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1st December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

The weather has certainly taken a wintry turn this week — we even had a smattering of snow this afternoon. Please make sure that children are dressed appropriately for the weather and that their name is clearly visible in items such as coats, hats, scarves and gloves.

Next week is assessment week and we are looking forward to seeing how much progress the children have made this term. They have certainly been working very hard and are ready to show everyone how well they have been doing.

We hope you will be able to visit our art exhibition next week. Emily and Flora are very proud and excited to show you some of the children's portraits. The exhibition will be open after school until 5pm on Tuesday and Wednesday in the Year 5 Hall.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with Kelley's collection of plastic bottles for our greenhouse project. We have tipped the 500 mark but still need many more. You can drop off your 2 litre bottles at the Reception gate or the school office. Thank you for your support.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



## St Andrew's Church Tree Festival

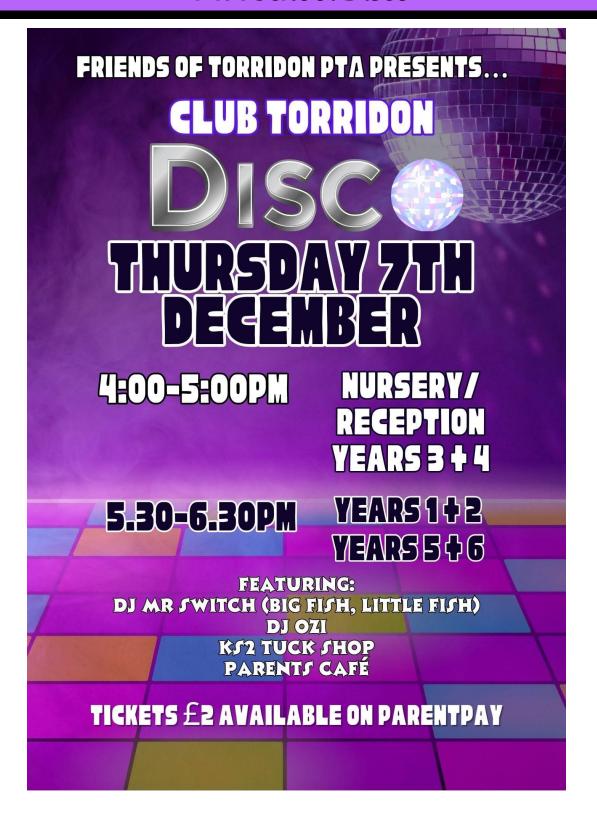
Message from St Andrew's Church

On behalf of St Andrew's, we would like to say a very big thank you to the staff and pupils for their wonderful performance in the Church last Tuesday and for bringing along your splendidly decorated tree. The festival was a great success, attracting over 1000 visitors. We hope that the tree festival will return next year even bigger!



Once again, our sincere thanks for your commitment, energy and hard work.

## **PTA School Disco**



We need help and support on the night to help the event run smoothly, please see the link below. If anyone has any disco lights or party accessories to donate or lend we would be most grateful!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf\_I4roLpPJ4JWrYE0vFLfq2ddfOCcmCZKfv9oP6Qg SwFbUxA/viewform

## Challenge Greenhouse



Thank you to all who have donated their empty 2 litre plastic bottles this week-so far, we have collected 519!

Only 981 to go!!



# Holiday and Food (HAF) Vouchers

This holiday, all families who receive benefit related free school meals will be sent a HAF Code via text or email. This code will replace the old booking system to ensure families who require support during the holidays have access first to booking their child a place. Please note spaces are given on a first come first serve. There are lots of activities to choose from. Book now to avoid disappointment. If you require attentional support contact



HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk

HAF camps are completely FREE for children who qualify for Benefit Related Free school meals, places are extremely limited. Paid for places are also available here: <a href="https://form.jotform.com/231635873399369">https://form.jotform.com/231635873399369</a>

## Pupil Responsibilities

Last week, we launched a range of additional responsibilities for which children may apply. Lots of children have sent in their applications and we look forward to reading them all! We will be announcing the teams next week.

The following roles are available for all children in years 1 to 6 to apply for:

Role	Line	Number of Positions
	Manager	
Digital Leaders	Craige	36
Eco Leaders	Sarah	18
Librarians	Richard	36

For children in years 5 and 6, they may also apply for the following:

Role	Line Manager	Number of Positions
Creative Arts Leaders	Deme	12
Lunch Hall Leaders	Claire	20
Playground Leaders	Mike	60

## Christmas Lunch Menu



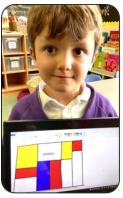
# Reception Forest School

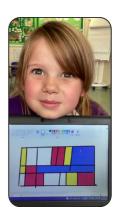
Reception have had fun making and eating popcorn at forest school this week!

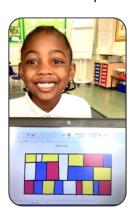


# Year 1 Computing

Year 1 have been developing our digital painting skills during computing, this half term. We have used a wide variety of tools on 'Paint', to recreate our own versions of famous art works by artists including Matisse, Mondrian, Kandinsky and Seurat. Have a look at our masterpieces!



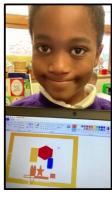














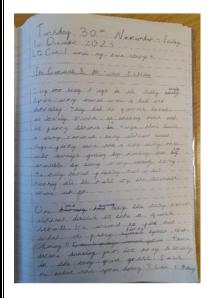


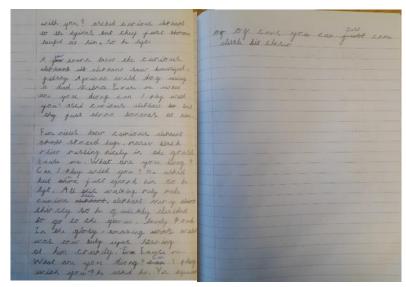


## Year 2 Story Writing

This week, in year 2, we created our stories of how the elephant got its trunk. Our story takes place in Africa. It follows the curious elephant who goes on a journey, makes many new friends and his eventual encounter with a crocodile that resulted in what we now call a 'trunk'.



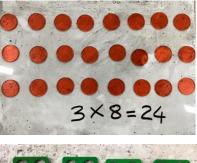


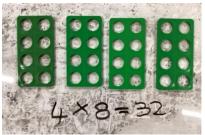


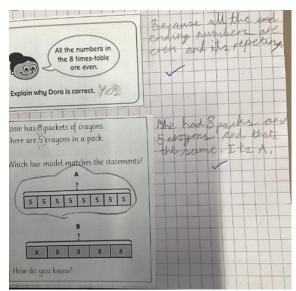
## Year 3 Maths

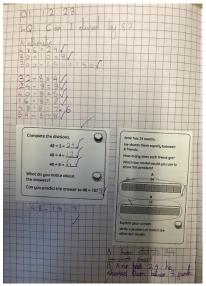
Year 3 have been continuing to find out all about multiplication and division and how these operations are interlinked. They enjoyed using counters and Numicon to make arrays before moving to more abstract methods of solving problems.

Everyone is learning to use this knowledge and apply it to reasoning and problem-solving activities.









## Year 4 Trip

Year 4 had a fantastic time at the Barbican Centre last week. They heard the awe-inspiring sound of the London Symphony orchestra, playing beautiful arrangements of classical pieces, selected to accompany the enchanting story of Diwali. They enjoyed joining in, stamping, clapping and singing the classic Bollywood song, Jai Ho.





## Year 4 Vocabulary



In Year 4, we have been designing our own icons to help us remember key vocabulary in French, RE and reading.

## Resource Base – Green Pathway

It has been very cold this week and we have been spotting ice everywhere! We brought a big piece of ice back from forest school and watched it melt on

a plate. We also threw ice on the floor and watched it break into lots of pieces today.





## Resource Base - Blue Pathway

For cooking this week, Isaiah's mum, Nickesha, came in and helped the children cook up a feast of curry goat, rice and peas, coleslaw and plantain. The children shared the food together and experienced new flavours and textures. Thank you Nickesha — it was delicious!!









## Year 5 - RE









In Year 5, we have been learning Christian stories, bringing them to life through interactive activities. Children had the opportunity to act out various stories collaboratively, sparking lively discussions afterward. They were then able to share their favourite story and articulate the reasons behind their choices.

## Year 6 - Geography

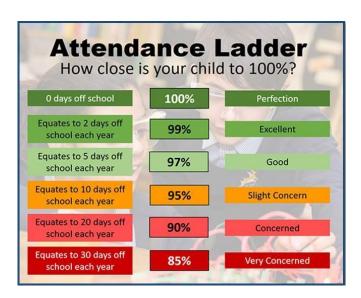
In geography, we have been learning about mountains and how they are formed. A mountain is a landform that rises above its surroundings. There are four main types of mountains: fold, dome, fault- block and volcanic mountains. We found out that fold mountains are the most common type of mountain. The tectonic plates push forwards slowly over the years, making more and more folds. We also found it interesting to think about the mountains that we have seen or climbed before and what kind of mountains these could be.



Rocco and Jake, 6C.

## Attendance Matters

It is extremely important that children attend school every day to enable them to make progress and achieve. Just one day's absence can mean that children find it difficult to keep up with their learning for the rest of the week or longer. Our attendance target is 97%. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school every day.



## Message from Children in Need



We hope you had a SPOTacular time watching our Appeal Show. The donations we've received will help us to continue changing the lives of children and young people across the UK.

Thank you so much for all you've done.

# Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	94%		3A	99%	100 A	5C	93%	
1N	82%		3G	97%		5L	93%	
1W	96%		3S	98%		<b>5</b> S	94%	100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100
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2SW	99%	100 A	4L	93%		6C	90%	
2V	97%		<b>4</b> S	94%		6L	91%	

A big congratulations to everyone who achieved close to 100% attendance!



# Stars Of The Week



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Bodhi	He is joining in during carpet sessions and he shares his ideas and experiences. Well done, Bodhi ③
Nursery AM	Zainab	She is sharing her ideas during carpet sessions. Well done, Zainab 😉
Nursery PM Kenan		He has settled well into Nursery, and he is fantastic at singing our Nativity songs. Well
-		done, Kenan 🕲
Blue Class	Desire	For his amazing focuis and attendtion during maths and phonics groups this week. well
		done Desire!
Red Class	01 , 0	
		Otto ©
Yellow Class	Adam	For fantastic phonics learning and applying his phonetic knowledge to his reading and writing. Well done!
1M	Chance	For his positive attitude towards his learning and his growing independence in maths.
	Chance	Keep up the brilliant learning Chance! (3)
1N	Oscar	For hius thoughtful responses to class discussions and always taking time to think thing
	0000.	through. Well done!
1W	Nikol	For being very creative in her writing nd making an effort to work methodically in maths.
		Keep up the fantastic effore!
2S	Sayon	For his fabulous choice of vocabulary throughout his story writing! Keep up the brilliant
		learning Sayon 🔞
2SW	lmaan	For trying her very best with her learning and her fantastic version of 'The Curious
0)/		Elephant' story. Well done Imaan, keep it up! (3)
2V	Najla	For showing a high level of excellence in her learning. Well done 😂
3A	Luca	Interesting and informative piece of writing about the river Thames.
3G	Sharviny	Always challenging herself and trying her best.
3\$	Sophie	For producing an amazing piece of independent writing all about the river Thames.
4A	Kyzah	For trying extra hard in French this week. Keep it up!
4L Melanie		For an excellent start to school here at Torridon, already making lots of friends and
	_	trying her best.
	Tommy	Tommy listens well without interrupting, tries hard and follows instructions quickly.  Well done Tommy!
4S	Evan	For listening really well to his swimming instructor and for putting in a lot of effort to
.5	Evan	develop his swimming strokes.
5C	Savain	For being consistent in his learning, always helpful and contributes to class discussions.
		Well done!
5L	Evie	For using counter balance and counter tension in gymnastics during P.E. Well done!
5S	Ethan	For consistently portraying enthusiasm in his learning and during discussions across the
		curriculum. For always demonstrating respect towards adults and his peers. His positive
6A	Kup	attitude towards his learning is evident in his learning. Well done!  For being a respectful member of the class and for producing an excellent piece of narrativ
0A	Кур	this week; showing that a lot of thought went into it. He also used the year 6 writing
		framework to edit and improve his learning. Really proud!
6C	Sadie	For challenging yourself with extra learning. You have been working hard on your
		arithmetic and reasoning questions — well done!
6L	Cayden	For consistently presenting his learning to a high standard, and always aiming to reflect
55 D'	<del> </del>	and improve. Well done!
RB Blue	Ibrahim	Well done for being calm during difficult situations and explaining problems in a polite
RB Green	Gabriel	Well done for challenging yourself in writing and creating your own sentences
KD GLEEL	Gabrier	independently!

Da	tes For Your Diary		
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school assessment week		
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Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Resource Base trip — Bowling Festival  4.00pm IRIE Dance performance		
ruesday 5 December	3.30pm Whole school art exhibition		
	Year 3 Create and Dance Digital Celebration — Royal Opera House		
	live streaming event.		
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 netball tournament		
	3.30pm Whole school art exhibition		
	School Disco (PTA event)		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Tear 5/6 futsal tournament		
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Boys' Football Match- CANCELLED		
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament		
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 to National Maritime Museum		
	9.15am or 2.15pm Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance		
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament		
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Year 1 Christmas assembly		
•	2.45 Year 2 Christmas assembly		
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Year 3 Christmas assembly		
-	2.45 Year 4 Christmas assembly		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Year 5 Christmas assembly		
-	2.45 Year 6 Christmas assembly		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day		
	Christmas Lunch		
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term — 2pm finish		
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY		
January			
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of spring term		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	NCMP height and weight screening (TBC)		
	9.00 Year 1 and 2 reading workshop for parents and carers		
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	INSET Day		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.00 Year 3 and 4 reading workshop for parents and carers		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 Year 5 and 6 reading workshop for parents and carers		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY		
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Womens' Day		
Week beginning 11th March	Whole school assessment week		
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day		
Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st March	Open evenings for parents and carers		
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term — 2pm finish		
Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April	EASTER HOLIDAY		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Easter school		
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of the summer term		

## Park Run

A brand new junior park run has started at Forster Memorial Park every Sunday morning at

Parkrun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

Please register by clicking the link below:

https://www.parkrun.org.uk/forstermemorialpark-juniors/



## Free Parenting Course - Extra Coffee Morning date







## **Therapeutic Parenting Programme Incredible Years**

Our Therapeutic Parenting group is for parents and carers with a child aged 4 – 11 years who either has a diagnosis or may have ADHD. Your child may also display behaviours that make places and spaces unsafe to be in, or cause serious harm to themselves and others. This course is not suitable for children with a diagnosis of ASD.

#### Beecroft Children and Family

Centre Dalrymple Road, SE4 2BH

Course Runs Tuesdays 16th Jan - 26th March 9.15am - 11.15am No session during Half-Term, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

#### Help improve:

- Your child's self-esteem & mental health
- Relationships
- Resilience and stress
- Your confidence
- as a parent

## Learn alongside other parents about: • Why taking the time to play is important.

- · How language can help to manage emotions.
- Creating and enforcing boundaries.
   How to help your child calm down

- Recognising the positives and how praise helps
   How incentives can help with behaviour change
- Understanding consequences and how and when they are helpful.

"Before I came onto these sessions I used to think there was something wrong with my child, but after coming onto these sessions I learnt something about myself" - parent

To enquire or book your place please contact us via www.lewishamcfc.org.uk/contact-us/ or call 07377 724243











# **Therapeutic Parenting Course**

Our Therapeutic Parenting group is for parents who are concerned their child may have ADHD, or behaviours that make places and spaces unsafe to be in, or cause serious harm to themselves and others.

Tuesday 5th December 9.00am - 10:00am Beecroft Children & Family Centre Dalrymple Rd, SE4 2BS

#### Find out more about the course which includes subjects about:

- Why taking the time to play is important.
- · How different language can help to manage emotions
- · How to create and enforce boundaries.
- · How to help your child calm down Recognising the positives and how praise helps
- · How incentives can help with
- behaviour change.

  Understanding consequences and how and when they are helpful.



Age group: 4-11 years

#### No need to book.

For more information contact Beecroft Children's Centre or email enquiries@lewishamcfc.org.uk stating your are interested in the Therapeutic Parenting Course.



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## Moon Lane Christmas Pop - Up



Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd & Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December

This December we are excited to be hosting a variety of talented local and independent creatives as part of our 2023 Christmas Pop-Up!

Stop by and browse through a collection of stunning handcrafted jewellery, toys, ceramics, and other wonderful gifts created by local artists this holiday season.

 $^st$ The artists will be located in the rooms upstairs $^st$ 

## Parent and Carer Workshops

We are pleased to share the dates of further upcoming parent and carer meetings and workshopsNext half term, you are invited to attend reading workshops to learn more about how we teach reading at Torridon.

Spring 1			
9.00 on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 and Y2 Reading		
9.00 on Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y3 and Y4 Reading		
9.00 on Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 and Y6 Reading		



## Jack and the Beanstalk - Pantomime



We are delighted to invite you to join us at Joy Productions' inaugural pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk - written and directed by the legendary Susie McKenna. There are up to four tickets available per person, assuming that at least two of those tickets are going to children. Otherwise it's two per person. Please do RSVP to Valerie Ferguson valerie@julieclare.co.uk by 4th December latest as tickets are

going fast!!!

Time: 7pm

Date: Friday 15th December

Venue: Broadway Theatre, Rushey Green, Catford, Lewisham

For information on how to get to the venue <a href="https://www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk/visit-us/">https://www.broadwaytheatre.org.uk/visit-us/</a>

## Community Events



**SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2023** 9:00am till 2:30pm

A CHRISTMAS EVENT TO HELP SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES & BRING THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER

Mulled wine, hot food & drinks, handmade items, clothing & last







#### LEWISHAM AUTISM SUPPORT

Support for families of children with a diagnosis of autism living in Lewisham

#### What we offer:

- · 1-hour clinic appointment with experienced Family Support Coordinators who provide support for parents/carers in:
  - Understanding more about autism.
  - Information about accessing local services and benefits.
- · For families resident in Lewisham, access to ongoing support (Comeback Service).
- A drop-in service at Kaleidoscope on the first Monday of each month (term-time only) 10.00 - 12.00.

#### How to access our service:

- · Paediatricians and other Kaleidoscope diagnosing teams can automatically refer families after diagnosis. This includes families diagnosed at Kaleidoscope but living in other boroughs. These families will receive an initial 1-hour clinic only.
- · We accept referrals from other professionals working with diagnosed children living in the borough.
- · Families of diagnosed children can also self-refer.

#### Contact details:

- Tel: 020 8699 3066
- Email: lewisham.familysupport@nas.org.uk





#### **Bellingham Community Project Charity**

Helping build healthy, happy, lives'.



## **Fun Play**

for



## **Children with Special Educational Needs**

At the Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre 5 Randlesdown Road, Bellingham SE6 3BQ



For children under 5

9.30 am - 10.30 am

Come and join us on any of the dates below - booking

Thursday, 18th May 2023 Thursday, 29th June 2023 Thursday, 21st Sept 2023 Thursday, 19th Oct 2023 Thursday, 23rd Nov 2023

Thursday, 23 Nov 2023

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

is a dedicated session, and the fun play area w
closed to the public. To book a place or for more
matrian please email <u>beginter</u> us will be allocated
a first come first served basis.

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## Catch-Up Clinics





# Virtual Workshop - 12th December - 6.30pm to 8pm

#### LEWISHAM PARENT AND CARER'S FORUM WORKSHOP

This workshop is aimed at parents and carers of young people aged 14+ and will provide information on the benefits they may be entitled to from age 16. This will include the process of changing from Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payments when your child is 16.



Join for an opportunity for you to share your thoughts and experiences on the important services that you receive for your children. Please do help get the right services for your children and young people by taking part. This is an informal session.

Join Zoom Meeting
<a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84262301565?pwd=3pWQxP0mNocYP8KeH2o9H4aZLgu4jH.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84262301565?pwd=3pWQxP0mNocYP8KeH2o9H4aZLgu4jH.1</a>
Passcode: 868777

Meeting ID: 842 6230 1565

Website link: https://mailchi.mp/lewishamparentcarer/lpcf-virtual-workshop-post-16-benefits-12th-december-2023

# Online Safety

