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Dear parents and carers,

We have had another lovely week at Torridon. It was great to see some of you at our PTA coffee morning and Year 5 and 6 maths workshop. Thank you as always for your ongoing support. I hope that some of you who have children in years 3 and 4 will be able to join us for the maths workshop on Tuesday morning.

We launched our NSPCC 'speak out, stay safe' programme in assemblies this week. The children were introduced to 'Buddy' who encourages children to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried or upset. Please see the NSPCC website for more information and resources you can use with your children at home.

We also had elections for new school council members for this term. You can see the results later in the newsletter.

The PTA are getting ready for our sponsored bounce which is taking place on Thursday 26th January. If you are able to offer some time to help out on the day, Megan would love to hear from you.

Please remember it is INSET day on Friday 20th January and children do not attend school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



PTA - Sponsored Bounce – January 26th

Thursday, 26 January

Torridon students are bouncing their way into spring, all to raise funds for the school! How many times can your little bouncer bounce in 60 seconds? Every bounce counts as we aim to raise £2000 to fund community events and school improvement projects. Remember, we contribute 10% of all of our net proceeds to the Torridon Food Bank. Help us support our community and make our school a better place for our children to learn and thrive!

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Resource Base Coffee Morning

Come and join us on Friday 27th January for a coffee morning from 8:50 - 10:15.

We will have lots of activities for you to do around the Resource Base with your child.

We will also be available to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Anna and Ciara



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 16 th January	Year 5 and 6 Athletics Tournament
Tuesday 17 th January	9.00am Year 3 and 4 parent and carer maths session
Wednesday 18 th January	Year 3 and 4 Athletics Tournament
Thursday 19 th January	Special Lunch Menu – The All American
Friday 20 th January	INSET DAY
Tuesday 24 th January	9.00am Year 1 and 2 parent and carer maths session
Thursday 26 th January	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Tuesday 31 st January	9.00am Reception parent and carer maths session
Wednesday 1 st January	Year 3 to The British Museum (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Tuesday 7 th February	9.00am Parent and carer workshop – supporting children learning English as an Additional Language
Friday 10 th February	Resource Base children visiting Athelney Resource Base
	Non Uniform Day
	PTA Pizza Night
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 21 st February	9.00am Nursery parent and carer maths session (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Wednesday 22 nd February	SEND partnership – coffee morning for parents and carers
Friday 3 rd March	PTA Coffee Morning
Thursday 9 th March	Year 6 National Dental Programme
Friday 10 th March	PTA uniform sale
Week beginning Monday 13 th March	Whole school assessment week
Sunday 26 th March	Torridon and Sandhurst 10K fun run
Week beginning 27 th March	Autism Acceptance Week
Tuesday 28 th and Thursday 30 th March	Parent and carer open evenings
Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th – Friday 14 th April	Year 6 Easter School
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 8 th May 2023	ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III
Tuesday 9 th May – Friday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week
Wednesday 24 th – Friday 26 th May	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 23 rd June	INSET DAY
Friday 21 st July	Last day of the summer term

Operation Woodland

As you now all know we are planning to create an amazing new learning space for our children. We plan to dig up the current concrete carpark to create a new woodland area. To make this happen we do need to raise funds to cover the costs of hiring machinery and top soil to cover the new space.



We have 30 tree saplings coming in March for our project.

We would like to invite you to SPONSOR A TREE for £20.

Your tree can be named after your child and become a part of Torridon history!

Sponsoring a tree would make a fantastic gift to someone you love while supporting the school!

This offer will be first come first served as we only have 30 trees available to sponsor. Please express your interest at operationwoodland@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Punctuality

The school gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. All children should be in their classroom ready to start the day at 9.00am.

Any child arriving after 9.05am will be recorded as late.

97%+	Well done and keep it up!
95-97%	We will write to you, and monitor your child's attendance closely.
90-95%	We will write to you and let you know that we now require medical evidence for all instances of absence due to sickness. If attendance does not improve, a member of the Senior Team will meet with you to discuss your child's attendance.
Below 90%	This is classed as persistent absence . You will be referred to the Local Authority Attendance Officer for a meeting.

School Council Elections

School Council

Congratulations to our new school council members who have been elected by their class mates.

Class	Representative	Deputy
1G	Alyssia	Patryk
1M	Mateo	Stevie
1N	Tommy	Mateo
2G	Libby	Sophie
2S	Gracie-May	Deekshika
2SW	Allegra	Finlay
3L	Ashton	Krishigaa
3S	Zayd	Emmanuel
3A	Amy	Gursewakpal
4C	Hatice	Arthur
4W	Ariz	Reis
4V	Isla	Kairo
5L	Sariah	Noble
5R	Amira	Ava
5S	Khole	Nikisha
6A	Aman and Kamare	Nicola
6C	Maliah	Bertie
6L	Melika	Mason
Resource Base	Isaiah	

Rights Respecting School



SETTING UP OR JOINING GROUPS

Article 15 ~ Freedom of Association

‘Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights’

This week in our Rights Respecting assemblies we discussed the importance of being able to come together with others. We thought about how we can learn from each other and how we are stronger together.

All American School Lunch – Thursday 19th January

We will be having a special “All American” theme lunch on Thursday 19th January 2023. If your child normally has a packed lunch but would like the “All American” lunch on 19th please let the office know by email at admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk . If your child is in Nursery, Year 3,4,5 or 6 and normally brings a packed lunch please pay £2.30 via ParentPay under “School Dinner for pupils”. School meals are free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



THE ALL AMERICAN

MAINS

Build Your Own Burger
Or Quorn Hot Dog

SIDES

Chips, Peas and Baked Beans
5 Choice Salad Bar

DESSERTS

Milkshake with Home Bake Cookie
& Fresh Fruit Slices

or

Fruit Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit Slices



Weekly Attendance by Class




There has been some improvement in our attendance this week but we could still do better. Remember we are aiming for at least 97% attendance for all classes.

Please make sure your children attend school on time every day.

Every second of school missed is a learning opportunity missed.



Congratulations to **2SW, 4V & 6C** who were awarded the attendance cup this week.

	Class	Attendance
	1G	97%
	1M	92%
	1N	96%
	2S	97%
	2SW	99%
	2G	98%
	3S	93%
	3L	96%
	3A	89%
	4W	91%
	4V	99%
	4C	96%
	5L	95%
	5R	88%
	5S	94%
	6A	96.7%
	6L	88.56
	6C	97.01%

RESOURCE BASE

We have been reading the book 'Naughty Bus' this term which the children are thoroughly enjoying. We used junk modelling to create our own London buses which we will finish next week.



Woodland Challenge 2023!

CHALLENGE

2023

2023!

Welcome to

As you are aware we are raising money to regenerate our existing concrete staff carpark into a woodland area for all of our children to enhance our outdoor learning opportunities.



We would like to set each child a fundraising challenge to raise the amount of £20.23!

This target could be reached in many ways-



Can you jump 2023 times on your trampoline?



Can you stay silent for 20 minutes and 23 seconds?



Can you do jobs around the house for 20 minutes and 23 seconds?

Use your imagination to get your family and friends to sponsor you to raise funds for our amazing new learning space.

Completed challenges can be paid directly to your child's parent pay account:



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs are now available!

Please speak to Claire or a member of the admin team if you have any queries.

	Reception	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
Monday	Dance	Indoor Games Amazing Artists Arts and Crafts	Times Table Club Chess Screen Printing Multi-Sports Rock Band
Tuesday	Arts and Crafts	Book Club Forest School	Choir Indoor Games Arts Award Maths Club Reading & Wellbeing Drama
Thursday	Cooking	Ukulele Lego Club	Making Composing Board Games
Friday		Mindfulness	Steel Pans

All Aboard Club

Our inclusive train play sessions are running again!

We're back for 2023, ready to resume our play sessions in Sutton, Hounslow, Lewisham, Woking, Brentford ... and in **three** new venues in Weybridge, Biggen Hill and Streatham.

😊 What you can expect when you book a session with us

- An understanding, inclusive and supportive approach
- Knowledgeable staff and friendly volunteers
- Boxes and boxes of trains to play with



For all the details, dates, and to book tickets, see our event calendar here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/all-aboard-club-17472198201>

If you want to have a chat about your child's particular needs, then please ring Richard [director] on 07948 407343 or reply to this email: info@allaboardclub.com.
[Please share with your local autism, ADHD and special needs network]



Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery am	Abigail	For trying her best to communicate more with adults and for looking after Nursery toys. Well done, Abigail!
Nursery pm	Matthew	For his amazing rocket art work and for always helping his friends. Well done, Matthew!
Red Class	Leo	For being very helpful and kind to his friends. Well done, Leo!
Blue Class	Hector	For sharing some amazing thoughts and ideas around our topic 'Real-life Superheroes this week. Thank you Hector!
Yellow Class	Anish	For growing in confidence and working hard on his phonics. Well done!
1G	Dexter	For always doing the right thing. Dexter has an excellent attitude to learning and has made brilliant progress in all areas of his learning. Well done!
1M	Seth	For always trying his best and having a fantastic attitude to his learning. Seth is always kind and friendly to all!
1N	Amira	For her determination and perseverance. She is always so focused on the task and has made excellent progress in her Maths and English. Well done!
2G	Oniefa	For her positive attitude towards her learning and for always contributing during carpet time. Well done 😊
2S	Mason	Because of his thoughtful contributions during our carpet time and for always being such a good role model!
2SW	Zoe	For her excellent behaviour in lessons and trying her best with her learning. Well done, Zoe!
3A	Selina	For working hard and being a positive role model. Well done!
3L	Sophie	For showing perseverance with her spelling, excellence in her presentation of her learning and demonstrating role model behaviour!
3S	Harrison	Consistently demonstrating a positive attitude to his learning in all areas of the curriculum Wel done – you are a superstar!
4C	Adelina	For her excellent attitude towards learning this week
4V	Alaya	Since starting at Torridon, she has settled in incredibly well, gets on with her learning and has even made new friends both inside and outside of her class. Well done!
4W	Baenla	For great participation in class and working hard.
5L	Mihir	For showing great enthusiasm during our history learning as well as reading widely. This has had a positive impact on the quality of discussion you bring to the class daily. Well done!
5R	Akiz	For participating well all week and for bringing in his reading record every day.
5S	Pedro	For consistently showing perseverance and determination in his learning. Also, for always showing excellence in his behaviour – great role model. Well done!
6A	Nicola	For her well-written non-chronological report, and being an excellent role model for our class and school community.
6C	Benjamin	For working really hard on your non-chronological report this week. Well done!
6L	Noah	For trying really hard in class by answering questions and engaging in discussions. Well done!
Blue Pathway	Ibrahim	Well done for attending your Year 5 class all week and completing all of your learning
Green Pathway	Gabriel	Well done for participating so well in P.E this week, you listened so well to all of the instructions

February Half-Term Camp



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13th Feb - 17th Feb

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World of Warcraft

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WORLD OF WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation – but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, *Dragonflight*, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around €30.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary *Final Fantasy XIV*, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently €9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes, animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite "end" – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them "quests") like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively "pays" for the regular new content, but there's also a free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

David Goodwin is a senior editor at technology and entertainment website *theverge.com* and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he's also a parent and therefore has seen advocates of online safety, writing regularly about tech and gaming, his articles have had to be published on a social media being platform and elsewhere.



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