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Dear parents and carers,

It has certainly been a very chilly week at Torridon this week. Adults and children have had to wrap up well to make sure they have stayed warm during playtimes, lunchtimes and outdoor learning sessions. Please remember to make sure that all children's items such as hats, coats and gloves are clearly labelled with their names.

It was fantastic to see some of you at our reading workshop this week. We hope you found it helpful. We have been listening to some of your feedback and are currently finding out if you would prefer face to face or online workshops in the future. If you have not already done so, you can let us know your preferences here: [parent and carer workshops](#)

I hope you enjoy reading about all the lovely learning that has been taking place at school this week.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher

## Unity Bake Sale

Unity is Torridon's key stage 2 dance group. Our Live Dance 24 performance is getting closer and this means costumes! We are hoping to raise some money to put towards the cost of our

costumes so please come and support our bake sale on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**

Thank you for your help

Grace (6L) and

Unity Dance



## Challenge Greenhouse Update



Thank you to everyone who has collected and donated 2 litre plastic bottles over the last term.

Together we have collected 1500!!

The bottles have all been prepared and the children at allotment club are going to begin the construction process over the next few weeks. We are hoping that the greenhouse will be completed over the half term break.

## Instrumental Music Lesson Applications

We've gone digital!

To apply for an instrumental lesson please visit:

<https://www.torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk/curriculum/creative-curriculum/music/>

Complete the form near the bottom of the page and take a note of your lesson ID. You can use this to track the progress of your application or lesson.

Please only use this form to apply for a new instrumental lesson, existing lessons remain active until cancelled.



## Reading Volunteers

At Torridon, we value the importance of every child being a confident reader with a love of books, and we know that the partnership between home and school plays a crucial role in developing our young readers. Could you spare a morning or an afternoon in your week to read with individuals or groups of children? If so, we would love to hear from you. If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer, please speak to a member of the office team or email

[admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk).



## Help Us With DT Haberdashery

Call out for any old buttons, zips, poppers, hooks etc!

Please bring them into school next week in an envelope labelled for DT – we are stocking up for projects!

Many thanks





## Reception – Little City

Reception had a very exciting visit from 'Little City' this week. The children enjoyed exploring different jobs and talking about what they might like to do one day. We talked about why different jobs in the community were important.





# Resource Base Learning

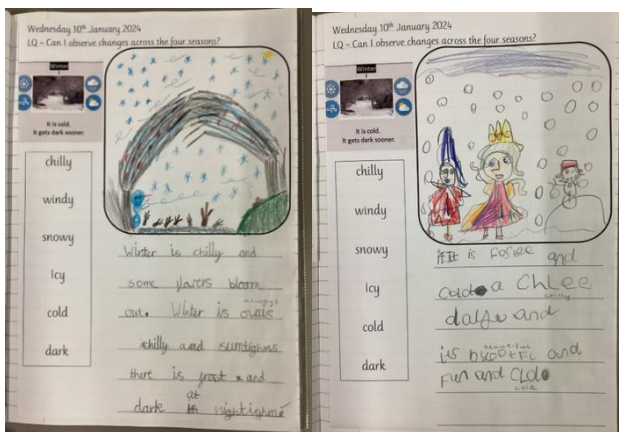
	
Wake up	
	
Make my bed	
	
Have a shower	
	
Roll on	
	
Get dressed	
	
Eat breakfast	
	
Brush my teeth	
	
Check my bag	

In Blue Pathway, we have been learning about being independent. This week, we focused on our morning routines. We discussed all the different activities we need to complete independently to get ready for the day. Then we made our own checklists on InPrint and have laminated them so that we can use them at home during our morning routine.

In Green Pathway, the children were thrilled with the surprise of new pet fish! This has linked very well with our learning of sea animals and the different parts of a fish that help it to live under water.



## Year 1 - Seasons



This term, Year 1 are learning about the four seasons. This week we spoke about which months belong to which seasons. In groups, we looked at different images of the weather and described them to our partners. We have been talking about the winter and know how important it is to wrap up warm.



## Year 2 - Subtracting

This week Year 2 have had fun partitioning two-digit numbers into 10s and 1s when subtracting them. Did you know when you are subtracting you only partition the first number? We used our jottings to represent our 10s and 1s and noticed that sometimes we didn't have enough 1s to subtract. So, we stole (exchanged) a 10 and changed it into ten 1s! Then we could easily take away the 1s that we needed. Take a look at our super subtraction...

$$36 - 19 = 17$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Tens} \quad \text{Ones} \\ 35 - 22 = 13 \\ \times \phantom{0} \\ \times \phantom{0} \\ 1 \phantom{0} \end{array}$$

## Year 3 - Maths

Year 3 have been exploring multiplication and division. We partitioned numbers and used resources to solve problems. We were able to use tens and ones counters and draw pictures to show our mathematical reasoning.

$$51 \div 3 = 17$$

$$36 \div 3 = 12$$

Tens	ones
1	2
1	2
1	2

$$66 \div 3 = 22$$

Tens	ones
2	2
2	2
2	2

$$3 \times 17 = 51$$

	10	7
3	30	21

$$5 \times 26 = 130$$

	20	6
5	100	30

$100 + 30 = 130$

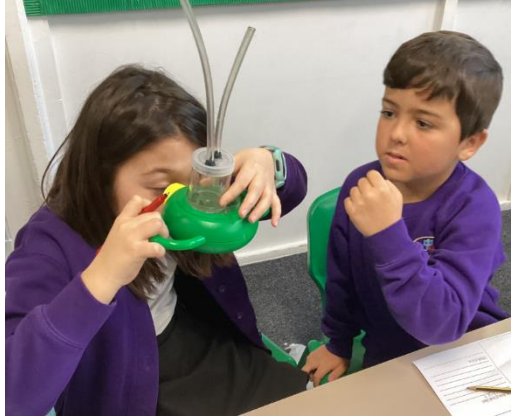
$$35 \times 3 = 105$$

	30	5
3	90	15

$90 + 15 = 105$



## Year 4 - Science



This week in Science, Year 4 spent the lesson learning how to identify invertebrates. We then went on an invertebrate hunt in the Forest School. We used scientific equipment to collect earthworms, beetles and earwigs. Then we brought them back to the classroom to make further observations under magnifying glasses. Finally, we drew and labelled our specimens.



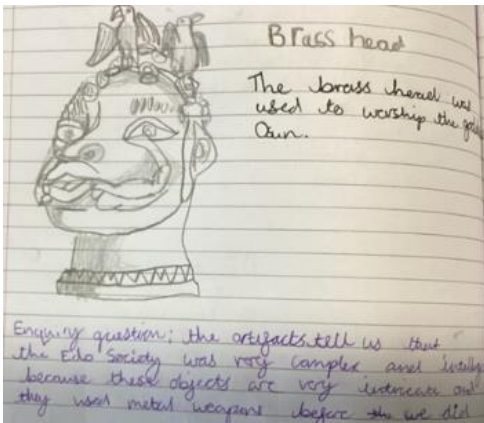
## Year 5 - DT

In DT, year 5 have been making catapults. The children had to use paper cups, cardboards, rubber bands and wooden spoons to test how far the ping-pong balls could go.

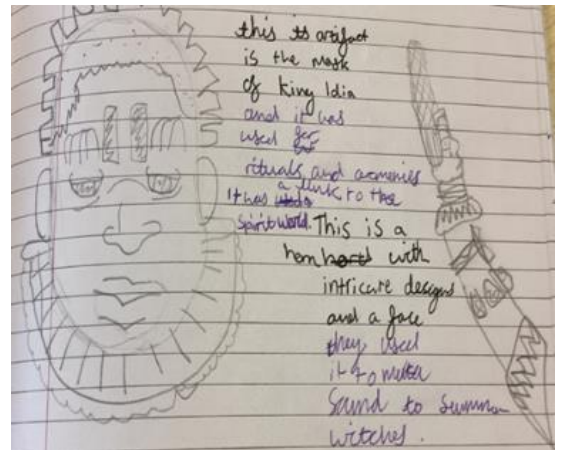
The children wrote feedback on how successful or challenging the activity was and how to improve.



# Year 6 - History



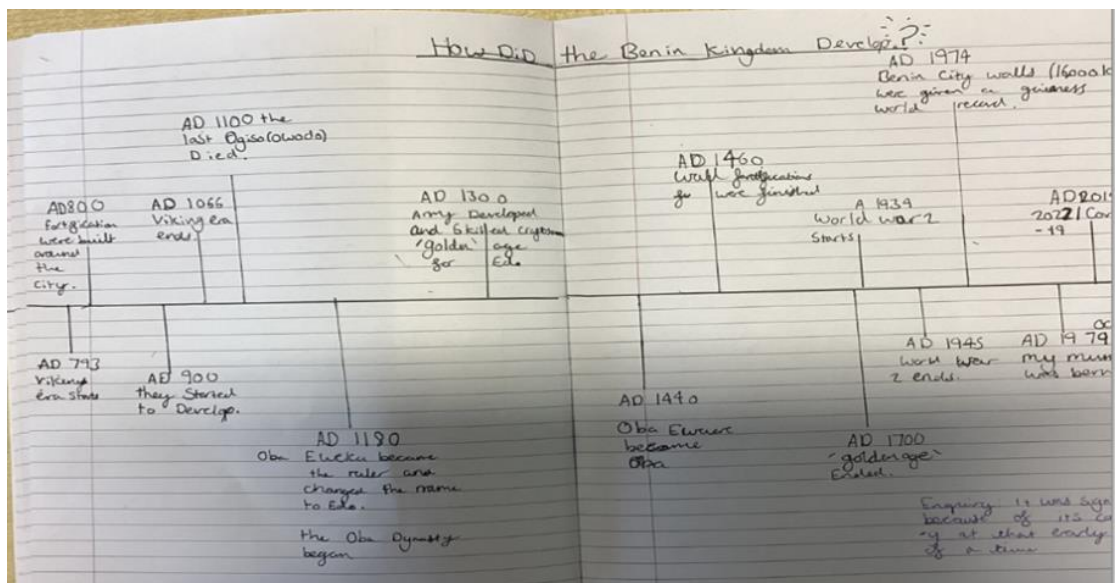
In history, we have been learning about the history of The Benin Kingdom. It is well-known for its rich and powerful history. They were polytheists (people who believed in many gods), and had breathtaking artefacts made from hand. The Kingdom of Benin was first called 'Igodomigodo', later changed to Edo and finally the Benin Kingdom. Today, we formed a chronological timeline of how the ancient kingdom developed.



It started in the very early ages, from AD 800, where fortifications were beginning to be made as they enhanced their kingdom gradually. They worked tirelessly for centuries, until, in AD 1100, the last Ogiso (Ogiso Owodo) died marking the end of Ogiso dynasty and the beginning of Oba dynasty.

By AD 1300, Edo had reached its peak; after only a century (by AD 1460)- the great fortifications of over 16000 kilometres was complete. It was so significant that it earned itself a place in Guinness Book of World Records in 1974 coming second place, just behind the Great Wall of China as the biggest man-made walls ever built.

-Noble, 6A





# Forest School News

This week has been all about feeding the birds! The children have made a variety of bird feeders to help the birds during the cold winter.



We have found a toad living in our pond too! The children were extra careful when breaking the ice to protect our new friend!



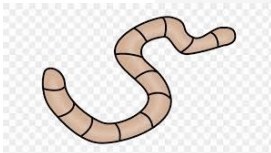
## Woodlands Friends' Dress Up Day



Our woodland is turning one year old and to celebrate we invite you to come to school on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** dressed as a woodland creature!

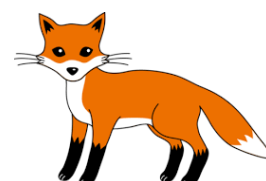
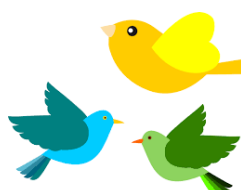


Children who do not want to dress up as a woodland friend are invited to wear green.



This is a fundraising event to maintain and expand our ever growing woodland area.

Donations can be paid directly to Parent pay or buckets will be on the gate to accept cash. Suggested donation of £1.










## STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Benjamin	For his amazing knowledge of vehicles and transport. Well done, Ben! 😊
Nursery AM	Yonathan	For his fantastic name writing this week. Well done, Yonathan! 😊
Nursery PM	Logan	For his good listening and joining in during carpet sessions. Well done, Logan! 😊
Blue Class	Chloe	For showing such great kindness to her friends and working hard on her writing this week. Well done, Chloe!
Red Class	Erin G	For her fantastic efforts in phonics and always having a positive attitude to her learning! Well done 😊
Yellow Class	Yasviny	For always trying her best and being kind to others. Well done 😊
1M	Samrawit	For always trying her best and contributing to class discussions and for her excellent manners. Keep it up Samrawit! 😊
1N	Thanushika	For her exemplary behaviour and attitude to learning. She is always positive, friendly and kind to everyone and she always does her best 😊
1W	Ada	For being extremely helpful this week. She has been going above and beyond to care for our classroom and support her peers when they need help. Continue spreading your kindness Ada 😊
2S	Josiah K	For his super effort in writing this week! Your use of apostrophes was perfect, and the inclusion of your imagination made your writing wonderful! 😊
2SW	Drew	For trying so hard to improve his writing and for his beautiful presentation! Well done Drew! 😊
2V	Petra	For consistently working hard in all lessons. 😊
3A	Austin	For consistently working hard this week, particularly in your writing. Well done! 😊
3G	Elsie	Consistently showing respect to her peers and adults. What a role model!
3S	Amaya	Always being respectful to everyone in our school community. Well done Amaya, you are a star!
4A	Rafferty	For showing a huge improvement in his attitude to learning!!
4L	Yasmine	For always showing maturity in her behaviour and for her excellent attitude and effort towards learning and presentation of her books.
4S	Amelie	For always having a positive attitude towards her learning and for pushing herself to tackle more complicated problems in maths.
5C	Harley	For showing matured behaviour throughout the week as well as producing some learning that he should be extremely proud of.
5L	Simeon	For showing excellent determination in maths lessons. You have tried hard and made good progress with long multiplication. Well done!
5S	Nevaeh	For consistently showing respect and consideration towards adults and your peers- setting a positive example for the class and school. Well done!
6A	Arnold	For being a respectful member of the class and for his resilient approach to learning. Keep it up, Arnold!
6C	Tobi	For being an excellent role model to others and always contributing excellent points during class discussions. Well done, Tobi.
6L	Safa	For being an excellent example of a learner who listens to feedback and goes above and beyond to improve her learning. Well done!
RB Blue	Izzy	Well done for showing great resilience and following your new timetable.
RB Green	Victory	Well done for always trying your best with your learning, even when it is challenging. We are so proud of your writing this week!

# Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	96%		3A	99%		5C	99%	
1N	97%		3G	93%		5L	86%	
1W	100%		3S	98%		5S	90%	
2S	97%		4A	100%		6A	98%	
2SW	92%		4L	92%		6C	92%	
2V	88%		4S	99%		6L	98%	

Well Done to all classes who achieved 99%-100% in attendance! Keep up the good work!

## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 1 visit to Lewisham Mosque
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.00 Year 3 and 4 reading workshop for parents and carers
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 visit to the Science Museum
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 weekly cricket sessions start PTA Sponsored Bounce
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 Year 5 and 6 reading workshop for parents and carers
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	4L visit to Chislehurst Caves
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	4A and 4S to Chislehurst Caves
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Resource Base parent and pancake afternoon
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Woodland Dress Up Day
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	School Book Fair
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Kickstart to Live Dance 2024
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Unity to Live Dance 2024
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Womens' Day Year 5 and Year 6 swimming gala
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school assessment week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery to Surrey Docks Farm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Open evenings for parents and carers
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term – 2pm finish
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
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





# Parent and Carer Workshops

We are pleased to share the dates of our upcoming parent and carer meetings and workshops this half term. You are invited to attend these workshops to learn more about how we teach reading at Torridon.

Spring 1	
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



## Is My Child Too Ill For School?

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. To access, please see the link below:

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

If you do keep your child at home, it is important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

## Mapac January Sale

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[www.mapac.com/education/parents](http://www.mapac.com/education/parents)

The sale will start on Thursday 25th January and runs through to the 31st January. A code of "JSP24" will need to be entered by parents at checkout, but the code required will only be activated on Thursday 25th January and will not be available before this time.

# Community Events



## SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER

Exclusive offer for school groups, youth groups, sports teams, SEN groups and charities.

Unlimited games, rides as well as access to the soft play area.

**£15 FOR 1 HOUR PER CHILD\***  
**£25 FOR 2 HOURS PER CHILD\***

Please email [bookings@babylonpark.com](mailto:bookings@babylonpark.com) to book.

Ideal for ages 3+

Available Monday to Friday only, 10am until 7pm

Must be pre-booked and full payment required at least 24 hours in advance. Non-refundable, can be transferred to a new date with written notice

Adults are to supervise children for the duration, as the park will be open to the public.

Party room can be used if you're bringing in your own packed lunch, max capacity is 40 seated.

\*Excludes claw machines / grabbers / games with big prizes. Those which scan yellow are not included.

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- ♥️ February Half Term
- 🌻 May Half Term
- 🍂 October Half Term
- 🐣 Easter Holidays
- ☀️ Summer Holidays
- 🎄 Christmas Holidays



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- 📅 Book with childcare vouchers / Tax Free Childcare / CGPS / Bright Horizons
- 🍏 HAF Programme provider

[munchkinsports.com](http://munchkinsports.com)

**MUNCHKIN  
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Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a special introductory discount of £40 for members of Torridon Primary School if they sign up by Saturday 4th May. Parents should quote TORP040524 when they book their free session by going to [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try) or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes at [perform.org.uk/try](http://perform.org.uk/try). Alternatively, pdf flyers can be downloaded from [here](http://perform.org.uk/try).

The nearest classes to Torridon Primary School are as follows (please click for a map and further details):

Perform SE13 (Drama for 4-7s)  
(1.2 miles)  
Wednesdays at 4pm

Church Of The Good Shepherd  
Handen Road,  
SE12 8NR

Perform SE13 (Drama for 7-12s)  
(1.2 miles)  
Wednesdays at 5.05pm

Church Of The Good Shepherd  
Handen Road,  
SE12 8NR

Perform SE13 (Drama for 4-7s)  
(1.4 miles)  
Thursdays at 4pm and 5.05pm

Lochaber Hall  
2 Manor Lane Terrace,  
SE13 5QL

Perform SE23 (Drama for 4-7s)  
(1.6 miles)  
Wednesdays at 4pm

St William Of York Catholic Church Hall  
4 Brockley Park,  
SE23 1PS

Perform SE23 (Drama for 7-12s)  
(1.6 miles)  
Wednesdays at 5.05pm

St William Of York Catholic Church Hall  
4 Brockley Park,  
SE23 1PS

There are others too. Click to find all the nearest [here](http://perform.org.uk/try) or view a list of [all areas](http://perform.org.uk/try).

## The Ice Queen

Drama, dance and singing  
holiday courses for 4-10 year olds

*Frozen* themed fun  
this February half-term  
[perform.org.uk/icequeen](http://perform.org.uk/icequeen)



— Jessie had the time of her life  
and her confidence grew more than  
I could have ever imagined. Emily Brown



## SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

### NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a noisy night! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

### RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

### TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings. Instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

### STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

### DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

### IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

### ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

### REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

### THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

### SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and working behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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