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Dear parents and carers,

We have had a very bouncy day today at Torridon! Thank you to Megan and the PTA for organising today's sponsored bounce. The children have had great fun and we are looking forward to seeing how much money they have raised.

Our children in Key Stage One had a lovely time on their trips this week. Year 1 visited Lewisham Mosque and Year 2 went to the Science Museum. Our children were excellent ambassadors for the school – as always! Thank you to those of you who were able to come and support on the day. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did.

Well done to our Unity dancers who organised and ran a bake sale this week. Thanks to your support and generosity, the dancers managed to raise £200 which will be used to purchase their costumes for their upcoming performance at The Catford Broadway Theatre in March.

We look forward to welcoming our parents and carers of children in years 5 and 6 to Claudia's reading workshop on Tuesday morning. We will send the slides out following the meeting for any of you not able to attend.

Enjoy your weekend

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



Pass It On Torridon!



Friends of Torridon PTA will be running a uniform & book sale in the playground at pick-up on Wednesday 31st January.

**** PTA do not require donations on this occasion****

On the day we will also have a drop off point for local food bank donations. Please only bring food **ON THE DAY**. Many thanks

Term Dates

2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

INSET DAYS	Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
First Day of Autumn Term	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 28 th - Friday 1 st November 2024
INSET DAY	Friday 22 nd November 2024
Last Day of Autumn Term	Friday 20 th December 2024
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Monday 23 rd December 2024 – Friday 3 rd January 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

First Day of Spring Term	Monday 6 th January 2025
INSET DAY	Friday 17 th January 2025
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February 2025
Last Day of Spring Term	Friday 4 th April 2025
EASTER HOLIDAY	Monday 7 th – Monday 21 st April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

First Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
BANK HOLIDAY	Monday 5 th May 2025
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	Monday 26 th May – Friday 30 th May 2025
INSET DAY	Friday 20 th June 2025
Last Day of Summer Term	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

Children do not come to school on INSET Days

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.



Corbett Chase

MARK YOUR DIARIES - 4th ANNUAL CORBETT CHASE & STREET PLAY OUT - SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2024

9:15am - 10k and half-marathon run/walk starts at Torridon Primary School

10am-12noon - Play Street for families on Minard Road in front of Sandhurst Primary School, where run finishes

Friends of Torridon PTA is delighted to be teaming up with Sandhurst School once again for our 4th Annual Corbett Chase and Street Play Out.

Runners, walkers, volunteers, supporters all welcome!

More details to come. In the meantime, please register interest here (either running/walking or volunteering): <https://forms.gle/gNY2LoUbwbP4bqBCA>



Please 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!



Nursery Learning

This week in Nursery, we have been learning about water transport. The children have enjoyed singing 'Row, row, row your boat' and they also made their own boat using junk modelling. Then they tested it to see whether it would float or sink in the water tray.



Resource Base Learning



This week, we have been encouraging the children to work together and develop their turn taking and teamwork skills. We practised when stacking plastic bottles on bamboo to help build the school greenhouse. The children took it in turns to have different roles and were so patient and calm when waiting for their turn to stack the bottles.

This week in our Zones of Regulation session, Blue Pathway discussed what expected and unexpected behaviour would look like at school and at home. We discussed how people would feel if we mainly showed expected behaviour, and we considered how others would feel if we mainly showed unexpected behaviour. We used our knowledge to then complete a sorting activity to show the difference between expected and unexpected behaviour.

The **ZONES** of
Regulation®

Year 1 Trip to Lewisham Mosque

This week, Year 1 bundled onto the bus for our trip to Lewisham Mosque. Once there, we took our shoes off to go in the prayer hall, where Imam Ashraf told us all about Islam and showed us some important objects, including the Qur'an, a hijab and a prayer mat.



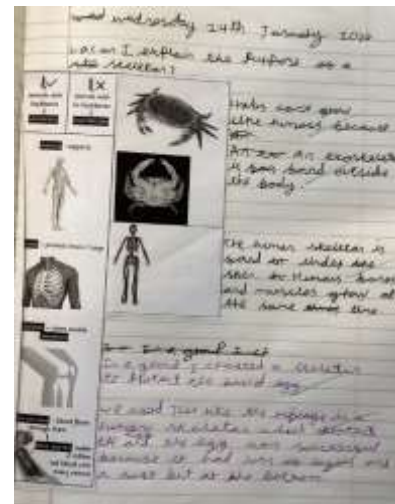
Year 2 - Trip To The Science Museum

As part of our Incredible Inventions topic, Year 2 visited the Science Museum. We went to the Space Exhibition and saw the Apollo 10! We also went to the Modern World Exhibition and saw some amazing inventions like the first ever Ford car. It was an amazing trip enjoyed by all.



Year 3 - Science

In Science, we have been finding out all about animals including humans. We have found out about the different food groups and the importance of a healthy diet. This week we looked at exoskeletons. To extend our learning we made skeletons to protect an egg. We worked in groups and constructed a rib cage out of straw. We then used paper and card to protect the rib cage.



Year 4 - Writing

This week, Year 4 had fun acting out the parts of Barney, Stig and the Snargets as part of their writing lessons about Stig of the Dump.



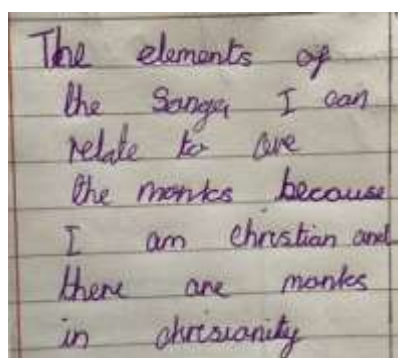
Year 5 - History

This week in history, we have been interpreting sources to understand why there was migration to Britain in 1948. We discussed the differences between primary and secondary sources. In pairs, we closely studied primary sources to compare the differences between Kingston and London. Finally, we wrote up our interpretations based on the images of workers in Britain post war.



Year 6 - RE

Year 6 have been learning about the Buddhist community known as 'Sangha'. The children have been learning about the different aspects of Sangha and identifying links with the communities they belong to!



Forest School News



It has been a windy week at Forest school! The children have made simple kites to test out the wind, they had great fun racing around Forest school.

In preparation for



26-28 January 2024



The children have been identifying birds that visit us at Forest school, and building welcoming homes for the birds to keep warm.



Woodlands Friends' Dress Up Day



Our woodland is turning one year old and to celebrate we invite you to come to school on **Friday 9th 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	Azariah	For being independent when putting on his coat and for being more confident when speaking to his friends and the adults. Well done, Azariah 😊
Nursery AM	Stephanie	For joining in with carpet discussions and sharing her ideas with her friends. Well done, Stephanie 😊
Nursery PM	Asma	For being kind and sharing with her friends. Well done, Asma 😊
Blue Class	Aiden	For trying his best to focus this week and for being such a great helper in class. Well done, Aiden!
Red Class	Abigail	For always trying her best! Abigail is a role model to red class. Well done 😊
Yellow Class	Rowan	For amazing independent writing and always working hard in phonics
1M	Anish	For showing resilience and coming into school with a smile every day. Anish is becoming more independent in his maths learning and is making good progress. Keep it up! 😊
1N	Lisanna	For putting so much effort into her learning and having a positive attitude. Keep up the great work! 😊
1W	Kevin	For persevering with his learning and making steady progress with his reading. Keep up the great effort Kevin! 😊
2S	The whole class	For their fantastic behaviour whilst on our school trip. You made us all very proud! Well done 2S 😊
2SW	The whole class	For their fantastic behaviour whilst on our school trip. You made us all very proud! Well done 2SW 😊!
2V	The whole class	For their fantastic behaviour whilst on our school trip. You made us all very proud! Well done 2V! 😊
3A	Miya	For persevering with her writing and producing a really lovely diary entry.
3G	Deekshika	For always listening and contributing – well done for always doing your best.
3S	Mordecai	For working hard in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Mordecai for having an amazing week!
4A	Lillian	For growing your confidence and participating in class discussions more often. Keep it up please!
4L	Beni	For his excellent attitude, enthusiasm and mature behaviour.
4S	Harmony	For using interesting words like ‘chorused,’ that she has read in our class text, Stig of the Dump, in her own writing to make it even more imaginative and entertaining.
5C	Rocaella	For settling in well and having a positive start at Torridon. Well done!
5L	Ethan	For showing excellent commitment to learning your spellings. And you always have a mature approach to your learning. Well done!
5S	Melissa	For her enthusiasm, perseverance and eagerness in her math learning, which is commendable. For pushing herself not only in mathematics but also in other subjects, showing strong commitment to her personal growth. Well done!
6A	Manjot	For consistently aspiring to improve her learning by challenging herself outside of school. Well done and keep it up!
6C	T'Shae	For an excellent effort in all lessons. You have been trying your best and have created some high-quality pieces of learning – well done!
6L	Srrutis	For showing consistency in all areas of learning and always being ready for new challenges. Well done!
RB Blue	Ibrahim	For consistently being focused and engaged with his learning in year 6.
RB Green	Munasar	For being very helpful towards other children.

Allotment update

Construction began on our Greenhouse this week. Allotment club were the first to build the bottles onto many bamboo canes with the rest of the school getting involved on Wednesday.

Every child across the school has been involved to help add the bottles to 150 canes in readiness for stage 2 of the build.



Our next job is to staple the bamboo canes onto the timber frames next week.

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	94%		3A	94%		5C	93%	
1N	87%		3G	92%		5L	91%	
1W	98%		3S	98%		5S	85%	
2S	99%	🏆	4A	99%	🏆	6A	93%	
2SW	92%		4L	98%		6C	95%	🏆
2V	97%		4S	93%		6L	94%	

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

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 30 th January	Y5 and Y6 Reading



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 29 th January	Year 3 and Year 4 Kurling tournament for children with SEND
Tuesday 30 th January	9.00 Year 5 and 6 reading workshop for parents and carers
Thursday 1 st February	4L visit to Chislehurst Caves
Friday 2 nd February	4A and 4S to Chislehurst Caves
Tuesday 6 th February	Resource Base parent and pancake afternoon Safer Internet Day
Friday 9 th February	Year 5 and Year 6 athletics regional finals
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 21 st February	Year 3 and Year 4 Tri-Golf tournament
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 3 and Year 4 boys' football tournament
Thursday 29 th – Wednesday 6 th March	School Book Fair
Monday 4 th March	Year 4 visit to Natural History Museum
Tuesday 5 th March	Kickstart to Live Dance 2024 National Dental Programme Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 6 th March	Unity to Live Dance 2024
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	International Women's Day Year 5 and Year 6 swimming gala
Week beginning 11 th March	Whole school assessment week
Monday 11 th March	Nursery to Surrey Docks Farm
Wednesday 13 th March	Year 5 and Year 6 boys' football tournament
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 th and Thursday 21 st March	Open evenings for parents and carers
Sunday 24 th March	Corbett Chase & street play out
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
Thursday 18 th April	Year 5 and 6 tag rugby tournament
Monday 22 nd April	Key stage 2 athletics tournament
Friday 26 th April	Year 5 and 6 Tri-Golf tournament

Christ's Hospital School Open Morning



To book now sign up here:

[Book an open morning at Christ's Hospital](#)

Half Term Holiday Camps

MULTISPORTS FEB HALF TERM CAMP

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4-15 YEARS OLD**

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(Tennis and Tennis Games only)
Early Risers Mon - Fri 8:00am to 9:00am = £5.00 pp per day
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Online Safety

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

MYLOL

AGE RESTRICTION
13-19

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MyLOL is a free social networking and dating site aimed at teens. Profiles can publicly display users' images and information, including sexual orientation and personal interests. The service bills itself as "the number one teen dating website in the world", claiming to have more than a million users globally. Despite its popularity, the MyLOL app is no longer available from Google Play or the App Store, although the site is still active. In some countries, police forces and schools have previously warned parents about "sinister predators" and "inappropriate activities" on the site.

FLimsy AGE GATES

Although MyLOL states it is exclusively aimed at users aged between 13 and 19, there is no credible age verification system to prevent a younger child – or an older adult – from signing up to the platform. Coupled with the fact that it's impossible to establish a user's true identity on MyLOL, this raises a serious concern that the site could be used for grooming.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

MyLOL maintains that it monitors all uploaded images for nudity or sexual content. It also claims to be able to detect suspicious keywords. However, there have been numerous reports of explicit content being found on the platform, with users often posting provocative, semi-nude pictures of themselves and engaging in dirty or sexually explicit conversation.

POTENTIAL CYBER-BULLYING

MyLOL lets users 'vote' on other people based solely on their appearance, much in the same vein as the now-defunct site Hot or Not. This feature could easily lead to distress and bullying, especially if a young person's profile pics receive an unfavourable response. Various reviews of MyLOL have noted that bullying frequently becomes an issue in the platform's chat groups and private messages.

IN-APP SPENDING

MyLOL is free to join and use, but it also offers paid-for memberships. Users who have paid money get their profile promoted at the top of the site and in search results. They can also earn additional credits for increased engagement with the platform – such as sharing, replying to messages and voting. At the time of writing, the monthly membership fee was \$9.95 (just under £8).

DATA COLLECTION

According to its privacy policy, MyLOL collects user data including email addresses, contact details and interests. While the company says it is committed to protecting users' privacy, the small print states that information may be shared externally. MyLOL claims to follow procedures to keep data secure, but does not specify what these procedures are, or whether such information is encrypted.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

MyLOL makes it easy to connect with strangers. In fact, the site's rewards feature encourages users to send private messages to people they don't know. There have been several media stories of adults posing as teens on MyLOL to connect with minors, which could lead to extremely dangerous situations, such as a young person meeting up with someone who has been posing under a false identity.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS ONLINE DATING

It's vital to talk to your child about the possible dangers of platforms like MyLOL – particularly the threat of online predators. Remind them of the risks of sharing intimate images and information with strangers and emphasise that most people don't realise they're being 'catfished' until it's too late – it really isn't wise for a young person to meet up with someone they've only spoken to online.

RESTRICT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child has access to a bank card or other payment method, they may be enticed into signing up for MyLOL's premium features. Having their profile boosted and receiving more attention could be especially tempting if their friends also use the site. You could consider altering their device's settings to disable internet purchases, or at the very least keeping an eye on their online spending.

EXPLAIN PRIVACY RISKS

Before your child begins using a service such as MyLOL, it's important that they understand the potential pitfalls of giving out their personal data on this type of platform. Explain to them, for example, that they shouldn't divulge any personally identifying information to people who they don't know, as scammers can be quite convincing when attempting to steal someone's identity.

SET UP LOCATION ALERTS

If you're worried that your child may be planning to meet up with someone they've met on MyLOL, you could consider utilising GPS or Wi-Fi location tracking technology to follow their whereabouts in real time. You can even set up a virtual boundary or 'fence' and opt to receive an alert to your phone if your child enters or exits a specified area.

Meet Our Expert

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