participating in lesson, making a huge improvement in her swimming and demonstrating excellent attitude to learning.
4V	Aksa	For taking part in class discussions and asking for support when she needs it.
4W	Moliesa	For making a huge effort to improve at swimming. Her ambitious attitude has propelled her forward and she is now able to swim!
5L	Abshitha	For always showing enthusiasm for learning. She is reflective, proactive, and puts 100% effort into all of her learning. Well done Abshitha!
5R	Katelyn	For amazing resilience in maths when working with fractions and always showing kindness to others. Keep up the great work.
5S	Grace	For demonstrating kindness to pupils and adults this week.
6A	Saphia	For demonstrating a great level of aspiration in her learning this week by engaging during learning, remaining focused on tasks and asking questions when challenged.
6C	Amani	For always being an excellent role model to others. You are always respectful, polite and kind – well done!
6L	Ela	For her excellent attitude on the school trip and for being an excellent role model to others.
Blue Pathway	Ibrahim	For joining in with class discussions and having a flexible attitude.
Green Pathway	Gregory	For doing a fantastic job settling into sessions in his reception class.

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FRIENDS OF  
TORRIDON PTA  
PRESENTS

£2  
ENTRY\*

# CLUB TORRIDON DISCO

FEATURING

DJ SACHA

DJ OZI

KS2 TUCK SHOP  
PARENTS' LOUNGE

4:00-5:00

NURSERY + RECEPTION  
YEARS 3 + 4

5:15-6:15

YEARS 1 + 2  
YEARS 5 + 6

\*OPTIONAL SUGGESTED DONATION | MORE INFO BY EMAIL NEXT WEEK



# Football Camp



OUR CHRISTMAS CAMP IS THE PERFECT  
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CHILDREN BUSY OVER ANOTHER BREAK  
FROM SCHOOL.

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GIRLS & BOYS AGES 4 - 12



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