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Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe we have reached half term already. The weeks have really flown by! The children have been very busy with their learning and have worked so hard this term — they are definitely ready for a well earned rest.

Your children's school photographs are now ready to view and order on the Vancols website. Use the QR code to register online or visit https://www.getphotos.co.uk/#/

Thank you to those who offered support following the traffic incident outside school on Tuesday. I am also grateful to those of you who took the time to email offering suggestions for tackling the issues caused by traffic around the school at peak times. As I informed you in my earlier letter, I met with members of the council to discuss potential road safety measures. I would like to invite you to meet with me to discuss the council response and to hear your views about ways in which we can work together as a school community to reduce the risks to our children. The meeting will take place at **9.00am** on **Thursday 9th November**. I hope to see you there. If you are uable to make the meeting, I would also welcome your thoughts via email.

Don't forget to order your Christmas cards by 1st November. Details of how to order can be found later in the newsletter.

The children will be having their flu immunisations on Wednesday 1st November. Please make sure you have completed the consent form on the NHS website.

Please click on this link to access the eConsent: http://glink.uk/LiF2324/100708

Here's a video on how the eConsent portal works https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUT-pAYOwFO

I hope you have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October.

Best wishes

Manda George Headteacher



Deadline for Christmas Cards – 1st November



DEADLINE for CHRISTMAS CARD ORDERS: midnight WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

Your child should now have brought home their Christmas card artwork design. Ordering your child's Christmas cards could not be easier! Just go to www.apfsorders.co.uk, and input the unique artwork code — found on the label on the reverse of the artwork — and your child's first name and surname. Fundraising from the sales goes directly to Torridon Primary School to benefit the children. At the end of November, you'll receive your cards and any other items you've ordered.

Many thanks for your fantastic support! Friends of Torridon PTA

Unsafe Parking

We held special assemblies for the children to talk about road safety and the issues caused by unsafe parking around the school. Abdulraheem and Azarni felt so strongly about the matter that they have written a message for you all. Here is what they wanted to say:

Don't park on the yellow lines!

We are writing this because recently there has been a car accident. Consequently, there was a child that attends this school and their parent who could have got run over. There were no severe injuries but situations like this could end really badly.

Do you see the yellow zig zags on the floor? Those are hazard lines. I am also writing to tell you that you can put children at risk by parking on those lines. They are made yellow to be able to see at day and night.

Think about it - someone could park on those lines and your child could be in danger. Would you like if somebody else's child were in those shoes?

-Abdulraheem + Azarni, 6A

New Trees at Torridon

We are very excited to share with you that we are working with Street Trees for Living and the

Urban Tree Challenge Fund. Over the half term break, work will begin on adding further greenery to our site. In total, fifteen trees will be planted in the school grounds, including some in the forest school area and in the main playground.



Nursery



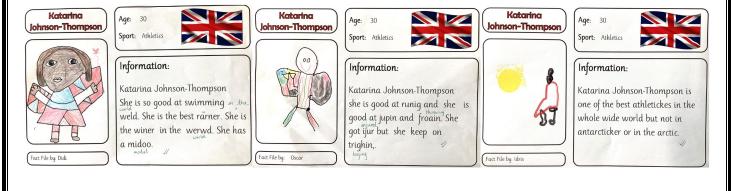
This week in nursery, we have been reading different stories for Black History Month. We have listened to Caribbean music, and we made arts and craft from the stories, decorated hearts from 'Full of Love' and made animal masks from 'Handa's Surprise'. We became hairdressers after reading 'Hair Love', and we created Ghanaian kente cloth.

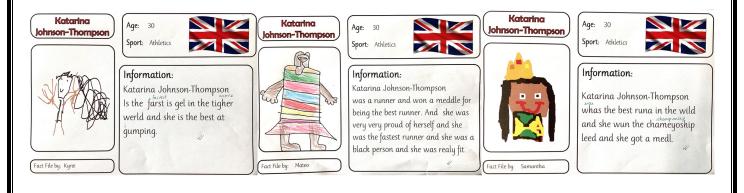




Year 1 – Black History Month

For Black History Month, year 1 children have been learning about the athlete, Katarina Johnson-Thompson. The children have really amazed us with their typing skills and some fantastic digital and manual drawings as they created information posters on the laptops. The learning about Katarina has inspired us all to develop a positive mindset and to never give up!





Year 2 – Dragon DT

Inspired by our theme, Dungeons and Dragons, year 2 have had a wonderful time designing and making their own dragons. During our DT sessions, we thought carefully about the materials and equipment we would need to make dragons and why those materials would be best suited for the job. We discussed how we could make a secure moving part and decided that split pins would be the best thing for the job! After that, we had lots of fun creating the final product. Take a look at our fabulous dragons which have a moving wing...



Year 3 - PE

Year 3 have had an eventful week! The children were involved in an inter-class football tournament where they got to use the skills taught this half term. They were very excited playing in the tournament with 3G winning the trophy. Well done everyone, and a BIG thank you to Michael Church for organising the football this half term.



We also had our first collaborative session with the Royal Opera House and enjoyed learning various ballet moves. We will continue working with the opera house on the create and dance programme. This will culminate in a digital dance performance celebrating year 3's learning on 'Alice in Wonderland'. We are hoping to have a tea party with the Mad Hatter!





Year 4 - DT



The children in year 4 have been making Victorian hinge boxes in DT.



Year 5 – Black History Month



This week in year 5, one of our students had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament where she met Dawn Butler — the class Black History Month significant person.



Mosaic – Art

We are so excited to share with you that the mosaic installation designed by the children has finally been completed outside Torridon Convenience Store! We started the project just before Covid hit. The children across the school created a range of design ideas that reflected what community meant of them. This is the final piece, and what a piece it is!

Thank you to @mosaicallsorts for inviting us to be part of this project.





Year 6 - History

Year 6 has been learning about the legacies of World War II and how the war affected people all around the world. They came to understand that, although World War II proved to be the deadliest international conflict in history, it left behind lasting legacies that would live forever: the global shift in power, the formation of NATO and the unity and freedom that we enjoy today.

We considered ways to commemorate all those brave men and women who paid the ultimate price in order to give us freedom. We worked in groups to look at different war memorials and considered their symbolism and significances.













PTA Non Uniform Day – Thursday 23rd November

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Suggested donation: £1

Bring cash to school or donate online

10% of all funds raised go to the local food bank.



Forest School News



Our donation buckets have been on the gate all week and we cannot thank you enough for your kindness. We have raised a total of £244.05 which will help to maintain our growing woodlnd over the winter months.



We are so excited to get our class sessions started again after the half term break.

<u>Nursery</u>

Monday		Friday					
AM/FT		PM/FT					
Reception							
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
Yellow class	Blue class	Red class					
<u>Green Pathway</u>							
Year 2							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday					
2 S	2V	2SW					

Letters were emailed to all parents and posters have been displayed outside your child's classroom with full information.



Stars of The Week



Class	Name	Reason			
Nursery FT	Norah	For being brave at nursery this week. We are so proud of you! 🕄			
Nursery AM	Yonathan	For being kind to his friends, and he is very helpful during tidy up time.			
Nursery PM	Logan	For being happy and kind with his friends. Well done, Logan! 🕲			
Blue Class	Beatrice	For confidently sharing some great ideas with her classmates and for showin kindness to others.			
Red Class	Tom	For always being so happy, kind and sharing his toys. Tom always tries his best! Well done ③			
Yellow Class	Chinemeram	For a big improvement in self-regulation and looking after the environment. Well done for explaining how you're feeling, listening and making the right choice.			
1M	Ava	For her ready to learn attitude and for always trying her best. She has tried really hard in her writing lessons and is making lovely progress. Well done, Ava!			
1N	Ola	For always being so kind, polite and considerate and for always doing her best in her learning.			
1W	Margot	For always having such a positive attitude to her learning. She takes pride in making the choices that help her learn and progress. Well done Margot!			
2\$	Malakhi	For always being so kind and polite! You are trying so hard with your learning too, Malakhi, and should be very proud of yourself! Keep it up 🚱			
2SW	George	For always being so kind, caring and for being a great role model to others! Well done, George (3)			
2V	Daisy	For creating an amazing dragon with moving wings. Well done, Daisy.			
3A	Iona	For writing an amazing Lewisham Guidebook. Good work!			
3G	Max	For consistently being kind and polite to his peers. Well done for being a great role model in 3G!			
3S	Neveah	For demonstrating respect for her learning. Well done for working so hard at using the column method for addition and subtraction.			
4A	Harrison	For putting such skilful creativity into your DT project this week.			
4L	Vega	For her excellent behaviour and maturity, earning the class so many dojos.			
4S	Sajithya	For showing kindness and respect to everyone in our class by listening to everyone and including all.			
5C	Alaya	For having a fantastic week, meeting and interviewing Dawn Butler — our Black History Month person of interest. Well done, Alaya!			
5L	Saatvika	For always participating in classroom discussions and being eager to answer questions.			
5\$	Anna-Lydia	For gaining confidence during her swimming lessons, and she has even moved up a group. Well done!			
6A	Abdulraheem	For demonstrating the core value of excellence this week in his Black history narrative about Florence Joyner, by using the skills learned, and for working hard on his presentation. Keep it up!			
6C	Mustafa	For listening very carefully during writing lessons and creating a high-quality piece of learning. You should be very proud — well done.			
6L	Nadezhda	For her excellent effort during her independent writing piece. Nadezhda ha demonstrated her focus and ambition, producing a well thought out story based on our Black history learning. Well done!			
RB Blue	Nadezhda	For amazing learning this half term in your year 6 class. Well done for being independent.			
RB Green	Amarachukwu	Well done for a great attitude to learning this half term and being so independent in your year 2 class.			

Dates for Your Diary						
Monday 23 rd — Friday 27 th October	HALF TERM HOLIDAY					
Tuesday 31 st October	9.00 Reception reading workshop					
Wednesday 1 st November	Flu Immunisation (Year 1 to Year 6)					
Saturday 4 th November	Gardening afternoon — 1pm — 4pm (PTA event)					
Thursday 9 th November	9.00 Meeting for parents and carers re: road safety and traffic					
	pollution					
Week Beginning 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week					
Tuesday 14 th November	Korky Paul – illustrator visit					
	Resource Base to Panathlon Sports Festival					
Wednesday 15 th November	Unity trip to Royal Opera House to see Ballet Black rehearsal					
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need					
Week beginning20th November	Road Safety Week					
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 2 trip to London Zoo					
Thursday 23 rd November	PTA Non Uniform Day					
Friday 24 th November	INSET DAY					
Week beginning 4 th December	Whole school assessment week					
Tuesday 5 th December	Resource Base trip — Bowling Festival					
Wednesday 6 th December	Year 3 Create and Dance Digital Celebration					
Thursday 7 th December	School Disco (PTA event)					
Monday 11 th Decemeber	Whole school art exhibition					
-	Y3/4 Athletics Tournament					
Tuesday 12 th December	Whole school art exhibition					
	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance					
Wednesday 13 th December	Y5/6 Athletics Tournament					
Thursday 14 th December	9.00 Year 1 Christmas assembly					
	2.45 Year 2 Christmas assembly					
Friday 15 th December	9.00 Year 3 Christmas assembly					
	2.45 Year 4 Christmas assembly					
Monday 18 th December	9.00 Year 5 Christmas assembly					
	2.45 Year 6 Christmas assembly					
Tuesday 19 th December	Christmas jumper day					
	Christmas Lunch					
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term — 2pm finish					
Thursday 21st December to Friday 5th	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY					
January						
Monday 8 th January	First day of spring term					
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Weekly Attendance by Class

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	98%		3A	94%		5C	88%	
1N	92%		3G	89%		5L	91%	
1W	93%		3S	100%	100 - 100 miles	5S	93%	
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2SW	95%		4L	94%		6C	92%	
2V	97%		4S	95%		6L	93%	

Well done to all the classes who won for the highest attendance!

For our children to achieve their potential, it is essential that they are in school on time every day. If your child arrives after gates close at 8.55am, he/she is late for school. Registers close at 9.05am, so any child who arrives after this will be marked in the register as an unauthorised absence.

From after the half term break, if your child arrives to school after 8.55am, our staff will ask the reason for lateness.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is on time every day.

Rights Respecting Article

Article 2: Non-Discrimination

'The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.'

Article 30: Children from minority or indigenous groups

'Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.' NO DISCRIMINATION

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MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

During our Rights Respecting assemblies this week, we continued to celebrate Black History Month. We discussed how important it is to respect people's heritage and cultures and to celebrate and embrace our differences. We also thought about ways we could make the world a more equal place where everyone's rights are respected.

Creative Writing Competition

The BBC are holding a creative writing competition, and we would love for you to take part. We are encouraging you to use your creativity and imagination to write a story that you would love to read without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation or grammar. We want you to be as creative as you can and make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by what we are reading.

There are a very few rules on 500 words but a few points to remember...

All the stories must:

- **Be 500 words or less** (title is not included in the number)
- Be written by an individual and not a group
- Be a child's own original idea
- Be prose, not rap or poem

All stories will be judged on the following criteria:

- Characterisation
- Plot
- Originality
- Language
- Enjoyment





If you would like to take part, please give your creative writing entries to Claudia by Friday 3rd November. These will then be sent from Torridon. Alternatively, you can send your entries directly to the BBC by Friday 10th November. The address and more information are available on the BBC website:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4

Speech and Language Online

NHS Lewisham and Greenwich

Our Online Speech & Language Therapy Drop-In clinic will be open on the first and third Saturday of each month until February 2024

*No appointment necessarv

The virtual clinic will be open between 9:30am till Midday on:

Saturday 16th September Saturday 7th October Saturday 21st October Saturday 4th November Saturday 18th November Saturday 2nd December Saturday 6th January 2024 Saturday 20th January 2024 Saturday 3rd February 2024 Saturday 17th February 2024



- These sessions are in addition to our normal weekday sessions
 The speech and language therapists will be online from 9.30am to 12pm m
 Your child must be registered with a <u>Lewisham GP</u> to use this service.
- This is a drop-in clinic, and you do not need to make an appointment
- This means that you may have to walt, and our wa The receptionist will let you know how long you may Log onto the Video Consultation room via this link



Log on to the video consultation room via this link https://nhs.vc/LGT/childrensonline-

Speech-and-Language-Therapy-Drop-In-Service

- Our receptionist will ask you for your child's details and will let you know the wait time.
- Please ensure that your child is with you, and that you are in a quiet place where you can see and hear the therapist and the therapist can see and hear you.
- You may want to keep your child occupied with some toys whilst you wait.
- The therapist will ask you some questions about your child's speech and language.
- The session will last for approximately 15-20 minutes.
- Call 020 3049 1464 for more information.

Lewisham Junior Orchestra - Half Term Project



Lewisham Junior Orchestra makes its long awaited return, so come and join Lewisham Music for two days of exciting orchestral music making!

Lewisham Junior Orchestra provides a great opportunity for young musicians to develop their instrumental skills and learn new arrangements under the expert leadership of professional cellist, Thibault Blanchard-Dubois and experienced Lewisham Music

Participants will take part in sectional rehearsals throughout the two days, gaining experience and confidence within small groups, before coming together to perform as part of a large orchestra with all the other young musicians. You can expect a mix of written score and

This year young musicians will come on a journey to create music that explores the stories and sounds of the local area over the last 100

Who is Lewisham Junior Orchestra suitable for...
Young musicians in Years 5 to 8 (inclusive) who play strings, woodwind, brass and percussion (tuned and untuned percussion) at Grade 1 standard and above (no formal grades required). Unfortunately we are unable to accept piano applications.

Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 October, 10-4pm (on 25 October there will be a live performance at 3:30pm for friends and family)

Where 'The Stage' which is at the back of The Fellowship Inn, Randlesdown Road, Bellingham, SE6 3BT

£55 (£15 for young people in receipt of Pupil Premium or Looked After Children)

How to sign up

Please sign up on our website: lewishammusic.org/LJO

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Half Term Camps





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Online Safety



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



RECURRING RELEASES



ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Get your ultimate **team**

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Advice for Parents & Carers DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Meet Our Expert









