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24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear parents and carers,

It feels as though spring has started making an appearance this week. The sunshine definitely made us smile. Fingers crossed it stays that way for our PTA events on Sunday.

The children have worked so hard during their assessments this week. We are looking forward to seeing how much progress they have made this term.

Thank you to those who have donated Easter Eggs and other delicious treats for the food bank. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference for families in need over the holiday period.

We are all living in very challenging times at the moment. We know our Torridon community is strong and resilient but we all need a little extra support from time to time. Please remember we are here to help wherever we can. If you are finding things difficult, please come and talk to a member of the team. We can support with food bank parcels or supermarket vouchers and can signpost you to a range of organisations and services in the local area.

Next week is ***Autism Acceptance Week***. The theme this year is ***colour***. We will be holding special assemblies and following up with a range of activities in class to raise awareness and develop understanding of autism and how we can support our autistic friends at school.

I hope to see you on Sunday for the Corbett Chase and play street. It is lovely to be joining together with Sandhurst this year.

There is still time to sign up if you wish to run, help with marshalling or bake a cake or two!

Have a really good weekend.  
Best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



# The Corbett Chase 10K & HALF-MARATHON

THE CORBETT CHASE + STREET PLAY OUT & CAKE SALE - THIS SUNDAY 26 MARCH!

8.30am Registration for runners and walkers

9:15am - 10k and half-marathon run starts at Torridon Primary School

10:00am - 12:00pm - Play Street and cake sale on Minard Road in front of Sandhurst Primary School, where race finishes

*If you're contributing a cake, please bring it to Sandhurst School from 9:30am on Sunday.*

LAST CHANCE TO [SIGN UP!](#) WE NEED YOU - RUNNERS, WALKERS, VOLUNTEERS & CAKE BAKERS

Come one come all - run, walk, volunteer or simply bring your family to enjoy the Play Street on Minard Road and cheer on the runners as they cross the finish line - and sponsor their efforts as they raise money for the new outdoor Creative Corner - [donate here](#). Many thanks for your support!



## Egg-stravaganza Competition

For this competition, please create a scene from your favourite story. You could focus on either one character or your favourite part of a story. You could use an egg or a potato to create your character. If you would like to take part, please bring your creations to school on:

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

Please see examples below for inspiration:

Rainbow fish, The Cat in the Hat and Harry Potter.

We can't wait to see your creations!






Winners will win a selection of books!

## Well Done Team Torridon!



## Weekly Attendance by Class

	Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance
	1G	89%		3A	94%		5L	93%
	1M	94%		3L	95%		5R	91%
	1N	92%		3S	94%		5S	95.9%
	2G	90%		4C	96.5%		6A	95%
	2S	92.4%		4V	94%		6C	96.3%
	2SW	84%		4W	97%		6L	94%

Attendance seems to have dipped this week and our whole school attendance figure of 93% was rather disappointing. Please remember that all routine medical appointments for the dentist, optician etc should be



made outside of school time. Congratulations to 2S, 4W and 6C and who won the attendance cup for their phase this week.

## Year 1 Art and Design

Year One have spent the afternoon turning a DT project into an Art project.



In DT they have been learning about changing materials and have been experimenting with building model houses out of cardboard and papier mache.

Today they were delighted to discover that the sticky mush had turned hard and their models were now sturdy and firm! We have celebrated by decorating the models - take a look how they did!

## Ramadan



This week saw the start of Ramadan, the 9<sup>th</sup> month of the Islamic calendar when the Qu'ran was revealed. Ramadan is observed by muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer and reflection.

If your child is intending to fast during Ramadan, please let his or her class teacher know.

Thank you

## Help To Plan The Summer Fair

Spring is almost here, so it's time to start planning the Summer Fair! We need lots of help to plan and run an event of this scale. In case you missed Megan's presentation during the virtual meeting last week, you can view the presentation slides [here](#). If you have ideas to share or you'd like to join our planning committee, please tell us [here](#) or email [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com). Thank you!

**This year's Summer Fair will be on Saturday, 8 July, 12-4pm - save the date.**

## Year 3 Tri-Golf Tournament

Year 3 have been learning about Tri-golf as part of the P.E. curriculum. They enjoyed using all their skills during an inter-year golf tournament. Huge thanks to Michael Church and his fantastic team of year 6 sports leaders who organised and ran the event for us.



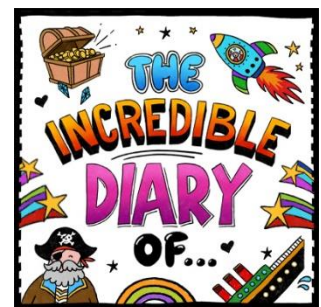
## Creative Writing Competition

Would you like the opportunity to become a published author?...If so, this competition is for you!

The theme is 'diary writing'. You could write a recount of a special day or an imaginary diary. It is time to be creative!

The winning entries will be published in a book!

Complete the planning sheet and give to your teacher by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.





## Dates For Your Diary

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Torridon and Sandhurst 10K fun run
Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Autism Acceptance Week
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Resource Base Blue Pathway to SEND Sports Festival
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3/4 Tri-Golf tournament
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent and carer open evenings
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 to Cutty Sark and National Maritime Museum
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Resource Base Coffee Morning for parents and carers
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 Dance Workshop
	Year 4 to Natural History Museum
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Easter School
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 Quad Kids Tournament
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 to Junior Citizenship Event
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5/6 Football Tournament
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 Football Tournament
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5/6 girls' cricket tournament
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Week beginning Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week
	Woodlands Dress Up Day
	Year 2 SATs week
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	NSPCC Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 6 Unity Competition at Crystal Palace
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	6pm – Year 5 secondary transfer meeting
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET DAY
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Assessment week for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 3, 4 and 5
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair 12-4pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 Year 6 production
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
	6pm Year 6 production
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3,4,5 and 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm – summer music concert
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the summer term
	9.30 – Year 6 leavers' assembly



PRESENTS

# Come and join us for an Easter

## Holidays and Food programme

Easter themed Performing Arts Art and Crafts and Outdoor Activities

Plays and Drama Activities | Arts and Crafts |  
Singalongs and Dance | Clay Modelling Activities | Physical Activities |  
Nutrition Education Activities | Easter Egg and Scavenger Hunts, Relays,  
Toss Challenges and Trail | Parent Workshops and Families Support |  
Best dressed Easter Bunny Competition

**Monday 3rd April 2023 - Thursday 6th April 2023**  
**(Monday to Thursday)**  
**10am-2pm**

**Torridon Primary School, Hazelbank Road, SE6 1TG**

For more information and to register please visit the website  
<https://www.skipzproductions.org/skipzhaflewisham>

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# HAPPY EASTER



# Stars of the Week



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery pm	Noah	For sharing all his wonderful ideas. Well done, Noah!
Nursery Full Time	Frankie	For trying hard with her name writing. Well done, Frankie!
Red Class	Niara	For amazing 3D shape knowledge this week. Well done, Niara
Blue Class	Mohana	For trying so hard in her reading and writing this week and not giving up. Well done Mohana!
Yellow Class	Khai	For some excellent writing. Well done!
1G	Nackai	For having a bright smile every day! Nackai always tries his best and he's put so much effort into his quizzes this week! Well done Nackai 😊
1M	Robin	For his enthusiasm in all lessons and for his love for learning! Keep up the positive attitude Robin. Well done! 😊
1N	Petra	For taking so much care with everything she does and always being kind and gentle.
2G	Fred	For his hard work all week. Keep it up Fred! 😊
2S	Eda	For all of her hard work during our tricky quizzes this week! You should be so proud of all of your hard work! Keep it up Eda 😊
2SW	Zenab	For trying really hard to improve her learning and
3A	Madison	For being a fantastic buddy to someone new in our class. What a kind, friendly member of our community!
3L	Teddy	For focusing on presenting his fantastic learning in a clear, proud way.
3S	Lillian	For always being respectful to everyone in our school community. Thank you for always doing your best.
4C	The Whole Class	For excellent attitude to learning and for making our visitor feel so welcome!
4V	Zoya	For always being respectful to all members of staff. Well done Zoya 😊
4W	Amelia	For making a huge effort to bringing in her reading record daily. I am impressed with her commitment to maintaining high standards of attendance 😊 Keep it up Amelia!
5L	Manjot	For always demonstrating a conscientious attitude to learning. Manjot is consistent, thoughtful, proactive, and is a good role model to her peers. Well done!
5R		
5S	Reyhan	For always displaying excellent attitude towards his learning in all areas of the curriculum. For being patient and kind to the new student in our class. Well done for being a determined and respectful member of our class.
6A	Aman	For displaying our core value of aspiration through his writing this week. He used a lot of literary techniques in his diary entry to engage the reader and draw on their emotion. Well done, Aman!
6C	Meloe	For contributing very useful ideas during our class discussions. You always listen carefully to others and share your own ideas – well done!
6L	Jerush	For trying really hard with your diary entry and sharing creative ideas to include in it – well done!
Blue Pathway	Dalrekay	Well done for amazing writing this week!
Green Pathway	Raphael	Well done for being focused during your assessments this week!



## Key Stage 1 Forest School



This term's after school club finished with a lovely treat of toasting marshmallows over an open fire! We all chopped the wood to build the fire! Next term we are hoping to cook popcorn!

## Year 4 Design and Technology



Year 4 enjoyed building structures in DT this week. They investigated which geometric shapes could make the strongest structure by using different materials e.g. paper, lollipop sticks and straws to build their models. The children had a fun time learning to work like structural engineers using playdough and masking tape as their resources.

# 2023-2024 Term Dates



## Torridon Primary School



### AUTUMN TERM 2023

<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
<b>First Day of Autumn Term</b>	<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b>
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023</b>
<b>Last Day of Autumn Term</b>	<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>

### SPRING TERM 2024

<b>First Day of Spring Term</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>
<b>Last Day of Spring Term</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>

### SUMMER TERM 2024

<b>First Day of Summer Term</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024</b>
<b>Last Day of Summer Term</b>	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>

Children do not come to school on INSET Days



# HAF Holiday Programme



Superkids are running a free HAF Holiday program at Rushey Green school this Easter holiday. There are funded places from 3rd to 6th April from 9am to 1pm. Breakfast, cooked lunch and all activities are included for free.

Children must qualify for benefits-related free school meals to be eligible for a funded place.

## Platform Cricket - Easter Holiday Camps

The programme is particularly targeted at children eligible for a Free School Meal, but we will welcome any interested children.



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### CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMME

EASTER (WEEK 1)

VENUE: PRENDERGAST LADYWELL SCHOOL  
MANWOOD ROAD  
LADYWELL  
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MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm  
TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm  
WEDNESDAY 5th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm  
THURSDAY 6th APRIL 2023: 10am-3pm



## PLATFORM

Supporting young people to progress  
through and in cricket



### IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR YOU?

This course is appropriate for any child in school years 4 to 7.

Children will experience cricket in a fun, safe and progressive environment, building on their development at an appropriate rate.

Both beginners and children who have experienced cricket before are welcome.

### DETAILS

- COST:** These courses are Free of Charge
- PLACES:** Allocated to the first 30 respondents on a first come-first serve basis
- AGES:** 8-12 Years Old
- LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT:** Parents of children entitled to a Free School Meal will be provided with a hot lunch (Please highlight any dietary requirements when signing-up)
- CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT:** Regular sports kit & trainers (non-marking soles); Personal protective equipment preferred, although we can supply if a child does not have their own

### THE COACHES

#### LEAD: JAHID AHMED



Jahid Ahmed is a former Essex seam bowler who has worked extensively in youth cricket. He is one of an exclusive group of Level 3 coaches, he has led the development of junior cricket in East London and he is a fast bowling and high performance coach with Kent CCC.

#### OTHER COACHES INCLUDE:

Matt Golding (current Minor County Cricketer; Level 2 Coach), Jonathan Rodda (Club Youth Lead; Level 2 Coach), Matt Stiddard (London Schools U14 Lead; Level 2 Coach), Soyfur Rahman (Middlesex Youth; Level 3 Coach).



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TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE  
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## After School Schedule

Mondays

3.45 - 5.15pm: Book Club (Ages 6-10)

6 - 7pm: KS3 Maths Clinic

Tuesdays

4.45 - 5.45pm: Debate Club

Wednesdays

6 - 7pm: Family Lecture Series

Thursdays

3.45 - 4.45: Phonics Club (Ages 3-6)



3.45 - 5.15pm: 11+ Club (English, Maths and Reasoning)

Fridays

3.45 - 5.15pm: English in Performance (Ages 6-12)

5.30 - 6.30pm: Film Critics Club (Ages 11-15)

Saturdays

12.30 - 2pm: Primary English and Maths Blast! (Ages 6-10)



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## Easter Sports Camp

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# Online Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold 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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

### BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember, featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

### AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

### NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

### LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format, in case the service suffers a data breach. The strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

### CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

### Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding 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 we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

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IN OPERATION

### 'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

### DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

### TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

### GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ('FourBlueShoes', for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

### STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.



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