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28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another busy week at Torridon. Some of the children have been taking part in a skipping challenge – they have been bouncing all over the playground trying to beat their personal bests and competing against other schools. Earlier this week we found ourselves in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of over 100 schools. We are waiting to see if we have maintained our rating once all the results have been collated.

We are looking forward to next week's events and getting ourselves ready for Walk to School Week which takes place the following week starting with our Woodland Dress Up day on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Look out for more details later in the newsletter.

I hope you have wonderful bank holiday weekend and have the chance to spend some time with friends, family and loved ones.

Warm wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



## NEU Strike Action

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

School is closed for children in Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Online learning is available here:

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

School is open as usual for children in Nursery, Reception,

Year 2, Year 6 and Resource Base.

# CORONATION CELEBRATION



On **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**, we will be holding an afternoon tea party to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Children are invited to bring in cakes or biscuits for the party.

We are also inviting children to dress in their own clothes or to wear red, white and blue if they would like to.

It will be a lovely way to honour this historic event and to celebrate as a school community.

## Saxophone Opportunity

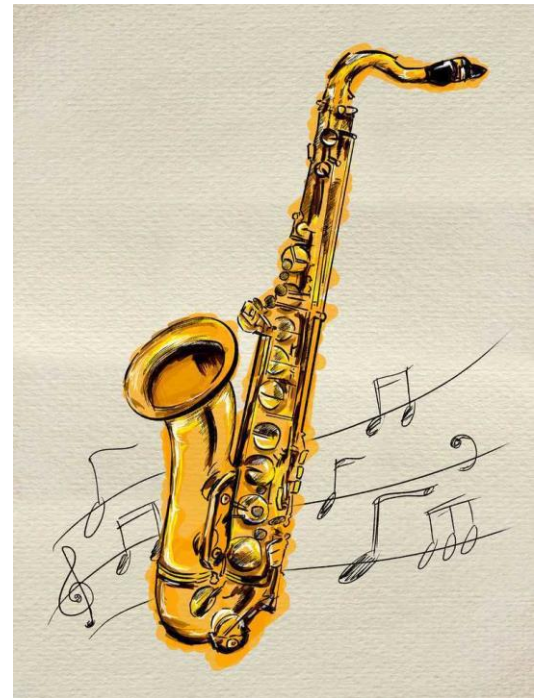
We have a wonderful opportunity for someone in year 4 or 5 to start learning the Saxophone. Usually there is an additional cost for the rental of the Saxophone from a music shop, but we have one saxophone that can be lent out without charge.

Children eligible for Pupil Premium will be prioritised for this offer. With our current fees (Pupil Premium), this would cost £45 for a half term. This is only £9 per lesson. If your child is interested in learning the saxophone, and they are not Pupil Premium, you should still apply. The lessons at full cost are £90 per half term. That is £18 per lesson.

Please contact [music@torrdionprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:music@torrdionprimary.lewisham.sch.uk) to apply or for more information.

Lessons on all instruments (Violin, Piano, Guitar, Clarinet, Saxophone and Recorder) will be available from September, so please also apply for any of these instruments before the end of this half term in order to secure one of these lessons.

If your child is currently learning with us, they will automatically stay on the list unless notice is given in writing by the end of term.

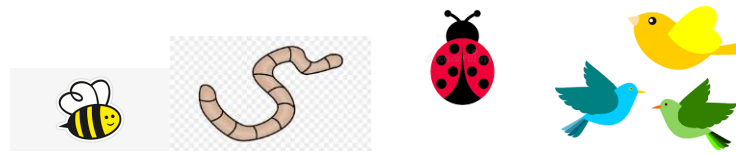


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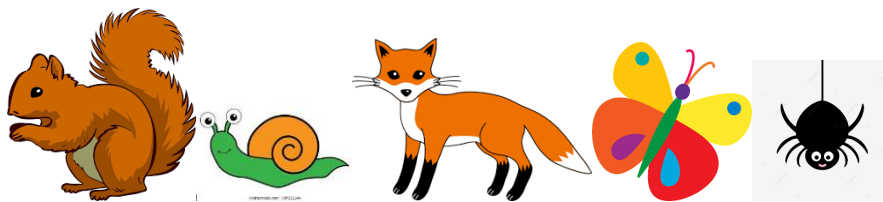
Please remember that children are not allowed to bring toys, sweets or money to school.

Please remember that routine medical and dental appointments should be made after school or in the school holiday. Emergency appointments and hospital or clinic appointments which cannot be changed will be authorised but any other appointments which are booked during the school day will be recorded as unauthorised absence. This will impact negatively on your child's attendance record.

# Woodland Friends Day



We invite you to come to school on  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
dressed as a woodland creature!



Children who do not want to dress up as a woodland friend are invited to wear green.

This is a fundraising event for our new woodland area, which coincides with Walk to School week!



Donations can be paid directly to ParentPay or buckets will be on the gate to accept cash.

Suggested donation of £1.



# Forest School Update



Nursery have been enjoying searching for minibeasts in our woodland. Last week we even found a Lizard-we named him Larry!



Reception received a letter from the Giant this week explaining that he is bored of always eating potatoes! He wants to be a kind Giant so has asked the children to plant potatoes to grow for the children of Torridon to eat-hopefully there will be enough for Raheem to cook for everyone's lunch!



This week the Green Pathway enjoyed their first Forest School session. We spent time getting used to the new environment and even started a mini allotment, planting lettuce seeds.






## Year 6 Junior Citizenship Event

On Wednesday, the Year 6 girls went to Lee fire station to take part in a Junior Citizenship event. Presenters delivered different topics of their expertise to support the children with their transition from primary to secondary school. They also provided the girls with tools to become a good citizen. Topics such as fire safety, personal safety and internet safety were covered. The sessions were very informative and the children asked many thoughtful questions.

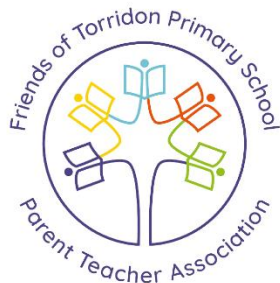


## Weekly Attendance by Class

	Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance
	1G	95%		3A	97%		5L	92%
	1M	96%		3L	100%		5R	97%
	1N	93%		3S	99%		5S	97.7%
	2G	89%		4C	98%		6A	98.4%
	2S	98%		4V	91%		6C	94%
	2SW	99%		4W	98%		6L	92%

Congratulations to 3L who had 100% attendance this week! Lots of classes exceeded our target of 97%. Well done and keep it up please.

## PTA Updates



Registered Charity No. 1103329

### PTA Coffee Morning - Friday 5th May at 9am

Join the PTA for our regular coffee morning after drop off on Friday 5th May. Enjoy a free hot drink and home baked treat, get to know other parents/carers, and learn about how you can get involved with upcoming PTA events. We hope to see you there!

**CALLING ALL KEEN GARDENERS! JOIN US FOR A SPRING GARDENING SESSION - SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY - 1:30-4pm**



Enthusiastic volunteers wanted! On **Saturday 13th May** the Green Team, along with the PTA, is holding an open gardening session to tend to the garden beds around the school ahead of spring. 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!

### Fun Run in Forster Park

The kids' Fun Run will be back in Forster Park on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June (please note the change of date). Look out for more information in the coming weeks.



# CORONATION LUNCH MENU

Chartwells have prepared a special themed lunch in honour of the King's Coronation. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have a school lunch on Thursday, please let the office know – [admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk). Payments can be made via ParentPay.



## CELEBRATE THE KING'S CORONATION

4<sup>th</sup> MAY

2023

### SANDWICHES

Tuna and Cucumber  
Chicken Salad  
Cucumber and Cream Cheese  
Mini Sausage Rolls

### SIDES

Potato Wedges  
Garlic Dough Balls  
Carrot and Cucumber Batons

### DESSERTS

Victoria Sponge Cake,  
Vanilla Ice Cream & Fruit Slices

Available with all meals – Drinking Water or Milk, Organic Yoghurt,

Fresh Fruit, Five Choice Salad Bar & Freshly Baked Bread





Join in to care for new street trees in old tree pits.

Look out for these signs springing up on pavements during the month of April! If you spot one near your home or close to where you work, then you can get involved by becoming a 'Tree Guardian'.

[Check out our map now to find the selected locations](#) where we are targeting our tree planting, but don't hang around as our target is 100 trees to be planted on a first come, first served basis!



#### Why not join our tree care team and learn about pruning?

Our tree care team visits street trees throughout Lewisham every week. Tasks include clearing weeds, re-staking or removing stakes and pruning. Pruning is an important part of the tree care regime. It's needed to remove dead and dying branches, allowing room for more growth and protecting passers-by from protruding branches.

We are lucky to have a tree pruning expert who is keen to share her knowledge about trees. The Tree Care Team is always looking for volunteers, so if you would like to learn about pruning [contact us here](#).

## Creative Corner - Structural Engineer Needed!

HELP! We need a structural engineer to support us with Creative Corner!

The Creative Arts team are looking for a structural engineer to support us with moving along our Creative Corner project. Are you a Structural Engineer or do you know someone that could support us? If so, please contact us at:

[eshepherd@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:eshepherd@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk)



# Dates For Your Diary

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>NEU STRIKE ACTION – SCHOOL CLOSED TO Y1, Y3, Y4 AND Y5</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Y5/6 girls' cricket tournament
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Coffee Morning Coronation Celebration Garden Party
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	<b>ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY FOR THE CORONATION OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Spring Gardening Session
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Resource Base Blue pathway to Tate Modern Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
Week beginning Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week Woodlands Dress Up Day Year 2 SATs week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 5 to the British Museum - change of date</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	NSPCC Workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 Reception to Forster Park 3A and 3L visiting Hindu Temple
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Resource Base to Bellingham Soft Play 3S visiting Hindu Temple
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	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Children's Fun Run in Forster Park
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	6pm – Year 5 secondary transfer meeting
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5/6 boys' cricket tournament
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception vision and hearing screening (TBC) Resource Base to Bellingham Soft Play
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Assessment week for Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 3, 4 and 5
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 First Aid workshop
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and 6 swimming gala
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Summer Fair 12-4pm</b>
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
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 BEAM transition workshop
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm – summer music concert
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the summer term – 2pm finish 9.30 – Year 6 leavers' assembly





## Stars of the Week

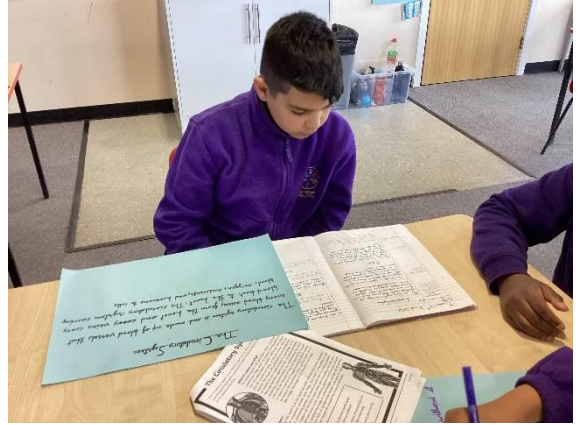


Class	Name	Reason
Nursery pm	Liam	For his amazing reading and for joining in on the carpet during phonics. Well done, Liam!
Nursery Full Time	Tabitha	For her amazing name writing and for her growth in confidence with adults, Well done Tabitha!
Red Class	Mateo	For being brave with his broken arm and learning how to write with his left hand. Well done, Mateo
Blue Class	Baran	For trying so hard in his writing this week and for being more independent! Keep it up Baran!
Yellow Class	Josh	For trying hard to make the right choices and listening well to the adults. Well done
1G	Josiah	For his fantastic writing this morning! His whole attitude to learning has improved, well done.
1M	Imaan	For being resilient and trying her best especially with her writing. She has made lovely progress. Well done, Imaan! J
1N	Inayah	For always being kind and friendly and setting a great example to others.
2G	Remey	For his dedication to improving his handwriting. Keep it up Remey!
2S	Dee-Dee	For always making positive choices and for always trying her best in all that she does! Well done, Dee-Dee, you're a superstar! 😊
2SW	Lotanna	For independently creating a fantastic Great Fire of London poster. Well done Lotanna! 😊
3A	Jace	For trying so hard in PE, computing and writing this week. Well done!
3S	Amahlia	For showing confidence in class by sharing ideas in class discussion and volunteering to read aloud.
3L	Bethany	For demonstrating an excellent attitude towards her learning. Well done for considering the presentation of your written work.
4C	Aksha	For always making excellent choices and being a positive role model in class. Keep it up!
4V	Zoya	For skilfully using different sentence starters to describe a character's appearance and personality.
4W	Saatvika	For always showing excellence in everything she does. She is a kind friend and wonderful role model in class who tries very hard. Well done!
5L	Shalom	For becoming a fantastic member of 5L! Shalom is enthusiastic about his learning and has formed great relationships with his peers, as well as adults. Well done.
5R	Hugo	For demonstrating more focus and determination in lessons. Well done.
5S	Ezra	For producing an interesting and detailed myth in writing, including all the features learnt in the lessons ensuring that every reader was engaged with your narrative. For always doing the right thing and showing excellence in his behaviour towards learning. Well done!
6A	Laju	For producing an excellent explanation text on the circulatory system; using the writing framework to assess his learning. Well done, Laju!
6C	Annaliese	For being an excellent role model to others. You always try your best in all lessons, and you are always very respectful – well done!
6L	Lovpal	For your dedication. Your attendance is outstanding, and you are always punctual – well done!
Blue Pathway	Jesse	Well done for participating so well in forest school this week. It was lovely to see you having so much fun.
Green Pathway	Gabriel	Well done for great maths this week in Year 2. You worked so hard and listened so well!

## Year 6 Writing



In our English lessons this week, we worked in groups to write a section about the circulatory system. As a class, we created four different paragraphs about the function of the system. Some children created an overview of the circulatory system, whereas others created a section



based on the heart or lungs. During the lesson, we discussed with our peers how to construct our sentences. We also focused on the vocabulary and grammar that we would like to include. This will help us with our extended piece of learning. Above all, it was fun to work in these groups and share ideas.

## Chips the Therapy Dog

Chips, the therapy dog, came to visit the resource base again today. The children loved throwing the ball for him and stroking him.





# Rights Respecting



## Article 6 ~ Life, Survival and Development

'Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.'

## Article 24 ~ Health, Water, Food & Environment

'Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.'

This week during our Rights Respecting assemblies, we celebrated Earth Day. Earth Day takes place every year on April 22 to show support for the protection of the environment and our planet. Since 1970, Earth Day has brought together people, governments and companies from around the world, supporting them to do something positive for the environment. It promotes the fact that 'change starts with action' and we can all take action and encourage others to take action that positively impacts on the world around us. We had discussions about how important our planet is and came up with lots of ideas of things we could do to protect it.

## Activity Day Camps - Barracudas



# Pineapple Dance Studios

Free Sports Wellness are offering a brand new experience for children to try out a FREE event this Sunday 30th April in London to celebrate one of our partners PPA'S @ Pineapple Dance Studios (Covent Garden) London celebrating 25 years this Sunday.

**STARTS THIS SUNDAY 30/04/23**

ALL DAY ALL AGES ALL WELCOME

ALL FREE!

**PINEAPPLE CHUNKS** age 3-4

**JUNIOR SCHOOL** age 5-10

**ALL FROM** 10am - 3pm

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**ALL FROM** 3-6pm

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## Beckenham Place Park Community day

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**Community Day**

Free  
activities

**Saturday 29 April 11am-5pm**

A fun day with FREE activities for all!

Explore the park in new ways and come together to love our park and nature.

Free taster sessions, including

- 🟢 Paddle boarding\*
- 🟢 Craft activities and storytelling for children
- 🟢 Themed nature walks
- 🟢 Free bike checks and advice
- 🟢 Learn about nature and climate change
- 🟢 Community stalls and much more...

\*Some activities must be pre-booked.  
Visit the website for details.

[beckenhamplacepark.com](http://beckenhamplacepark.com)

Visit [beckenhamplacepark.com/events/lovebpp](http://beckenhamplacepark.com/events/lovebpp)  
to book some activities in advance, and to sign up for  
park updates including the development of the east side.

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Share your visit to the park using  
#LoveBPP on social media.



# Mayow Park – Football Training Sessions



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# SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

To attend James Allen's Girls Open Mornings (and scroll down to Senior School)

<https://www.jags.org.uk/admissions/visit-us/>

For the Year 5 virtual taster on 22 May:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=39605&>



## JAMES ALLEN'S GIRLS' SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS 2023

### Virtual Taster Events

We warmly welcome current Year 5 potential applicants to join us for a fun and enjoyable virtual taste of what JAGS has to offer, after school on Monday, 22 May from 4.30 – 5.45 pm. The taster webinar will consist of two lessons, in Science and Humanities. Should your daughter be interested in attending, [please book here](#).

For those who are unable to attend this taster, we will be having a second taster in the autumn, once prospective applicants have moved into Year 6, on Tuesday, 10 October. Please see our website for booking details nearer the time.

### Main Open Morning, Saturday 7 October 2023

Prospective parents and pupils in Year 5 or 6 (from September 2023), those seeking Chance Vacancies in Year 8, 9 or 10 and prospective Sixth Form pupils are warmly welcomed.

At our Open Morning, prospective parents and pupils will hear from the Head, Mrs Alex Hutchinson, and from two pupils on their experience of JAGS. During your visit, via a pupil-led tour, you will be able to experience for yourself the buzz and excitement of life at our school, meeting students and staff and taking part in interactive activities.

We have four slots at 9.00 am, 10.00 am, 11.00 am and 12.00 noon. [BOOK HERE](#).

### Mid-week Open Mornings

**Wednesday 20 September, Wednesday 4 October and Thursday 12 October**

For prospective parents and pupils in Year 6 (from September 2023) and Chance Vacancy applicants seeking entry in September 2024

This is an opportunity to see the school in work-day mode, to hear from our Head, Mrs Alex Hutchinson, and two pupils on their experience of JAGS, and to have a pupil-led tour of the school. 10.30 am until 12 noon. [BOOK HERE](#).

