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Dear parents and carers,

The end of term is rapidly approaching and we still have so many wonderful things happening before we break up. We will be squeezing in music performances, the year 6 production, sports days, workshops for dance, cricket and multi-skills to name just a few! It really is our busiest time of the year. We are also getting ready for our transition day on 19<sup>th</sup> July which is when the children will get to spend the morning with their new class teachers. Please check the 'dates for your diary' section for all the latest information.



The children have been working really hard this week to complete their end of year assessments. Everyone has been trying their absolute best and we are so proud of them all.

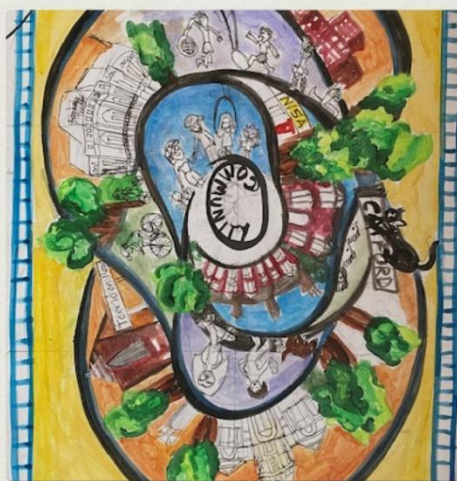
It was lovely to meet some new families this week at our welcome meetings for new nursery and reception children. I hope you found the meetings helpful and informative. Welcome meetings for the rest of the school will take place in the first week of the new term in September.

After all the hard work getting everything ready, the day has finally come for our Summer Fair. The PTA have been extremely busy this week making sure that it is going to be a fun filled afternoon for all our families. There is still time to sign up if you are able to help, if not, then we still hope to see you all tomorrow enjoying the fun.

Warm wishes  
Manda George  
Headteacher

## COMMUNITY MOSAIC PROJECT

*Back in 2020 the children of Torridon were asked by local mosaic designer, Tamara Froud to create some design ideas that demonstrated what they thought community meant. The children produced some fantastic design ideas and developed some brilliant concepts that Tamara was then going to develop into a large scale mosaic that would have been fitted outside Torridon Convenience Stores. We started this project just before the pandemic hit, which quickly put an end to the project before it had even got off the ground. However, unbeknown to us, Tamara has recently been busy getting the project back off the ground. So, it's our great pleasure to let you all know that it is currently under construction and will be being fitted outside Torridon Convenience Stores over the summer holidays. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to see their design ideas come to fruition in front of their very own eyes!*



# Summer Fair – Saturday 8th July, 12-4pm

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The fair is almost here! Entry is free, and all are welcome. We have an exciting lineup of live entertainment, food and drinks, games and activities, plus raffle prizes worth over £1300. Check out what's on [here](#).



**Save queue time at the fair and pre-purchase your Torridon Tickets and Adults' Raffle entries - online sales extended!** Torridon Tickets are 50p each and will be accepted as payment throughout the fair. Some stalls will also accept card payment, but you'll need Torridon Tickets for games and activities. Order tickets on ParentPay by the morning of Wednesday, 5 July, and they'll be distributed to your child's classroom on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July.

Entries into our Adults' Raffle are £1 each and can be purchased via our [SumUp shop](#) until the morning of Friday, 7th July. We'll fill in your entry slips for you and send you an email to confirm

your entry numbers. Please note, you must be 18+ to enter this raffle. There will be a separate kids' raffle on the day of the fair.



## Volunteer at the Summer Fair

The Summer Fair is a large scale event that requires support from lots of volunteers on the day. To fully open all of our stalls, we need about 50 people helping out at any given time throughout the 4-hour event. So far we've filled fewer than half of our shifts, which means some stalls won't be able to open and queues will likely be long. Can you help make the fair happen? Learn more about what's involved [here](#).

To sweeten the deal, we're offering a free drink from the Licenced Bar to all volunteers for each hour they work. One lucky helper will also win a luxury facial at Le Crisadore!

[Sign up here](#)

## Contributions needed for the Summer Fair

- **Sweet treats for the Cakes & Tea stall:** Homemade or store bought treats, ideally pre-portioned (cupcakes or pre-sliced cakes, for instance) and accompanied by a list of ingredients.
- **Savoury dishes for the World Food stall:** Ready-to-eat dishes labelled with the name of the dish and a list of ingredients. If possible, please supply serving utensils as well.
- **Equipment we'd like to borrow:** Cool boxes, pop-up gazebos, trestle tables, chafing dishes, portable sound system

Please bring food donations directly to the fair. Be sure to label any non-disposable crockery with your name and contact details so we can return them to you. If you have any equipment to loan, contact Megan at [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com) or on 07760520790 to arrange collection or delivery. Thank you!

## Year 5 learning

In Geography lessons we have been learning about the features of a river. We used the knowledge we have gained to create our own model rivers and labelled the features.

We have also been learning about the importance of water conservation this half term. In DT this week, we have explored, designed and begun to make, lunch bags using slogans to remind everyone about the importance of saving water.



## Summer Music Dates

### Year Group Music Performances

14th July at 2:30pm - Year 5 steel pans performance (They will also be performing at the Summer fair)

19th July at 9am - Year 2 recorder performances

20th July at 2:30pm - Year 3 Ukulele performances

### Summer Music Concert

Our summer music concert is on 18th July at 5:00pm.

There will be a variety of performances by both solo performers and ensemble groups.





## Stars of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery Full Time	Beaudi	For his overall enthusiasm to learning in nursery. Well done, Beaudi 😊
Nursery am	Mikolaj	For sharing interesting ideas at carpet time. Well done, Mikolaj 😊
Nursery pm	Shiloh	For her wonderful enthusiasm and knowledge when preparing for sports day. Well done, Shiloh 😊
Red Class	Daisy- Joyce	For working hard during phonics sessions. Well done, Daisy!
Blue Class	Myles	For working so hard in Topic, writing his very own story 'The Runaway Chip' and sharing it with friends! Amazing work Myles!
Yellow Class	Maeve	For sharing her fantastic musical talent with her friends Well done!
1G	1G	For their positive attitudes and the determination they showed during our quizzes. Fantastic work, 1G!
1M	The whole class	For their fantastic efforts during our quizzes this week. They have all tried incredibly hard and shown great resilience. They should be proud of themselves! Well done, 1M 😊
1N	Whole class	For their enthusiasm and focus during our quizzes this week. Great work!
2G	Sophie	For her hard work, dedication and positive attitude towards learning. Congratulations on getting your pen licence! 😊
2S	Jude	For his wonderful effort during carpet time this week! It has been a pleasure to see you so engaged and to listen to your valuable contributions! Keep up the brilliant work 😊
2SW	Sophia	For being kind and helpful towards her peers. Well done Sophia 😊
3A	Otis	For being a kind and welcoming member of our community.
3L	Whole class	Well done to everyone in 3L for showing excellent determination and focus during all assessment at the end of year 3.
3S	Whole class	Well done everyone for being amazing during assessment week.
4C	Taylen	For showing resilience and excellent effort during assessment week. Keep up the good work, Taylen!
4V	Isla	For consistently modelling excellent learning behaviour and for supporting those around her with theirs.
4W	Joshua	He has worked hard on his assessments this week. Additionally, he has shown great resilience and maintained a positive attitude throughout all his tests. Well done, Joshua!
5L	5L	For their resilience during assessment week.
5R	5R	Well done everyone in 5R for demonstrating drive and determination when completing assessments this week.
5S	5S	For trying their best in their assessments.
6A	Michael	For the commitment and effort that he has put into the production; displaying his diverse skills. We are all proud of you, Michael.
6C	Beatrice	For excellent expression and effort during the Matilda rehearsals – well done!
6L	James	For his excellent acting in the performance to the rest of school on Thursday. Well done, James!
Blue Pathway	Ibrahim	Well done for being so focused and working hard all week in class.
Green Pathway	Gabriel	Well done for showing great listening this week.

# Year 2 and Year 6 Skateboarding Workshops



Today Year 2 had lots of fun during their skateboarding workshops!

They learned how to push off and balance on the board whilst positioning their feet correctly. It was a brilliant workshop enjoyed by all.

Next it was the turn of the Year 6 children. To begin with, the children put on their safety gear which included knee pads, elbow pads and helmets. Once safety checks had taken place, they were taught the skills involved for skateboarding. The children practised their skills and in no time, they were whizzing around the pitch on their skateboards with their new skills! The second part of the workshop involved learning how to flip. The children listened carefully and tried to flip their skateboards. They had a great time trying a new sporting activity! Even some of the teachers had a go!



# Summer Treats

Despite the rain on Tuesday, we had a fantastic ice lolly sale. Thank you to those who braved the weather and bought an ice lolly – we hope you enjoyed them!

We will be holding two more ice lolly sales over the next two weeks, hopefully in the sunshine!

Please see details below:

## Dates

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

## Where?

KS1/KS2 playground

## When?

After school



Please note that the stall will be cash only. All proceeds will go towards the end of year celebrations and activities for the children. We look forward to seeing you.

# SPORTS DAY

We are looking forward to our sports day events this year. Our sports day team have been busy planning the activities. Please see below for the days, locations and timings. We look forward to seeing you at the events.

## EYFS (Nursery and reception) Sports Day - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Location: Torridon Primary School

Time: 9:15 – 11:00am

The morning will be individual and team races on the pitch.



## KS2 (years 3 – 6) Sports Day - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Location: Whitefoot Lane

Time: 9:45 – 2:45pm

The morning will be individual races until 12:45pm. The children will have a packed lunch at the playing fields. In the afternoon, there will be opportunities for family participation including parents and friends' races, community games such as our football teams playing the teaching staff and parents!

## KS1 (years 1 and 2) Sports Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Location: Whitefoot Lane

Time: 9:45 – 2:45pm

The morning will be individual races until 12:45pm. The children will have a packed lunch at the playing fields. In the afternoon, there will be opportunities for family participation including parents and friends' races and community games.

# Forest School News

This has been our final week of forest school for the summer.

We have been busy building real fires with Nursery, Reception and the Green Pathway.

Nursery cooked popcorn while Reception and the Green pathway toasted marshmallows!



The children have been amazing all year at forest school and I want to take this opportunity to thank the children for caring for our minibeasts, watering our baby trees and growing our own vegetables.

Forest School will be back in the autumn!!

## Summer Reading Challenge

This week, the children took part in special assemblies which were presented by local librarians. The librarians launched the new 'Summer Reading Challenge'. The children were really excited to find out about the challenge and are looking forward to reading some new books in the summer.

During the challenge, the children are encouraged to read six books over the summer holidays. They can read anything they like, stories, fact books, graphic novels, poetry, or even audio books. It is completely up to them!



Each time they finish a book, they can visit their library to collect a special sticker to add to their folder, with other prizes available to collect. Once they have read 6 books, they will receive a medal and a certificate which will be given out in special assemblies when they return to school in the new term.

Visit your local library or [click here](#) to find out more:

[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

**So, ready, set, read!**

## Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair 12-4pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am – 11.00am Nursery and Reception Sports Day Year 1 and Year 2 Studio Dance Workshop
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Year 6 production Year 3 and Year 4 Cricket Workshop Reception Studio Dance Workshop
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Capoeira workshops Year 4 and Year 5 Ballet Black Workshop Year 5/6 girls' football tournament Nursery and Reception Multiskills Workshop Year 1 and Year 2 Boccia Workshop 6.00pm Year 6 production
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	9.45am – 2.45pm Year 3,4,5 and 6 Sports Day 4.15 Lego Club Exhibition
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	9.45am – 2.45pm Year 1 and Year 2 sports day 2.30pm Year 5 steel pans performance 3.15 Year 6 Ice Lolly Sale
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Staying Safe Workshop Year 6 BEAM transition workshop
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00pm – summer music concert
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Children meeting their new teachers 9.00am Year 2 recorder performance Year 6 transition workshop Year 6 leavers' event
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Resource Base picnic – Forster Park Year 6 trip to Airthrill 2.30pm Year 3 Ukulele performance
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the summer term – 2pm finish 9.30 – Year 6 leavers' assembly

## Summer Holiday Activities

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### Location:

Harris Academy Greenwich  
Middle Park Avenue  
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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# RUMBLE

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Teen on Google Play

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

### POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

### PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

### INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

### CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

### SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble does have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child does view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

### CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

### RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

### DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared for some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

### Meet Our Expert

Joyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iD and Tech Radar.



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