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Dear parents and carers,

I cannot believe we have reached the half term holiday already. It has been a very busy half term but such a lot of fun!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Bussy Malone performances this week. We certainly have some very talented dancers, singers and actors at Torridon. A big thank you to Chris, Sam, Amelie and the creative team for all their hard work in putting the show together.

Many thanks for your generous donations of tinned goods for the food bank. There are many families who will benefit and are very grateful for our help.

Thank you for all your support for school and PTA events, home learning and community projects. It is wonderful to work in partnership with you.

I hope you have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you after the holiday on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

Warm wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



## Rights Respecting School



UNICEF UK  
RIGHTS RESPECTING  
SCHOOLS AWARD

BRONZE – RIGHTS COMMITTED

Torridon Primary School are proud to announce that we have been awarded with the Rights Respecting **Bronze: Rights Committed** award. Next stop... Silver!

Well done to Suraiya and Gwen for leading the team to bronze.

## Forest School - Wellies



Forest club are looking for any spare wellies your child might have outgrown! Small sizes in particular, starting from size 8 – 13. If you have any spare and are happy to donate, please drop them off at the school office or at the reception gate before or after school. Thank you.



## Reception - Dance

All reception classes have been experiencing dance through listening and moving. This term we have been exploring how our bodies move creating and using shapes on the floor and in the air. Each week we have been working with a partner and on our own using body actions and moving in and around the space. Large sheets of paper have been laid on the floor to draw around each other and find ways of moving in, around and through our findings. Great team work Reception!



## Early Reading Workshop

We would like to invite parents and carers of children in Reception to join us for a reading workshop. Becki (Early Years Foundation Stage Team Leader) will be showing you how we teach reading, discussing ways in which you can help at home and answering any questions you may have. We hope you will be able to join us:



**9:00am**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**Key Stage One Hall**

## Dates For Your Diary

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Non Uniform Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Gardening Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Early Reading Workshop for parents and carers (9am)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Coffee Morning
	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Resource Base Primary Panathlon
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	National Child Measurement Programme
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	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
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco
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>

## Parent Governor Election

I am delighted to inform you that we have 5 candidates who wish to stand for election as parent governor. You can find out a little more about them and cast your vote here:

[Parent Governor Election](#)

Voting will close at 10pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.



## Inter-cultural workshops for children in October Half Term

### Inter-cultural Workshops for Children



**Yoga for kids**



**Dance workshop**



**Singing**



**Calligraphy art workshop**

Inter-cultural Roots and It's Your Mojo have teamed up to bring these workshops for families. Children will have opportunity to learn about 4 different cultural activities and learn about other cultures. Children will come back to school happy and proud to have earned a certificate of participation from the event as well.

## Resource Base Fun

Last week we had a sensory morning in the Resource Base.

A big thank you to Isaiah's mum who came in and helped us to make Jamaican Festival Dumplings as part of our learning during Black History Month. They were yummy!

Blue Pathway had a fantastic time at the Hollywood Bowling Festival this week. The children were excellent players and did Torridon proud with a few strikes!



# Black History Month - Workshop

We had another Black History Month assembly this week, which was delivered by another expert in his field to showcase some of the challenges of black people and celebrate their influence on our world today.

Talmud Bah (Amani's dad) came in to teach the children and adults some of the martial arts (capoeira) invented by slaves in Brazil to disguise fighting with dance.

Today it's seen as a beautiful and soulful form of art, and it has caught on all over the world.

Thank you Talmud for educating and inspiring the children.



## Early years - Art



This is Ava's amazing artwork from this week during continuous provision. Ava spent a long time focusing on the details of her painting but she couldn't decide on a name for the girl in her painting!! What do you think her name should be?





## Stars of the Week

*Week commencing 21.10.22*

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Josiah Dixon	For taking part in carpet time and trying his best to follow the Nursery rules. Well done, Josiah!
Nursery AM	Jedidah	For always helping at tidy up time and for always helping her friends. Well done, Jedidah!
Red Class	Kylan	For always showing passion for learning and following instructions.
Blue Class	Holly	For always being so keen to learn, showing fantastic concentration during carpet time and trying her best. Well done Holly!
Yellow Class	Zico	For always being enthusiastic about his learning and sharing his ideas. Well done!
1G	The whole class	For a fantastic start to Year 1. Well done for settling in and for always trying your best!
1M	Nova	For always trying her best and making lots of progress in her maths and English this term. Well done, Nova!
1N	Xena	For her newfound confidence and love for learning! She has been working so hard and making good progress in her writing. Well done!
2G	Anais	For her kindness towards her peers and the adults around the school! Well done for always using your lovely manners!
2S	Eunice	For always being so kind, thoughtful and helpful around the classroom! You are such a good role model to others-Well done Eunice! 😊
2SW	Miya	For putting lots of effort into her writing and using fantastic adverbs in her sentences. Well done Miya!
3A	Kyzah	For trying to remain focussed when completing his independent learning in English and Maths. Well done!
3L	Nanshika	For sharing her ideas more frequently in class, fantastic!
3S		
4C	Nevaeh	For settling nicely in 4C as well as adjusting to her new routines at Torridon!
4V		
4W	Callie-Rose	She has been extremely helpful in class and has shown a positive attitude to working with all peers this week. Well done Callie!
5L	Maks	He is a keen and enthusiastic learner, always going above and beyond with his fantastic home learning projects. Well done Maks!
5R	Mustafa	For his enthusiastic participation taking part in Buggy Malone. Well done!
5S	Cayden	For his fantastic extended writing piece and demonstrating a conscientious approach to his learning.
6A	Whole class	For having a positive first half term and settling well into year 6. You have all worked really hard!
6C	Luke	For working extremely hard in English and producing a high-quality letter for Black History Month – well done!
6L	Arun	For always being so focused on your learning and willing to help others with theirs.
RB Blue	Kenny	Well done for a fantastic week in Year 3, you have worked so hard
RB Green	Gabriel	Well done for interacting so well with the other children this week.

# CALLING ALL KEEN GARDENERS!

## JOIN US FOR A PRE-WINTER GARDENING SESSION

**SATURDAY 5th NOVEMBER - 1:30-4pm**

Enthusiastic volunteers wanted! On **Saturday 5th November** the Green Team, along with the PTA, is holding an open gardening session to tend to the garden beds around the school ahead of winter. Green fingered or not, we welcome all members of the school community who want to help keep the green areas in top shape. Bring gardening gloves, bucket, trowel and secateurs if you have them. Refreshments provided! It's an open session from 1:30-4pm, so any time you can offer during the afternoon will be gratefully received. Please RSVP to [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com) . Many thanks!

## Year 1 – Beckenham Place Park

### Our trip to Beckenham Place Park!



Year 1 went on a trip to Beckenham Place Park. When we arrived we kept spotting Winnie the Pooh everywhere! He had come all the way from 100 Acre Wood to tell us about the history of Beckenham Place Mansion. Did you know, the mansion has been there since 1760? That is 262 years!

## Year 1 Cooking - Carrot Cake

Year 1 have been baking today! All three year 1 classes have reached 500 Dojo points, so to celebrate, we baked some delicious carrot cupcakes inspired by our Winnie the Pooh theme (we are going to give some to Eeyore and to Bunny).



## Family Fun Day



### Family Fun Day at the Migration Museum

Friday 28 October | 11am - 3pm | Free - no booking

Join us for a day of fun activities for the whole family.

Discover incredible stories and explore your own personal connections to migration, with a range of free activities including painting and cross-stitch workshops - suitable for all ages.

Migration Museum  
Lewisham Shopping Centre  
London SE13 7HB

[www.migrationmuseum.org](http://www.migrationmuseum.org)





# Christmas Cards – Deadline Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov



Your child should now have brought home their Christmas Card Artwork design. Ordering your child's Christmas cards could not be easier! Just go to <https://www.apfsorders.co.uk> and input the unique artwork code - found on the label on the reverse of the artwork - and your child's first name and surname. Fundraising from the sales goes directly to Torridon Primary School to benefit the children. At the end of November you'll receive your cards and any other items you've ordered.

Updated pricing list:

Product	Parent Price	Includes fundraising amount of:
Standard Cards (12 cards)	£6.50	£1.50
Additional Standard Pack	£5.50	£1.00
Luxury gloss-coated Cards (6 cards)	£7.50	£1.50
Additional Luxury Pack	£6.50	£1.00
Wrapping Paper (3 sheets)	£5.00	£1.00
Mugs	£7.50	£1.00
Gift Tags (12 gift tags)	£3.00	£0.50
Tote bags	£6.50	£1.00

Many thanks for your fantastic support!

Friends of Torridon PTA

# October half term polio vaccination clinics in Lewisham

If your child is aged 5 to 9, you can book a polio vaccination appointment at University Hospital Lewisham by [clicking here](#).

Clinics are between 8am and 5pm on Monday 24, Tuesday 25, Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 October.

If your child is aged 1 to 9 you can book an appointment on Monday 24 October between 9am and 4.45pm at St Laurence Church Hall, 37 Bromley Rd, London SE6 2TS. [Click here to book](#).



You can also visit a walk-in clinic:

Saturdays in October

9am to 1pm and 2 to 5pm

Mondays in October  
2 to 6pm

Goldsmiths Community Centre, Castillon Road SE6 1QD

Children aged 1-9

Tuesdays in October  
11:30am to 4pm

Evelyn Community Centre, 9 Wotton Road, Deptford SE8 5TQ

Children aged 1-9

Friday 28 October  
1pm to 5pm

The Green Man Hub, The Barn, 355 Bromley Road, London SE6 2RP

Children aged 1-9

Sundays in October  
9am to 2pm

Lewis Grove Pharmacy, 1 Lewis Grove, Lewisham, SE13 6BG

Children aged 5-9

Find out more about the polio booster campaign on [GOV.UK](#)

List of London Polio [vaccination sites](#)

South East London ICS [Polio information](#)