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Dear parents and carers,

There has been some lovely learning happening at Torridon this week. The children in year 6 produced some fantastic writing based on their core text 'Children of the Benin Kingdom'. Year 5 have been honing their skills on the steel pans and there have been some beautiful pen and ink drawings produced which you can see on our Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/torridon_primary_school_art/

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our maths workshop this week. I hope you found the session useful and informative. Next week's session is for parents and carers of Reception children. We look forward to seeing you at 9am on Tuesday.

Our wonderful PTA did an excellent job organising the sponsored bounce this week. Thank you so much for everyone who volunteered to count the bounces. There is still time to collect sponsorship donations from friends and family. You can make an online donation by following the link: [Donate Here](#)

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.
Warm wishes.

Manda George
Headteacher

NEU Strike Action

Wednesday 1st February

School is closed for children in years 1 to 6.
Nursery and Reception will remain open as usual.
Online learning is available here:

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/remote-learning-offer/>

Chinese New Year



Chinese New Year dawned on Sunday 22nd January, and we moved into the new lunar year – the year of the rabbit. The rabbit represents longevity, kindness, peace, and wealth. Let's hope to see these things for everyone in 2023.

Art Competition Winners!

We had so many fantastic entries for the Christmas art competition and it was extremely difficult to pick a winner, so much so we had to pick five!!! Well done to all that entered we were absolutely blown away by the incredible talent that we have at Torridon.

Our winners are:

- Daisy Lamb (5L)
- Ismael Okoua (5L)
- Abshitha Vickiraman (5L)
- Amelie Sun (3A)
- Bernice Sun (Reception Red Class)



English as an Additional Language (EAL) workshop



We are very excited to announce that we will be holding our first EAL workshop to develop some helpful dual language resources for our children who are learning English as an additional language.

This will be on

Tuesday 7th February 9.00am – 9.45am

If you can speak and write in a language other than English, we would love your support.

We would particularly welcome support from family members who speak Tamil, Russian, Polish, French, Arabic and Romanian. We look forward to seeing you then.

PTA Pizza Night



PIZZA & COOKIE NIGHT FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY



Friends of Torridon PTA has teamed up for a 3rd time with Doughies for a fun family night in. Order kits at <https://doughies.co.uk/products/torridon> by Saturday, 4th February and you'll receive everything you need to make artisan pizzas and gooey cookies in your home oven.

Kits will be distributed to your eldest child at school on Friday, 10th February. Pizzas will be ready to cook on the same day or will keep in the fridge for 48 hours. Cookies can be frozen for 6 weeks.

Questions? Get in touch at friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com.

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for each kit sold!

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Operation Woodland Update



All of your amazing support means that we will be on track to start the first phase of the car park regeneration during the half term break in February! We are so excited for this amazing development for our children but we really could not make this happen without your support and generosity.



We have a few trees left available for sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor a tree and be part of Torridon's history please express your interest at operationwoodland@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk



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Our fundraising pledge is well under way now so we would love to hear about any fundraising you have been doing with your family. We would love to share your story in future newsletters. operationwoodland@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

Childnet Online Safety Workshops

Childnet is a UK-based charity who empower children, young people and those who support them in their lives, to use the internet safely. We would like to arrange a parent and carer workshop to be delivered by Childnet to offer practical advice and resources to guide you through risks that children face on the internet such as: grooming, bullying and inappropriate material, as well as supporting with parental controls on devices and open dialogue at home about online safety.

Childnet can offer this workshop face to face which will be held at school, via zoom or through a pre-recorded video which you could view in your own time.

If you would be interesting in attending the workshop please email admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk by **Friday 10th February 2023** to express which type of workshop you would prefer.



Sponsored Bounce



Children and grownups alike had a super time at the Sponsored Bounce. Well done to everyone who took part, especially our top bouncers:

Class	Top bouncer	Bounces
Nursery	Yasviny & Matthew	89
Resource Base	Munasar	53
Blue	Jack	92
Red	Safa	98
Yellow	Milo	99
1G	Alyssa	99
1M	George	102
1N	Daisy, Inaya, Maleena & Salome	91
2S	Matthew	120
2SW	Zenab & Iris	99
2G	Phaedra	109

Class	Top bouncer	Bounces
3S	Maxwell	119
3L	Edward	112
3A	Natalie	101
4W	Kayden	124
4V	Elisabeth	126
4C	✿ Oshie ✿	130
5L	Kyp	103
5R	T'shae	102
5S	Hazel	107
6A	Sarah	103
6L	Mason	105
6C	Adam	86

Honourable mention for highest bounces goes to Josann in 2G! And participation awards go to the brave teachers and volunteers who had a go:

Leah (volunteer) – 97, Lucille (3L) – 93, Frankie (volunteer) – 90, Gwen (2G) – 85, Claudia (6C) - 81 Alice (3A) - 80

Thanks so much to the parents and carers who volunteered their time to make the day possible and to teachers and staff for their support.

Sponsor your child today

Thanks to your generous donations, we've raised nearly £1000 so far! Can you help us reach our £2000 goal? There's still time to collect sponsorship donations from family and friends. You can bring cash or cheques (payable to Friends of Torridon PTA) to the school office, or donate online via the link below.

[Donate Here](#)

Your contributions will help us continue to run fun and engaging community events, fund school improvement projects like the Outdoor Learning Space, and support vulnerable families in our community. We donate 10% of all of our net proceeds to the Torridon Food Bank. If you can, please give generously.

Cleaning Up with Forest School



After school club have been busy this week!



We worked really hard to tidy up the area at the front of the school by filling one large black bin full of rubbish and 2 sacks of leaves which we are going to use in our new woodland once the leaves have mulched!!



Rights Respecting School



Article 16~Protection of privacy

‘Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child’s private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation.’

This week we have been discussing the importance of privacy. We linked Article 16 to our own knowledge and discussed the organisations such as the NSPCC that work tirelessly to ensure that this is maintained.

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 31 st January	9.00am Reception parent and carer maths session
	Year 2 to The Science Museum
Wednesday 1 st February	NEU STRIKE ACTION SCHOOL CLOSED (YEAR 1 – YEAR 6)
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
	Year 3 to The British Museum (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Tuesday 28 th February	Y5/6 basketball tournament
Friday 3 rd March	PTA Coffee Morning
Thursday 9 th March	Year 6 National Dental Programme
	6.00pm Year 6 School Journey Meeting
Friday 10 th March	PTA uniform sale
Week beginning Monday 13 th March	Whole school assessment week
Friday 17 th March	RED NOSE DAY
Tuesday 21 st March	Reception vision and hearing screening
Sunday 26 th March	Torridon and Sandhurst 10K fun run
Week beginning 27 th March	Autism Acceptance Week
Tuesday 28 th March	Y3/4 Tri-Golf tournament
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

Weekly Attendance by Class




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, 5S** who were awarded the attendance cup this week.

	Class	Attendance
	1G	96%
	1M	94%
	1N	96%
	2S	85%
	2SW	98%
	2G	94%
	3S	94%
	3L	98.15%
	3A	93%
	4W	96%
	4V	98.28%
	4C	97%
	5L	87%
	5R	93%
	5S	96%
	6A	94%
	6L	93%
	6C	90%

Tales on Moon Lane

Join us for the fourth Herne Hill Kids' Lit Festival! From Monday 30th January to Sunday 5th February, we'll be celebrating story telling with fun activities, readings, performances and author signings.

The programme for this year is packed with exciting events for schools and the general public. It features some of the most exciting guest speakers and hosts from across the children's book industry, including current Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho, Simon James Green; Thiago De Moraes; Patrice Lawrence, MBE; Sam Sedgman; Gareth P. Jones; Cerrie Burnell, and many more.



[Book your tickets by clicking here, we can't wait to see you there!](#)



Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery am	Mikolaj	For his growth in confidence and for communicating well with adults. Well done, Mikolaj!
Nursery pm	Benicio	For trying his best to follow the Nursery rules and for showing kindness to his friends. Well done, Benicio!
Red Class	Nathan	For always trying hard with his learning. Well done, Nathan!
Blue Class	Jack	For being such a helpful team player and sharing some amazing thoughts this week. Well done Jack!
Yellow Class	Sana	For growing in confidence and always listening well. Well done!
1G	Jos	For his brilliant attitude to learning. He is always trying his best and has made excellent progress, especially with his handwriting! Well done 😊
1M	Uzair	For his good listening, participation to class discussions and great learning!
1N	Steviee	For her excellent attitude to learning. She is always focused on her learning and is always a good friend to her classmates. 😊
2G	Libby	For her fantastic contributions during carpet time. Well done Libby! 😊
2S	Sharviny	For her beautifully neat presentation this week! Well done Sharviny!
2SW	Vivien	For her enthusiastic contributions during our carpet sessions 😊
3A	Travis	For making an excellent effort to improve his handwriting and finish tasks in the time we have. Well done!
3L	Phoenix	For producing a fantastic piece of writing early in the week. Excellent effort!
3S	Rafferty	For being motivated to do his best. Great attitude towards his learning, well done!
4C	Neriah	For putting in tremendous effort in all subjects, trying hard to overcome challenges in swimming and improvement in her reading
4V	Orlando	For making the right decision after being put into a difficult position. Well done and keep it up.
4W	Caelan	For making a huge effort to read at home and bring in his reading record daily. I am very proud of his effort in writing. Keep up the positive attitude.
5L	Kyp	For being consistently resilient within his learning. He applied himself and was able to multiply 4-digit numbers by 2- digit numbers. Well done!
5R	Gobi	For demonstrating great efforts in his writing. You have shown great focus and this is evident in your writing. Well done, Gobi. Keep it up!
5S	Abishikah	For consistently pushing herself in her learning and for always showing excellence in her behaviour. Well done!
6A	Aaliyah	For producing an excellent piece of narrative, using the key features of a story. Well done, Aaliyah.
6C	Fraser	For your motivation and determination in all lessons. You have been making excellent progress – well done!
6L	Gharshan	For writing an excellent narrative based on the story 'The Children of the Benin Kingdom'. You selected ambitious vocabulary which really engaged the reader. Well done!
Blue Pathway	Naoki	Well done for such fantastic work in your Year 4 class and in the Resource Base.
Green Pathway	Lotanna	Well done for being always being so kind, patient and helpful!

Saplings – Half Term Flyer



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Half Term Club

From just £30.00 per day for bookings before the 23rd Jan!

103 Torridon Road, SE6 1RQ

13TH - 17TH FEB 8AM - 6PM

Bookings on or before the 23rd Jan

- £35 per day
- £90 for 3 days
- £150 per week
- Meals included

Bookings on or before the 30th Jan

- £39 per day
- £100 for 3 days
- £165 per week
- Meals included

Bookings on or after the 6th Feb

- £45 per day



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Cyber Resilience at Home

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

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops – the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the **likelihood** of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the **potential impact** of a cyber incident; and making the **recovery** from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one backup version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Guy Mendenhall is the Director of IT at a large secondary school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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Holocaust Memorial Day

3pm, 29 January 2023

Admittance by RSVP only, please
register your interest on Eventbrite
or email civicevents@lewisham.gov.uk
for more information.



Holocaust Memorial Day is on Friday 27 January this year. To mark the occasion, Lewisham's Holocaust Memorial Day Committee is hosting a community event on Sunday 29 January. We will hear from holocaust survivors and their families, in addition to Catford and Bromley Synagogue, Lewisham Islamic Centre and St Laurence Church.

If you would like to attend, please register via [Eventbrite](#).

