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Dear parents and carers,

It is hard to believe we have come to the end of the spring term. Time has flown by and the Easter holiday is already here.

Thank you to those who braved the weather on Sunday to join in with the Corbett Chase and Hither Half. It was so nice to join forces with Sandhurst for the day. Huge thanks to Emily Steadman for all her hard work in organising and leading on the day. There is still time for you to donate. See details later in the newsletter.

It was good to see you all at parent and carer open evenings this week. I had lots of lovely feedback from you – thank you for your kind words about the staff team. I hope you were as proud of your children as we are. They have worked so hard this term and have made fantastic progress.

This week has been a week of winners! From the winners of Sunday's run to our tri-golf teams, our Egg-stravaganza competition winners and Raheem our chef – it has been an outstanding way to finish the spring term. Read on to find out what has been happening.

Whatever you choose to do over the Easter break, I hope you have a wonderful time. Take very good care and I look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 17th April**.

Warmest wishes

Manda George
Headteacher



Raheem – our double award winning chef!



This week the 2023 Contract Catering Awards took place in central London. We are immensely proud to announce, Raheem Morgan, our brilliant chef, became a **DOUBLE** award winner at this very prestigious ceremony. He scooped the Education Caterer Award & Unit Chef Of The Year Award!!



Raheem does such an amazing job cooking fantastic meals for us and his smile brightens our lunchtimes every day. Well done Raheem and thank you for being such a wonderful member of Team Torridon!

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tuesday 11 th – Friday 14 th April	Year 6 Easter School
Tuesday 18 th April	Y3/4 Quad Kids Tournament
Monday 24 th April	Year 6 to Junior Citizenship Event
Tuesday 25 th April	Y5/6 Football Tournament
Wednesday 26 th April	Y3/4 Football Tournament
Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 rd May	Y5/6 girls' cricket tournament
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
Week beginning Monday 15 th May	Walk to School Week
	Woodlands Dress Up Day
	Year 2 SATs week
Wednesday 17 th May	NSPCC Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6
Saturday 20 th May	PTA Fun Run
Monday 22 nd May	Year 6 Unity Competition at Crystal Palace
Wednesday 24 th – Friday 26 th May	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thursday 22 nd June	6pm – Year 5 secondary transfer meeting
Friday 23 rd June	INSET DAY
Week beginning 3 rd July	Assessment week for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 3, 4 and 5
Saturday 8 th July	Summer Fair 12-4pm
Monday 10 th July	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 11 th July	9.15 Year 6 production
Wednesday 12 th July	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
	6pm Year 6 production
Thursday 13 th July	Year 3,4,5 and 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 18 th July	5pm – summer music concert
Friday 21 st July	Last day of the summer term – 2pm finish
	9.30 – Year 6 leavers' assembly

Autism Acceptance Week



The aim of Autism Acceptance Week is to help more people understand what autism is, as well as the ways it can affect life for autistic people. At Torridon we celebrate inclusion and diversity and our focus this week has been celebrating autism and the theme of colour. The children have been learning about how children with autism experience the world and the challenges they can face. We also have been looking at the theme of kindness and understanding towards other children and how the children can support their classmates and friends who have autism.

The whole school have been doing activities to promote their understanding of autism and celebrate the wonderful mix of diverse children we have at the school.

We held special assemblies to learn a little more about how we can help our autistic friends in class and on the playground.

Callie- Rose (Year 4) chose to carry her learning on at home and created this wonderful speech:

Autism Week

If you have autism it doesn't matter, that means you are special and unique. The loud noises may be too much for you but everybody is different. Touches can be too much and that doesn't make a difference because nobody is the same and they will never be the same.

Example:

If you're wearing a jumper and it starts to get really itchy on your skin, you just have to take it off.

Everyone comes in different colours, shapes and sizes so if you have autism you have a special feature as everybody has different special features.

You need to be brave, things may be hard but staying calm will help. Try your best, even if it's hard to do.

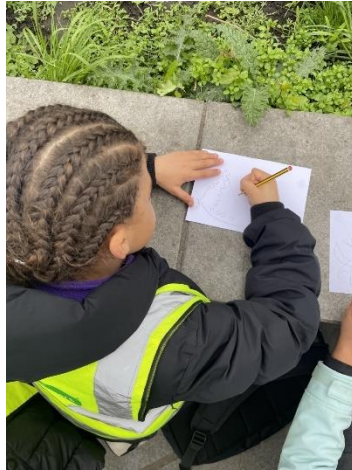
Keep going on no matter what and do what makes you happy. Nobody deserves to be sad.

Thank you Callie-Rose for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

Year 2 trip to the Cutty Sark and Maritime Museum



This week Year 2 had a wonderful time on their school trip to the Cutty Sark and the Maritime Museum! We had time to sketch the Cutty Sark and enjoyed exploring the ship to see what life on the ocean was like. We even saw the world's largest collection of figureheads. It was an amazing day enjoyed by all. 😊



Year 1 Splatter Painting

Year 1 had a lovely time creating splatter paintings for autism acceptance week.



The Corbett Chase 10K & HALF-MARATHON



WELL DONE TEAM TORRIDON!

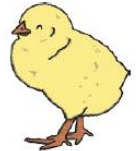
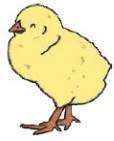
Massive congrats and thanks to our amazing team of runners, volunteers and cake bakers who contributed in some way to last Sunday's Corbett Chase with Sandhurst.

The rainy conditions didn't stop 60 runners and 25 volunteers from getting out there on the course, play street and cake stall - community spirit was buzzing and lots of cakes and hot drinks were consumed! Well done to all who took part, with a special mention to parent Tom Boswell - winner of the 10k - parent James Webb - winner of the half-marathon - and to Joshua in 4W - who came in 4th overall in the 10k! Although we didn't cover as many total miles as Team Sandhurst, we were proud to have the fastest dads and child! Fantastic job by all.

Please support Team Torridon's great efforts here - raising money for the new outdoor Creative Corner: <https://gofund.me/d2fcd8d>



Egg-stravaganza Competition

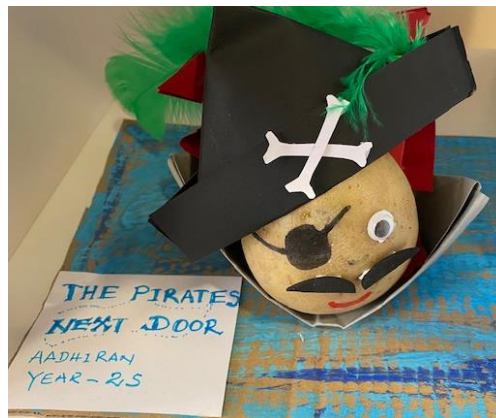


Thank you to everyone who took part in our egg-cellent, egg-stravaganza competition.

It was wonderful to see all of your creations displayed this week. All of the egg creations were of an excellent standard – well done everyone!

Congratulations to our overall winners: Arif (1G), Ilakkiya (Red class), Amelie (3A), Dalrekay (Resource Base) and Aden (6C)

Here are some pictures of the creations:



Our Artsmark journey begins!

We are thrilled to announce the start of Torridon's Arts mark journey. The creative arts team have been busy compiling the rationale, goals and ambition for the schools future creative arts development.

The three areas for development over the next two years will include:

1. The Creative Corner

An Outside Space and innovative curriculum to promote teaching and showcasing of the creative and performing arts in a bespoke outdoor setting - The Creative CORNER

2. A Creative Curriculum

Embedding the creative arts based skills to enrich all areas of the curriculum working alongside teachers to get the arts into the classroom. Forming an Artsmark working party.

3. Partnerships

Partner School with Irie Dance Theatre to introduce African and Caribbean dance into our curriculum.

Success in our Artsmark journey will lead to a quality standard for schools accredited by Arts Council England in Silver, Gold or Platinum



Lego Club Exhibition

Heather and the children from Lego club took great pride in showing off their creations at the exhibition this week. Here you can see Dexter's marvellous spy house with spy house stable, Nova's fantastic maze world and the amazing mini fort created by Jude, Christopher, Stephen and Zaydon. Thank you Heather!






Resource Base Festival of Sport



The resource base children had a lovely time at the SEND festival of sport this week. They had great fun learning cricket skills, multi-sports and trampolining.



Weekly Attendance by Class

	Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance
	1G	85%		3A	94%		5L	95%
	1M	96%		3L	99%		5R	95%
	1N	93%		3S	95%		5S	97%
	2G	98%		4C	94%		6A	95%
	2S	96%		4V	90%		6C	93%
	2SW	100%		4W	95%		6L	91%

Huge congratulations to 2SW who have become the first class to achieve 100% attendance this term. Well done and keep it up 2SW! 3L were not far behind on 99%, followed closely by 2G on 98%. Let's see how many classes can achieve 100% attendance next term.

Torridon No Smoking Zone



**No
smoking**

Please do not smoke or vape outside the school gates. It sets a very poor example for our children and passive smoking puts the health of our families at risk.

Music Performances



This week we were treated to a musical extravaganza with musicians and singers entertaining and delighting an audience of very proud families and friends. Our string ensemble performed beautifully as did the very brave soloists and duos who performed guitar, piano, recorder and violin pieces.

Thank you to Chris and Sam for all their hard work and dedication to developing music across the school and thank you to everyone who was able to come and enjoy the performances.



Lewisham Tri-Golf Tournament



Teams from year 3 and year 5 were very excited to take part in a tri-golf tournament this week, competing against 20 other Lewisham schools. I am delighted to say that our Year 5 team came in 2nd and our Year 3 team were the overall winners! Both teams came home with medals.

Not only did the Y3s earn themselves a shiny gold medal each (which made them incredibly happy), but they will now represent Lewisham in the London finals and play against all the other winning schools within the London Boroughs.

We were going against quite a lot of schools and we had to play quite a few different games. When we finished, we found out we had won. I felt so excited and proud!

Harmony (Year 3)

We did 8 different challenges. It was a bit hard but we did OK. I was a bit nervous but I was very glad when we won our medals.

Sophie (Year 3)

It was really good. There were quite a lot of schools. I thought it was going to be hard to beat them but I just chilled out and threw my worries away – that's why I think we won. Everyone played their best and when we finished we celebrated.

Ashton (Year 3)

The children were amazing with their attitude towards the competition and their behaviour in general. They battled through the rain and cold winds to play their matches together, with both teams cheering each other every step of the way.

Michael Church





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	Chinemeram	For trying hard to solve conflicts with his friends. Well done, Chinemeram!
Nursery Full Time	Abigail	For enthusiasm for learning in all areas. Well done, Abigail!
Red Class	Liam	For amazing reading this week. Well done, Liam!
Blue Class	Harley	For better listening at carpet times and for expressing her emotions clearly! Well done Harley
Yellow Class	Elsie	For good listening and growing in confidence. Well done!
1G	Mathias	For being a superstar and having such a brilliant year! You have brought so much joy to 1G – we will miss you.
1M	Victoria	For trying her best and using her creativity especially when writing her story in our English lesson. Well done, Victoria!
1N	Amarachukwu	For his fantastic acting and increasingly positive and happy attitude to learning. Keep up the great work!
2G	Isaiah	For his hard work in maths and for always using his jottings! Keep it up 😊
2S	2S	For their wonderful behaviour on our school trip to the Cutty Sark! You were wonderful role models of our school 😊
2SW	Zach	For his hard work and determination in improving his writing. Well done, Zach! 😊
3A	Ofure	Working exceptionally hard across all subjects. Well done!
3L	Whole class	For making our visiting teacher feel so welcome. Thank you for being thoughtful, helpful and respectful.
4C	Whole class	For representing Torridon so beautifully on our school trip today. Your behaviour was impeccable!
4V	Archie	For working really hard to improve his attendance. Well done Archie, keep it up! 😊
4W	Everyone	For being so amazing on our trip today! You were excellent Torridon ambassadors. Thank you and well done!
5L	Arnold	For being an outstanding member of 5L. Arnold has settled in wonderfully, is respectful to adults, and has formed positive relationships with his peers in year 5. Well done!
5R	Mirielle	For an outstanding result in her reading assessment and always demonstrating resilience in her learning.
5S	Ephraim	For settling into our class very well, you are respectful member of our class, and we are glad you joined. For working very hard in all subjects. Well done!
6A	Sarah	For showing resilience in your assessments this week and making progress – well done!
6C	Karshayan	For listening carefully during grammar sessions and applying this to your independent learning – well done!
6L	Kavahn	For trying hard with your assessments this week which resulted in you making progress in them - well done!
Blue Pathway	Isiah	For working so hard all week in his year 5 class and the resource base.
Green Pathway	Amarachukwu	For doing amazing writing and maths in his year 1 class.

Lewisham SEND Survey

Join the Lewisham
Integrated SEND Services
for Children & Young
People to



HAVE YOUR SAY!

We would like to ensure that young
people and families have their voices
heard with regards to what they feel is
going well / not so well within the
SEND Partnership Strategy 2020-2023
so we can set an improvement plan for
the SEND Partnership Strategy
2024-2027



Would would appreciate your feedback.
Have your say: Lewisham Local Area Partnership Strategy
2020-2023 - Survey

[Have your say – Lewisham Local Area Partnership 2020-2023 - Survey](#)

This survey is open now and available until Friday 7th April 2023.

2023-2024 Term Dates



Torridon Primary School



AUTUMN TERM 2023

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

SPRING TERM 2024

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

SUMMER TERM 2024

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

Children do not come to school on INSET Days

Invitation



Christ's Hospital warmly invite the families of Year 5 pupils, who are considering secondary education in September 2024, to our Open Morning on Saturday 22 April 2023.

Christ's Hospital was established 470 years ago as a charitable boarding school and is proud to maintain its founding principles and ethos. It offers an independent boarding education of the strongest quality to children with academic potential, from all backgrounds in a caring and supportive environment.

Our means-tested bursaries are granted to 630 of our 900 pupils; 11% of those receive a free place with 35% paying less than 10% of the full boarding fee.

To book now sign up here > [Book an open morning - Christ's Hospital \(christs-hospital.org.uk\)](https://christs-hospital.org.uk)

PTA Fun Run

PTA Fun Run - Saturday 20th May

**Save the date for the children's 1 mile Fun Run
in Forster Park on Saturday 20th May.**

Look for more details after Easter holidays

Easter Camp

Buzzers Academies Twin Oaks Primary School

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for more information



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Holiday Dance Activities



Children's Dance Holiday Programme

A fun-filled 4 days of dancing, exploring and creating in the Spring holidays

Programme Dates **Mon 3 – Thurs 6 Apr**

Times **09:00-15.45**

Ages **6-12 yr**

Costs

Days 1-4 **£180** | Days 3 & 4 **£90** | Day 1 or 2 **£45**

Days 1-4 concession **£35**

Dance Ability

For young dancers with cognitive and/or physical disabilities, or who identify as neurodivergent

Summer Term Dates **Sat 15 Apr – Sat 24 Jun**

Times **13:15-14:00**

Learning ages **5-12**

Cost per session **£7** | **£3.50** concession



Children's Creative Dance Classes

A limited number of subsidised places for families in receipt of Universal Credit

Summer Term Dates **Sat 15 Apr – Sat 1 Jul**

Ages **2.5-14 yr**

Costs

Summer Term **£33** | Half Term Instalments **£16.50**

For more information please email shortcourses@trinitylaban.ac.uk

trinitylaban.ac.uk/take-part

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