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15th December 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2023. It is hard to believe we have almost reached the end of term. We have been so busy, the time has flown by. This week has been no exception with trips, tournaments and performances galore.

It was lovely to see so many of you attending the nativity and Christmas assemblies this week. The children were so excited to perform for you. We are very proud of how well they did and how confident they are becoming when performing in front of an audience. We have had some lovely feedback from you saying how much you enjoyed the shows.

The excitement does not end there. We still have performances from Year 5, Year 6 and the Resource Base next week. On Tuesday we are inviting everyone to come to school in non-uniform and to dress in festive dress up if they would like to. We will also be having our yummy Christmas lunch prepared by our wonderful chef Raheem and his team. If children would like to share our festive menu instead of their usual packed lunch, please email admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

I am sure you will want to join me in thanking our wonderful team of teachers, support staff, admin, premises, breakfast club and catering staff. They all work so hard to make sure that school is a safe and happy place for the children and are getting ready for a well deserved rest over the holiday period.

Finally, I would like to say thank you for your incredible support for your children and for the school. I am extremely proud to be the headteacher of such a caring and committed community. I look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you in 2024.

I hope you have a great Christmas and wish you all the very best for the new year.

Warm wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



REMINDERS

Last day of term
Wednesday 20th December
2pm finish
First day of spring term
Monday 8th January



For those of you celebrating Hanukkah this week, we hope you have a wonderful time with friends and family.

Christmas Events



There are lots of festive fun times ahead before the end of term. Please put the dates in your diary.

Please speak to a member of staff if you have any questions.



Christmas Assemblies

Year 5	Monday 18 th December	9.00am
Year 6	Monday 18 th December	2.45pm
Resource Base	Tuesday 19 th December	2.00pm

Festive Dress Up Day

Tuesday 19th December

On Tuesday, we are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform and wear festive dress up if they choose to.



Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 19th December

Last Day of Term

2pm Wednesday 20th December



Holiday Activity Programme at Torridon



SKIPZ PRODUCTIONS CIC PRESENTS

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES &
FOOD PROGRAMME 2023**



FREE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS CHILDREN.

Paying children also welcome!

 **LUNCH PROVIDED**



**4-16
YEARS OLD**

JANUARY 2 to JANUARY 5

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEWISHAM COUNCIL

**TORRIDON PRIMARY SCHOOL, HAZELBANK RD,
LONDON SE6 1TG**

For more information and to register please visit
<https://www.skipzproductions.org/skipzhaflewisham>



Christmas Lunch Menu

Tuesday 19th December 2023

We will be having Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 19th December. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a school Christmas dinner, please email admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk.



Art Exhibition

Here are some photos of the Art Exhibition. It was wonderful to see so many of you there enjoying the incredible creative learning that has been going on this term. A huge shout out to all the fantastic artists we have here at school. And another huge shout out to Heather - Queen of the t-towel shop! We raised £1000 for the Creative Corner project - more exciting news coming on this next half term.....



Challenge Greenhouse



Thank you to all who have donated their empty 2L plastic bottles this week.



So far, we have collected 816!

Only 684 to go!!

Foodbank Donations



At Christmas we like to treat everyone.

Here are some suggestions of what we put in our "hampers":



Thank you!

We are open 9 am - 5 pm Mondays - Thursdays to accept donations
OR you could arrange a supermarket delivery

New Hope Centre, 353H Bromley Road SE6 2RP
www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk

You can donate directly to the foodbank or bring your donations into the school office and we will arrange to deliver them.
Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Thank yo

Reception Festive Fun

Reception – feeling festive!

This week, Reception have got well and truly into the Christmas spirit. Following an incredible performance of 'Noisy Nativity', we learned all about the Christmas Story, made festive decorations and wrote our Christmas wish lists to Santa.



Resource Base Maths



For the past few weeks in Green Pathway, we have really been focusing on subtraction. The children have been working so hard and are able to work independently using different methods that suit them including: counting backwards on a number line, the crossing out method and part-part whole.

BBC 500 Words Competition

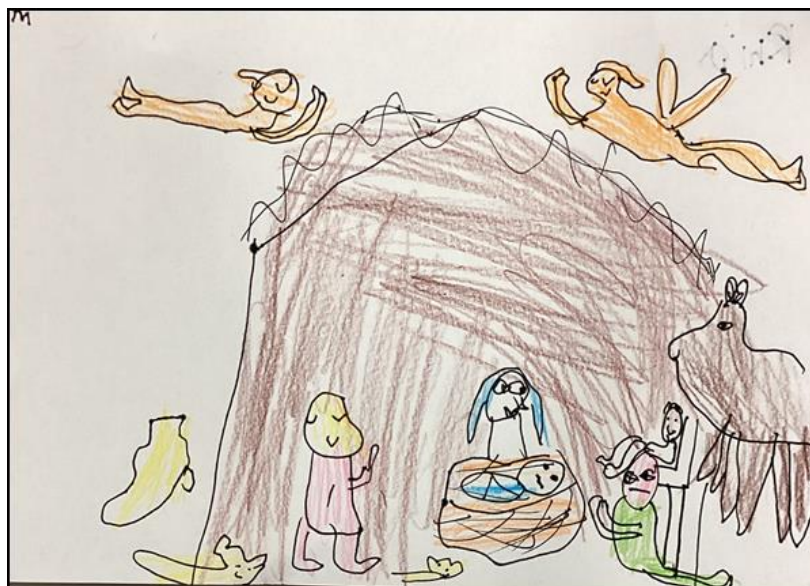
Congratulations to Niromika and Srrutis who have both made it through to the next stage of the BBC 500 words story writing competition.

There were thousands of entries and only around 5,000 go through for the second round if judging by the Reading Agency. We are very proud of both of

them and look forward to seeing what happens in the next stage of the competition.



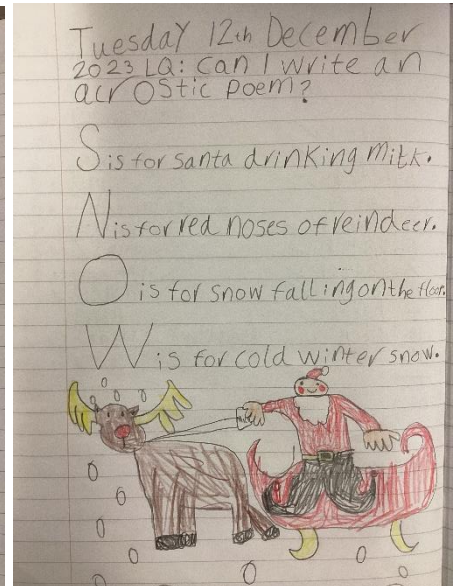
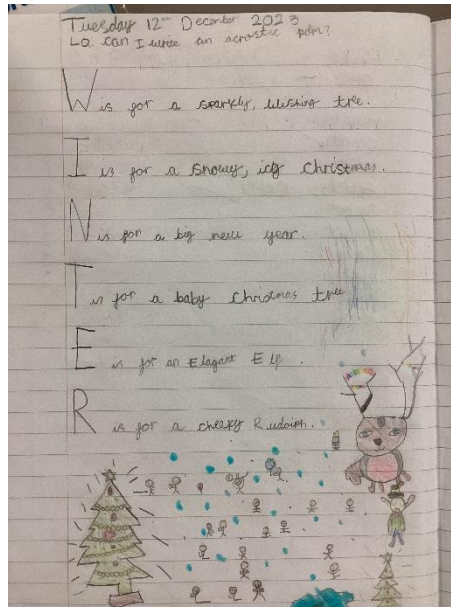
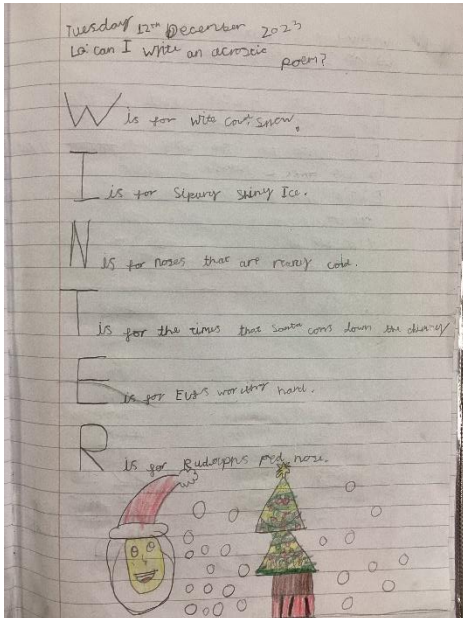
Year 1 - Nativity Scenes



Year 1 have been learning about the main religions, this half term and we finished up with Christianity and the story of Christmas. Here are some of our illustrations of the nativity scene.

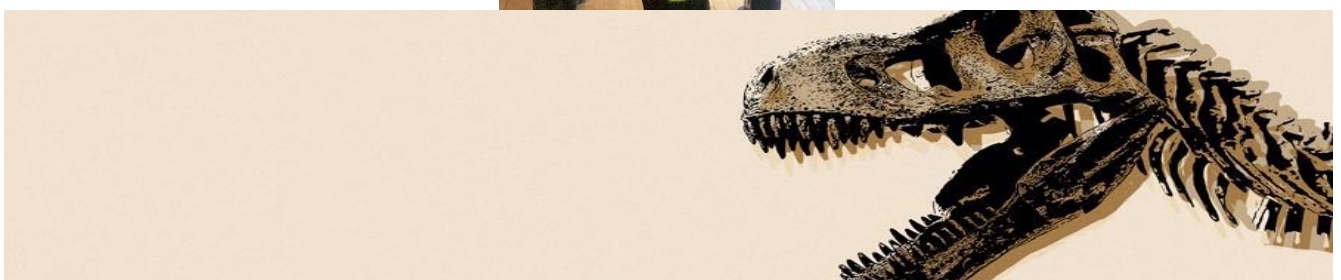
Year 2 - Poetry

This week Year 2 have been busy writing acrostic winter poems. We focused on using adventurous adjectives and expanded noun phrases to make our poems more exciting for the reader. Take a look...

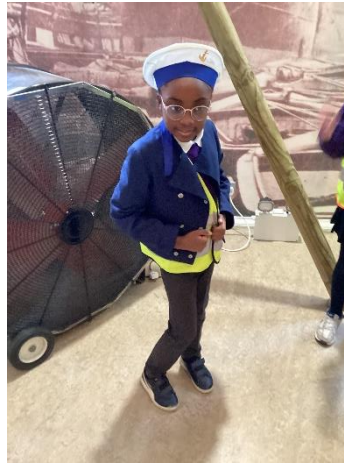


Year 3 - Natural History Museum

This week, Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum up in central London! It was really exciting to be able to consolidate our learning in Science about Rocks, Soils and Fossils. The stand out moment had to be meeting a prehistoric dinosaur dressed in suitably festive attire...



Year 4 – National Maritime Museum



Year 4 went on a trip to the National Maritime Museum as part of our 'Discovering the Ice Caps' theme. We visited the Polar Gallery to find out more about Inuit culture and Matthew Henson. He was one of the first Americans to find the North Pole, but due to his skin colour he was prejudiced against and wasn't given the recognition he deserved. It was so interesting to see all the original artefacts and we had a great time at the Museum.



Year 5

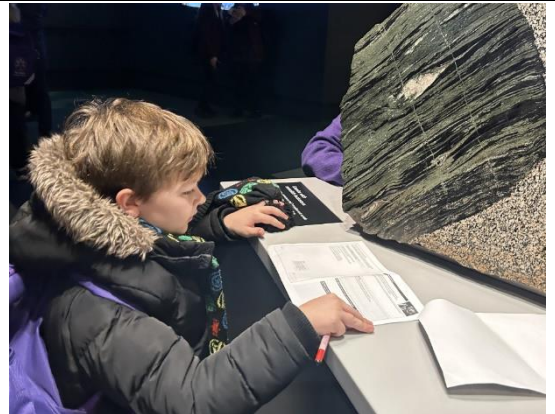
We have been practising really hard and we can't wait to show you our lovely singing at our Christmas assembly on Monday. We hope to see you there.



Year 6

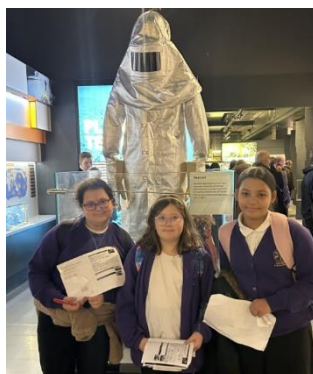
Year 6 trip to the National History Museum.

"On Monday, we went to the National History Museum. We visited the earthquakes and volcanoes section. My favourite part was when we went into the earthquake simulator because it seemed really real. The lights flashed on and off which really added to the experience. It was a great day." (Sangheeth, 6L)



"During our trip to the museum, I enjoyed visiting the earthquake simulator. It was a really educational and fun experience that linked to my geography lessons. I found out lots of new information that encouraged me to learn more." Abdulraheem (6A)

"At the National History Museum, we visited the earthquake and volcanoes section. I learnt more about earthquakes and volcanoes, such as how an earthquake is measured and I also learnt about super volcanoes." Mustafa (6C)



EYFS Bake Sale



Torridon
Primary School

Join us for the EYFS

BAKE SALE

FUNDRAISER

Friday 12th January 2023

In the Round House

PARENTS WE NEED YOUR
HELP!

Can you contribute:



CAKES, COOKIES,
BROWNIES

Please give any contributions to your class teacher on the morning of Friday 12th January. If bringing home-made baked goods, please list all ingredients used. Please ensure that all baked goods **do not contain nuts**.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	All of Nursery	For being fantastic in our Noisy Nativity! We are so proud of you all. You are all super stars 😊
Nursery AM	All of Nursery	For being fantastic in our Noisy Nativity! We are so proud of you all. You are all super stars 😊
Nursery PM	All of Nursery	For being fantastic in our Noisy Nativity! We are so proud of you all. You are all super stars 😊
Blue Class	Alaia	For her amazing efforts in the Noisy Nativity performance this week. Well done Alaia!
Red Class	The whole class!	For their brilliant nativity performance and a fantastic first term! Well done everyone 😊
Yellow Class	Laurie	For excellent writing and for being a kind friend. Well done!
1M	All of 1M	For their fantastic efforts in everything they've done this term and for their brilliant Christmas performance this week. Well done 1M! 😊
1N	All of 1N	For their wonderful singing and performing in our Christmas show and for all the effort they have put into their learning this half term. Keep up the great work! 😊
1W	Christian	For working incredibly hard throughout the term. He is beginning to take more risks and participate more in lessons. Well done Christian! 😊
2S	Ebrima	For his fantastic enthusiasm and effort during our Christmas Assembly-Well done Ebrima!
2SW	Jeremiah	For reading his amazing poem in our Christmas assembly and writing a fantastic Christmas riddle! Well done Jeremiah! 😊
2V	Finn	For writing an amazing Christmas acrostic poem. 😊
3A	3A	For their fantastic efforts during our rehearsals for the Winter performance! Well done 3A!
3G	3G	For their fantastic efforts during our rehearsals for the Winter performance! Well done 3G!
3S	3S	For their fantastic efforts during our rehearsals for the Winter performance! Well done 3S!
4A	Lola	Being a kind considerate member of our community – thank you Lola.
4L	Phoenix	for his confident and characterful retelling of Talking Turkeys in our Xmas rehearsals and for being such an enthusiastic member of the class.
4S	Julia	For being an amazing role model and ambassador for the school when we go out into the community. She is always kind, courteous and respectful to other people.
5C	Elisabeth	For producing some fantastic pieces of learning that she should be proud and being a lovely role model for our class. Well done!
5L	Callie-Rose	Excellent effort this week and for developing her confidence in our performance rehearsals.
5S	Hatice	For demonstrating exceptional proficiency in her Maths learning and for always having a positive and eager approach to learning across the curriculum. Well done!
6A	Shecaniah	For being a friendly, kind and respectful member of the class and school community. Well done!
6C	Gobi	For an excellent effort during all lessons. Your handwriting and presentation have really improved – well done!
6L	Lucy	For being an excellent role model to others and being a helpful member of the class community.
RB Blue	Dalrekay	Well done for great focus in writing this week.
RB Green	Gregory	Well done for fantastic independent writing in English and phonics this week. We are so proud of you for challenging yourself!

St Andrews Church Events



 FESTIVAL OF
9 LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Sunday 17th
December, 6:30pm

Parish Church of St. Andrew the Apostle
Sandhurst Road, Catford SE6 1XD

Refreshments afterwards

Christmas Eve

5pm 24th

at St Andrew's

Children's Service 

St Andrew's Sunday School presents

'The Greatest Gift'

Based on a story by Julia Donaldson

And a reading from  **The Grinch** by Storm & Jessica

Carols and Christmas fun...
and a visit from a very special person
with a gift for every child 

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 18 th December	9.00 Year 5 Christmas assembly 2.45 Year 6 Christmas assembly
Tuesday 19 th December	Festive Dress Up Day Christmas Lunch 2.00 Resource Base Christmas assembly
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term – 2pm finish
Thursday 21 st December to Friday 5 th January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 8 th January	First day of spring term
Friday 12 th January	EYFS Dress Up Day and Bake Sale
Tuesday 16 th January	NCMP height and weight screening 9.00 Year 1 and 2 reading workshop for parents and carers
Friday 19 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 23 rd January	9.00 Year 3 and 4 reading workshop for parents and carers
Thursday 25 th January	Year 2 to th Science Museum
Tuesday 30 th January	9.00 Year 5 and 6 reading workshop for parents and carers
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 29 th – Wednesday 6 th March	School Book Fair
Thursday 7 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 8 th March	International Womens' Day
Week beginning 11 th March	Whole school assessment week
Monay 11 th March	Nursery to Surrey Docks Farm
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 th and Thursday 21 st March	Open evenings for parents and carers
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term – 2pm finish
Friday 29 th March – Friday 12 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th April	Year 6 Easter school
Monday 15 th April	First day of the summer term



Parent and Carer Workshops






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

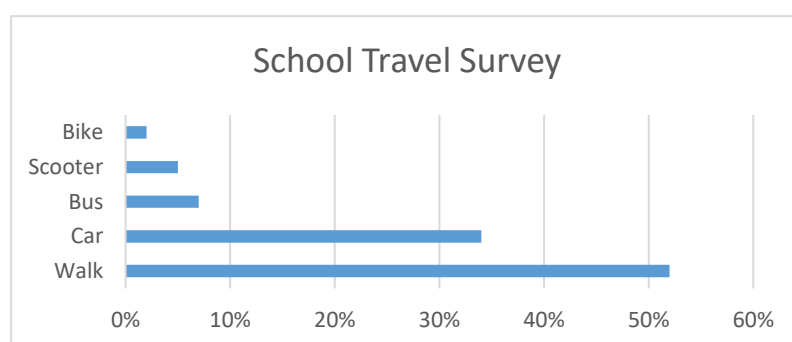
Spring 1	
9.00 on Tuesday 16 th January	Y1 and Y2 Reading
9.00 on Tuesday 23 rd January	Y3 and Y4 Reading
9.00 on Tuesday 30 th January	Y5 and Y6 Reading



School Travel Survey

During Road Safety Week, we conducted a travel survey to find out how our children travel to school. here are the results:

Walk	Car	Bus	Bike	Scooter
				
52%	34%	7%	2%	5%







It is great to see so many children walking, scooting and cycling to school. We would like to continue to encourage parents and carers to leave the car at home if you can. It won't be long before the School Street is up and running and vehicular access will be limited. Why not start the new year with a new travel schedule?

If you are driving to school, please remember to park courteously and safely and please switch your engine off when you are stationary.

Thank you

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	98%		3A	95%		5C	92%	
1N	92%		3G	91%		5L	93%	
1W	94%		3S	96%		5S	87%	
2S	96%		4A	97%		6A	82%	
2SW	95%		4L	95%		6C	93%	
2V	96%		4S	97%		6L	97%	

Well Done to all classes who won our attendance cups this week?

Empowering Parents



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EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



Being a Parent

The course helps parents and carers learn practical communication skills for everyday life and bring up confident and happy children. It helps improve parents' wellbeing and parenting techniques, builds families' social and community connectedness.

The course is **free** and **highly recommended**.

- Downham Library:** 7-9 Moorside Road, BR1 5EW
Wednesdays, 10:00am-12:00pm from 17th January 2024
- Catford Library:** Catford Centre, 23-24 Winslade Way SE6 4JU
Fridays, 10:00am-12:00pm starting 19th January 2024

Course is delivered term-time only.

Places are limited per term. It is first come first serve basis and you will automatically be put in a waiting list once the list is full.

Creche is provided and should be booked in advance.

For information and registration, please contact:



Family
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Service

Family Information Service
Email: fis@lewisham.gov.uk
Telephone: 020 8314 3940
Mobile: 073 9286 2138



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and Maudsley
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EPEC Parent Group Leader Training opportunity

EPEC Parent Group Leader training is free and aims to train local volunteer parents to lead groups that support other parents.

Parent Group Leader (PGL) training equips volunteers to facilitate *Being a Parent* course in their own communities, with continued support from specialist EPEC Supervisors.

A certificate is provided upon assessment completion.

Apply now for the next cohort of trainees for January 2024!

Venue: Civic Suite, Catford SE6 4RU
Dates: Every Tuesday starting 9th January 2024
*10 weeks + Induction Day
Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm (term time only)

For further information and registration please contact:
fis@lewisham.gov.uk or call 020 8314 3940

Holiday Hamper Donations



This Saturday, December 16th, from 10:30 am to 4 pm, Emmanuel Gateway Church will host a Free Food Distribution service. They are aiming to provide support to families in the area, especially during the holiday season.

A Christmas hamper from Emmanuel Gateway Church consists of food item for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and a few Christmas treats of course!

Simply complete the form below, indicating when you would like to collect your hamper.

<https://emmanuellee.churchsuite.com/events/dbwgagvf>

Happy Christmas
Emmanuel Gateway Church
Lee High Road SE12 8RS

Christmas in Lewisham



Good Food Lewisham and Community Connections Lewisham have put together this Christmas provision list of useful services, free Christmas meals and food provision:

<https://www.goodfoodlewisham.org/post/christmas-in-lewisham-2023-useful-services-free-meals-and-free-food>

Thanks to those of you who are offering free Christmas meals and other Christmas food services – it's very much appreciated.

Community Events

FORSTER MEMORIAL PARK Christmas MARKET

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
minute gift ideas

FREE ENTRY

Whitefoot Lane, Bromley, BR1 5SD

THIS EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY



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

Boppin'bunnies

Christmas show

Saturday 16th December

10.45am **THE BOB HOPE THEATRE**
Wythfield Rd, London SE9 5TG

Tickets £10 per seat
Under 1's free on laps

Book through this link:
www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows

Festive outfits welcome so dust off those Christmas jumpers!

@boppinbunnies

Bellingham Community Project
Your local charity promoting health & wellbeing

Christmas Fun Play Party for Children with Special Educational Needs Aged 8 and under

Thursday, 14th December 2023
9.30 am - 11.30 am

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

This is a dedicated session, and the fun play area will be closed to the public. To book a place or for more information please email bcp@bcp.uk.net or call/text 02084612213/07549433963. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note that the accompanying adult will be expected to stay and will be responsible for their child throughout the session.

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AGE GROUPS

- Under 6 (9-10am)
- Under 8 (10-11am)
- Under 10 (11-12pm)
- Under 11 (12-1pm)
- Under 12 (1-2pm)
- Under 14 (2-3pm)



REGISTER NOW!

WWW.SOUTHLONDONGIRLSFOOTBALLACADEMY.CO.UK



Online Safety

As National Online Safety, we believe in encouraging parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help us to ensure conversations about online safety with their children, also do not feel like a chore. This guide focuses on how already known activities can be turned into online safety moments. Please visit nationalonline-safety.com for further guides, tips and sign for events.

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are better made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Putting off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season... You'll be glad you did! Merry Christmas!



CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at: some-crafting cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbols of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol bestie right. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmas gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday memories.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Get down your thoughts, hopes and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also set some of your New Year's goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get creative with some Christmas gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make packaging up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Budget in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and ensure the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a treat – feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for spending stories, but easy and new yourself in a brilliant book. From Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Timothée de Fombelle.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Give into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.

Meet Our Expert

We have a dedicated advice line for our expert professionals. Please visit nationalonline-safety.com for more information and support in relation to online safety. We are a charity and we are not for profit. We are a charity and we are not for profit. We are a charity and we are not for profit.

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