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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the final newsletter of this academic year. I can't believe we have reached the end of the summer term!

I was very proud to see Torridon featured on the ITV news on Monday. As you will have seen, Raheem truly is a star in the kitchen. You have received a letter from the Mayor of London this week informing you that school lunches will be free to all primary age children from September. I am hoping that lots more children will leave their packed lunch boxes at home and start to have some of Raheem's delicious meals at school.

Thank you to those who have joined us to support the wonderful music concerts this week. The children do love to see you in the audience when they are performing. Very big thanks to Chris, Samantha, Sam, Alex and Alethea for all their hard work supporting the children to develop their musical talents.

The children had the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers this week. They had great fun sharing ideas about what they would like to see and do in their classes next year and finding out about some of their learning.

We sadly say goodbye to our year 6 children today. They have worked incredibly hard during their time at primary school and have been a real asset to the Torridon community. I know you will want to join me in wishing them all the very best for the future.

We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 6th September.

Have a lovely summer break. I hope you have lots of time to rest, relax and spend time with loved ones.

Best wishes Manda George Headteacher



Young Writers Competition Winners

Congratulations to our winners of the Young Writers competition who have had their writing published.

"My story was called, the diary of an adventurous kid. It was based on a sleepover and a dream. I love writing because it allows me to express myself and make people happy." - Amy (3A)

"I wrote the diary and I never thought I'd get in, but I did. It was so amazing and I was really happy. I loved it!" - Hazel (5S)

" My story was about a fairy in the park. I was proud of myself and happy that my story was in the book." -Jesika (3S)



Governing Board Updates

Dear parents and carers,

I'm pleased to introduce myself to you all as your new Chair of Governors, following the full governing board meeting last week. I've been a governor at the school for many years now, serving first as a Local Authority governor at the infant school, and then as Vice Chair of Governors since the amalgamation of infant and junior schools and the appointment of Manda as Headteacher. I have two children at Torridon in year 2 and year 5, so there's every chance you will have seen me on the school run in the mornings.



Manda informed you in last week's newsletter that our long standing Chair of Governors, Margaret Brightman, is stepping down at the end of this term. Margaret has been an amazing servant to the school since its amalgamation, and her contributions to the journey we have been on these past five years, culminating in our 'Good' Ofsted inspection result this year, cannot be overstated. Margaret has the thanks of the whole of the governing board, who have been inspired by her tireless efforts for the school, our children and the wider Torridon Community

I'm delighted to let you all know that two of our brilliant parent governors, James Brown and Michelle Weiss-Henry have been reappointed for new four year terms. James and Michelle bring a wealth of experience to the governing board and have made valuable contributions to our approach to school finances and data privacy and protection in recent years. It's brilliant to have them both on board for the coming school year.

I'm already starting to look ahead to the summer break, where our wonderful senior leadership team, class teachers, support staff and premises team will all get a well deserved break. This year has flown by, and I want to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support for the school over the past year - it was brilliant to see so many of you at the Summer Fayre (and HUGE thanks to our amazing PTA team!)

All the best, Levin Wheller

Reception Art Lessons

Reception had a wonderful afternoon visiting the Art Room, exploring line and celebrating what wonderful artists they all are. We can't wait to see them in here every week in Year 1.



Lego Club

Take a look at some of the Lego club creations the children have made! We have had a pizza shop, stables, an airport, boats, and gardens. The children have had a great time making their models. Thank you Heather for making Lego club so fun! If you have any spare Lego and you would like to donate it to Lego club, the children would very much appreciate it.





Catering Assistant Vacancy

Catering Service Assistants required.



Contact your school office or email: stanella.dawkins@compass-group.co.uk

As a result of the Mayor of London extending free school meals to all children from year 3 to year 6 for academic year 2023-2024, we have catering positions offering flexible working hours, on a fixed term contract of 39 weeks, and paying London Living Wage, starting from 28th August 2023, working Monday to Friday during school term time in our Primary school kitchens in Lewisham.

No prior experience required as full training is provided. If this is of interest to you then we would like to hear from you. You will be required to undergo a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) enhanced check, and demonstrate your right to work in the UK.

Parent Workshops

We will be running a series of parent and carer workshps next year to show you some of the teaching strategies we use at school and to give you some ideas about ways you can help at home. Workshops will run from 9.00 – 9.45am on the following dates;

Tuesday 19 th September	Year 1 and Year 2 Maths
Tuesday 26 th September	Year 3 and Year 4 Maths
Tuesday 3 rd October	Year 5 and Year 6 Maths
Tuesday 16 th January	Year 1 and Year 2 Reading
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 3 and Year 4 Reading
Tuesday 6 th February	Year 5 and Year 6 Reading

Look out for more workshop opportunities in September!

Steel Pans Performance

A big well done to all the children who participated in the steel pan performance. You made us very proud!







Year 6 Leavers

The year 6 children had a wonderful time at their leavers event on Wednesday. Thank you to the team of parents and carers who volunteered to make it such a success. Particular thanks to Sheri and Lakisha for working so hard on the organisation and running of the event.





































Thank you from the PTA!

Whew, what a year we've had! Thanks to the generosity of all of our donors and sponsors, time and dedication from an army of volunteers, support from school staff, and enthusiastic participation from community members, we have raised an incredible £11,751. We'll use this money to fund the Creative Corner, support the local foodbank, and plan fun and engaging community events next year.

Beyond fundraising, the PTA is strengthening our community and providing memorable experiences for our children that help them to engage positively with school and their learning. Can you help us continue this work next year? Please come along to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at **9.00am on Thursday 21st September**, when all PTA committee positions will be open to new members. Questions or comments? Email Megan at <u>friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com</u>.

Thanks to all for a fantastic year. We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing you in September!



Summer Music Concert



Football Poetry

Najat is passionate about football and has written this poem inspired by the Women's World Cup.

A poetry by Nazat Shafana Zaman
 No matter the weather,
 No matter the rain,
 No matter the pain,
 The women always start the game.
 The team works like a community,
 And the opposing team.
 Fans wave their colourful flags in the sky.
 National colours blaze like a field of rainbows,
 Only footballers will dance and win to the goal.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 4 th September	INSET DAYS
Tuesday 5 th September	
Wednesday 6 th September	FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
Thursday 7 th September	9.15am – Year 1 welcome meeting
	2.45pm – Year 2 welcome meeting
Friday 8 th September	9.15am – Year 3 welcome meeting
	2.45pm — Year 4 welcome meeting
Monday 11 th September	9.15am – Year 5 welcome meeting
	2.45pm – Year 6 welcome meeting
Tuesday 19 th September	Reception and Year 1 drama workshops
	9.00 Year 1 and 2 Maths workshop for parents and carers
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 2 and Year 3 drama workshops
Tuesday 26 th September	9.00 Year 3 and 4 Maths woskshop for parents and carers
Tuesday 3 rd October	9.00 Maths woskeshop for parents and carers
Tuesday 10 th October	Y4 Trip to London Museum Docklands
	Parent and carer open evening
Wednesday 11 th October	Parent and carer open evening
Thursday 12 th October	Class, individual and sibling photos
Friday 13 th October	Resource Base sensory morning for parents and carers
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Friday 24 th November	INSET DAY
Wednesday 20th December	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

WIN £1,000 / €1,000 FOR YOUR SCHOOL'S LIBRARY!



Help your school #rebuildthelibrary –

plus win a £100/€120 National Book Token for yourself!

Did you know that 1 in 5 children don't have a book at home?* Many people assume that all children can access books in their school library.

Yet, 1 in 7 primary schools have no library space at all - that's more than 750,000 children. And where there is a library space, our friends at the charity Read for Good have found that this is often woefully inadequate, with books that are unappealing and outdated. Children facing poverty, who need these school libraries the most, are most likely to be missing out.

> Limited stock and the necessity to provide every student with a book at their level means often they are being given old, outdated, and pretty dull books.

I could cry sometimes, handing over a book that I wouldn't usually even give shelf space to.

This summer, 'Read for Good' are offering five schools the chance to start rebuilding their libraries by inviting teachers, parents, carers and communities to nominate their school for our big prize draw. Each winning school will receive £1,000/€1,000 in National Book Tokens and a year's free membership to the School Library Association – PLUS one overall winner will also get £500/€500 to help them create a fun and welcoming library space for all.

Nominate Torridon using the form below, and if ours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a £100/€120 National Book Token to spend in your favourite bookshop! Remember, the more entries received for your nominated school, the higher the chance they'll win - so don't forget to spread the word

Winners will be drawn at random after Monday 31st July and announced in September 2023. Check out the full terms and conditions below.

Click here to nominate:

Enter now

*Figure represents a survey of children in England, between the ages of 5 and 8

**Any public sector or independent primary, post-primary, middle or secondary school, sixth form college, special school, or pupil referral unit, in the UK or Republic of Ireland (including the Channel Islands)



Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Everyone in Nursery.	For being absultely amazing learners. Well done everyone!
Red Class	All of Red class	For always working so hard throughout the year. We are so proud of you all! 🐵
Blue Class	All of Blue Class	For their amazing progress across the curriculum and hard work they have put in all year. You should be so proud!
Yellow Class	All of Yellow class	For working so hard and achieving so much this year! Well done- you are all amazing!
1G	Jude	For awlayes trying njhis best, especially at sports day this week.
1M	All of 1M	For being absolutely amazing this year! They have tried so hard and given everything their all. Thank you for being such a wonderful class. Keep up the fantastic work! 🐵
1N	1N	For an amazing year — for making us smile and laugh and for your enthusiasm for learning
2G	All of 2G	For their hard work and fantastic learning throughout the year. I am very proud of you all! I wish you all the best in year 3 3
25	Gabriel	For his big, bright smile which lightens up 2S! Well done for trying your best during our writing sessions and for impressing with your wonderful maths skills 🚱
2SW	All of 2SW	For working really hard this year. We are really proud of you!
ЗA	Harmony	For being such a kind, helpful member of our community.
3L	All of 3L	For demonstrating such growth and excellence across the year!
3S	All of 3S	Thank you all for being amazing. Well done everyone. Keep up the good work in year 4!
4C	Thiksga	Well done to Thiksga for being an ardent worker throughout year 4. We hope you continue to work hard in year 5!
4V	4V	For an amazing year and some fantastic learning. Well done 4V!
4W	Tyler-Rae and William	Tyler-Rae has demonstrated excellence throughout year 4. William has worked hard to help in class and show kindness to others. Both continue to be positive role models in year 5 :)
5L		
5R	All of Year 5	A fabulous year! Well done - we are very proud of each and every one of you!
5S		
6A	All of 6A	For your incredible commitment and resilience this year. You have been an excellent bunch! We will miss you.
6C	All of 6C	For all your efforts this year — you have been fabulous! Well done.
6L	All of 6L	For being simply amazing. Well done for completing primary school. All the best for the future.
Blue Pathway	Jesse	Well done for being such a positive ray of sunshine in the Resource Base. We adore you and you will be missed greatly!
Green Pathway	Martin	Well done for such a fantastic year at Torridon School. You have been a joy to have in the Resource Base this year and we will miss you greatly!

Summer Holiday Programmes



blue tennis

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TENNIS

Worsley Bridge Road Beckenham BR3 1DR 'Book & Pay' <u>www.clubspark.ita.org.uk/bluetennis</u> Come and have some fun with us! We look forward to seeing you!

Kent County Cricket Ground

SUMMER CAMPS 2023

TENNIS & MULTI -SPORT CAMPS FOR 4 – 15 YEAR OLDS Monday 24th July to Thursday 31st August 2023

BOOKING <u>NOW !</u>

Lots of fun & exercise.... meet new friends.... excellent reviews

Mondays to Thursdays 9am to 3pm - £28.00 pp per day

OR Mondays to Fridays 9am to 12.30pm- £25.00 pp per day (Tennis and Tennis Games only)

*Tennis *Football *Basketball *Golf *Baseball *Hockey *<u>Volleyball *</u>Cricket *Table tennis *Badminton * Tug of War and much more

Grouped in age & ability * Equipment provided

Please bring pack lunch, water and £1 for the tuck shop!

If raining blue tennis operate a wet weather programme and use the main building or pavilion, subject to availability. We use specialist equipment that enable the children to continue to practice and work on their core skills and get plentry of exercise.

> LTA Qualified Coaches with DBS + first aid certification Plenty of assistants to hand

For Booking and Information contact Martin on 07528 319723 or martin@bluetennis.co.uk or 'Book & Pay' <u>www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/bluetennis</u>





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Summer Holiday Programmes





Complete the registration form and you will receive email confirmation of your place.



SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Blackheath Cricket Club, Rectory Field, Charlton Road, Blackheath, SE7 7EY.

WEEK ONE: MONDAY 24th JULY TO FRIDAY 28th JULY WEEK TWO: MONDAY 31st JULY TO FRIDAY 4th AUGUST WEEK THREE: MONDAY 7th AUGUST TO FRIDAY 11TH AUGUST WEEK FOUR: MONDAY 14th AUGUST TO FRIDAY 18th AUGUST

Every day runs from 10am-4pm



IS THIS COACHING PROGRAMME FOR YOU?

This course is appropriate for any child in school Years 3 to 7. It is particularly appropriate for those currently playing club cricket, those aiming to play at a higher level, and those who have showed an aptitude for the game during Platform Cricket School Sessions.

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

DETAILS

- COST: £200 per week <u>OR</u> £640 for all 4 weeks (20% discount)
 -Bespoke/day bookings may be possible in exceptional circumstances
 - We may be able to apply a further discount/subsidy in cases of hardship etc.
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 PLACES: Allocated to the first 30
- respondents on a first come-first serve basis
- AGES: 7-12 year olds
- LUNCHES & REFRESHMENT: Parents will
 need to provide
- CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT: Regular sports kit & trainers; we will provide all cricketspecific equipment

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE OR TO DISCUSS ANY ASPECT OF THE COURSE PLEASE CONTACT: JAHID AHMED

MOB: 07872 947 882

EMAIL: jahid.ahmed@thysf.org



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 proformance reach size Kano (CC)

BRENDON LOUW



Africa) wicket-keeper/batsman with over hundred First Class matches to his name. He is a level 2 coach and is Blackheath Cricket Club's Academy

DIPAYAN PAUL



Dipayan Paul is a former Middlesex Youth and MCC Young Cricketer. He is a longstanding batsman/off-spinner with Blackheath Cricket Club, is a Level 2 Coach, and is an active member of Blackheath's Coaching Team.

Online Safety



Stay and Play Event at Goldsmiths CCA

We would love to invite your students and parents to this free Stay and Play session taking place at Goldsmiths CCA Gallery on 23 July 12-1pm.

The Stay and Play session will begin with a guided tour around the Gallery spaces for Parents and Carers. The tour will consider undiscussed bodily states and periods of transition through moving between art by Camille Henrot, Ebecho Muslimova, and Miriam Cahn. Parents will then have a chance to reflect on these topics and through a relaxed environment, with refreshments.

Here is a link to our website page listing this event where you can also find the booking link to book free slots: <u>https://goldsmithscca.art/event/family-workshops-stay-and-play/</u>

Young Voices Survey

Please encourage your young people to take part in our new survey Calling all 9-19 year olds! Do you want to make Forster Park a better place? We want to hear your ideas for making a safe and inclusive space for all @ForsterMPark, where you feel welcome and want to come and spend time.

Please fill in the survey <u>here</u> or scan the QR Code above **by Sunday 23 July 2023.**

To get involved in design sessions too (you will get vouchers for taking part), please let us know by including your contact details in the survey. Let's make Forster Park a safer and more welcoming and inclusive place for all Young People! #MakeSpaceForGirls #ParkPlay #LoveForsterPark #ForsterPark100



(HAF) Free Holiday Summer Camp

Pro Touch SA will holding a free holiday camp (HAF) in Partnership with Lewisham Council Note this is for children on Benefit related free school meal Location Haberdashers' Knights Academy, Launcelot Rd, Bromley BR1 5EB Dates & Times Monday 24 July 2023 -Thursday 17 August 2023 Monday - Thursday Times: 10.30am – 2.30pm To book & Register https://eequ.org/experience/4262 Ages: 6-14 Activities : Arts & Crafts ,Dodge Ball, football, futsal , board games and off site trip Free lunch: (note those on free school meals)



Summer Music Shows



