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21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Years 3 and 5 had the exciting opportunity to be filmed for Sky Arts Access All Arts week. The team from Sky Arts came to visit Torridon for the day. They filmed the children taking part in the Access All Arts activities in art, dance and music. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see how filming happened. The team had a drone to film the learning in the hall. The children loved the activities and the filming experience. Some of the footage will be used on their website. We hope to be able to share some of their footage before the end of term.

As the weather is getting warmer, years 1 – 6 had an assembly by the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboats Institution) volunteer. They were told about how to stay safe when they are near water – whether at the coast, inland rivers, canals, lakes and reservoirs, and what to do if they ever see someone in trouble in the water. For more information and activities to do at home please click on the link. <https://rnli.org/youth-education>

Our sports days for each key stage are in the week beginning the 15<sup>th</sup> July. Further information regarding the timings can be found later in the newsletter. We would love to see as many families and friends supporting the children at the events. The KS2 sports day is a whole day event, please bring a picnic with you.

The PTA still need volunteers for our school fair on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. If you are able to volunteer to help run a stall please get in touch with them.

Warmest wishes

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



# Year 6 Bake Sale and Ice-lollies Sale

In order to raise money for our production, we are planning a bake sale and ice-lollies sale on Friday 28th June 2024.



Prices will start from 50p. Please come and visit our stands. We look forward to treating you.



## Sports Day Overview

### Monday 15th July - EYFS Sports Day @ Torridon School

- 9:30am start
- 6 game rotation
- 11:00am - 11:20am Community races
- 11:30 end

### Thursday 18th July - KS1 Sports Day @ Abbotshall

- 9:30am start
- 6 game rotation
- 11:00am games finish
- 11:00am - Y1 & Y2 sprint finals
- 11:30 - Community races
- 12:00pm finish



### Friday 19th July - KS2 Sports Day @ Abbotshall

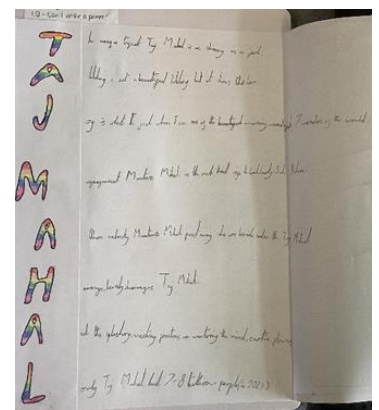
- 9:30am start
- 12 game rotation
- 12:30pm games finish
- 12:30 - 1:15 lunch @ Abbotshall
- 1:15pm Y3-Y6 sprint finals
- 1:45pm - Community races
- 2:00pm - Community football match: Staff vs Saturday League school teams
- 2:30pm - Community football match: Staff vs Families & Friends
- 3:00pm finish



## Year 2 - Taj Mahal Acrostic Poems



This week in writing, Year 2 have been exploring acrostic poems. We identified that an acrostic poem is made up of a word which can be read vertically and that each line of the poem starts with a letter from the word. Today we had so much fun writing our very own acrostic poems about the Taj Mahal! Take a look at some of our wonderful learning.



## Year 3 – Science Museum

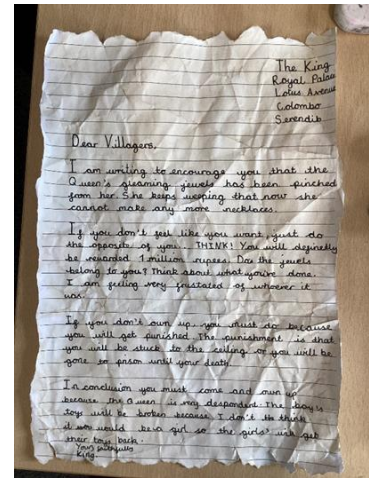
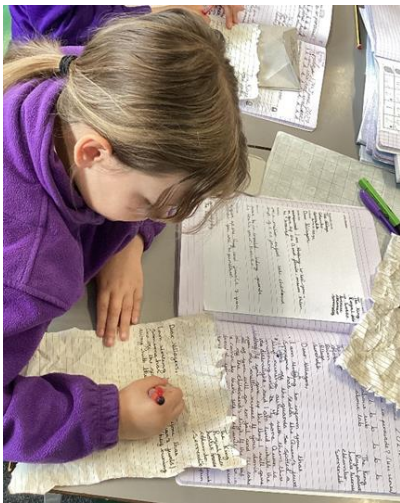
Last Friday, year 3 ventured all the way to the Science Museum! The museum is massive, and there was so much to explore. One of the highlights was the 'Who am I' exhibition, where we learnt about all the amazing things that make us unique. It was also really useful for us to recap lots of the topics we have learnt about in science this year in a fun, interactive way.



## Year 4 - Writing

This week, we have written and redrafted some very convincing persuasive letters. The letters are from The King of Serendib persuading the thief to who stole the Queen's jewels to return them at once.

To publish our letters, we made our 'ancient' paper by scrunching it up and soaking it in tea. We made our own envelopes by using our origami skills that we have learned in art lessons. We used sugar paper for the envelopes to resemble the elephant dung paper that is made in Sri Lanka.



## Year 5 – Breakdance Workshop

This week 5C had the opportunity to participate in a Breakdance workshop with the dance leaders in Year 8 from Forest Hill School.

The focus was learning Breakdance vocabulary and then performing a dance battle in teams. The children learnt the "Top Rock", "Baby Freeze" and "6 Step".



## Year 6

Year 6 children who are attending a LEWISHAM secondary school in September 2024, need to attend the borough wide transition day on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.

Parents need to make sure their children attend the transition day which has been organised by Lewisham for pupils to get a taste of their new secondary school.

This day helps pupils get to know the school, meet staff and get to know their tutor groups.



## Resource Base

Green Pathway have been learning about the local area. We went on a walk down Torrison Road to see: St. Andrews church, Corbett Community Library, bus stops and shops. The children had a checklist to tick off every they saw a different building/ feature of our local area.



In Blue Pathway, the children have continued to develop their partner and group conversation skills through debating. This week, they were discussing whether it is fair that some children have more break times than others. They all tried really hard to listen to and consider opposing views.

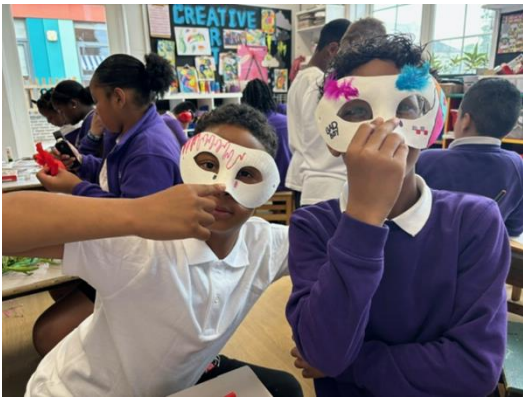


# Sky Arts

Year 3 and Year 5 had an extremely busy day yesterday making, creating and performing for the team from Sky Arts and We are Futures who came in to film and photograph them. The team of professional photographers, drone flyers and production directors were particularly impressed by the creativity of our children and the evident love of the Creative Arts at Torridon Primary School!



They will have to edit everything which is going to take a bit of time. We hope to have something to share before the end of term!



## WOW

Top WoWs for week beginning Monday 17th June 2024



Year 1



Raining, Poring



Raining, Poring



Raining, Poring



Raining, Poring



Raining, Poring

Year 2



Recorders - performance here we go!



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Year 3



Composing the Blues



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Summer

Year 4



Music of India



Music of India



Instrument lessons






Music of India

## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 transition workshops
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Green Pathway to soft play
	Year 2 Bollywood dance workshop
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Strings and String ensemble performance
	Year 1 trip to the Tate Modern Museum
	Year 6 to Forster Park
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Create Day with the Royal Opera House
	Year 6 secondary transition day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9am Year 5 Steel Pans performance
	Year 2 to The Victoria and Albert Museum
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – Year 3 Ukulele performance
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Drum Fun performance
	Year 4 to Catford Broadway Theatre
Week beginning Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school assessment week
	Year 6 Bikeability sessions
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Welcome meeting for new nursery and reception parents and carers
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Green pathway – local area walk
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 picnic – Forster Park
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery and Reception sports day
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Recorder performance
	Resource Base to Forster Park
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school summer music concert
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 and 2 sports day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 sports day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> (9.15am)	Year 6 production
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (5.30pm)	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Community Celebration Event
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term – 2pm finish



## Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	91%		3A	95%		5C	97%	
1N	94.1%		3G	96%		5L	94%	
1W	93%		3S	89%		5S	90%	
2S	92%		4A	93%		6A	94%	
2SW	94.4%		4L	97%		6C	94%	
2V	90%		4S	96%		6L	91%	

Well Done to All the Classes Who Won The Attendance Cup This Week!

## Resources For Autism

We are excited to invite you to the soft launch of Resources for Autism's (RFA) new hub in Lewisham! Our hub is dedicated to providing a space where autistic individuals and their caregivers can find advice, support, and connect with others in the community. We would love for you to join us, meet our team, and share your voice over tea and cake as we work together to develop the services you want.



Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, 26th June

Time: Session 1: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM / Session 2: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: First Floor, The Fellowship Inn, Randlesdown Rd, London SE6 3BT

Cost: Free

Who Should Attend: Autistic individuals of all ages and their parents/carers (with or without a diagnosis), as well as professionals in Lewisham.

RSVP: To book your place for either time slot, please click

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/resources-for-autisms-hub-lewisham>

# Theatre Auditions

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## Parent Webinars – County lines and Criminal exploitation

Join our interactive webinar where we will share what criminal exploitation is, with a focus on county lines. We will explore how to spot signs that it may be happening to your child or a child you know. We cover trends in your local area and where to get advice and support if you are concerned.

The interactive webinar will also give you the opportunity to ask questions, share concerns and connect with others. The sessions are delivered with a parent whose child has been a victim of exploitation, they will share their experiences and advice on responding to the risks.

The charity offers free long-term support to anyone who needs it or believes their young people have been or are being exploited.

<https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>



protecting  
children, supporting  
families



## STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Lakeivia	For working hard writing her name this week and for her independent writing. Well done, Lakeivia! 😊
Nursery AM	Lakhveer	For working hard writing her name this week. Well done, Lakhveer! 😊
Nursery PM	Mariam	For working hard writing her name this week. Well done, Mariam! 😊
Blue Class	Yasmine	For consistently applying the most positive attitude to every task she encounters and always trying her best. Well done, Yasmine!
Red Class	Ruth	For her fantastic writing this week and her beautiful drawings! Ruth has settled into reception so well!
Yellow Class	Miracle	For excellent reading! Well done!
1M	Ava	For her excellent attitude to learning and for always pushing herself to do her best! She has made amazing progress especially in her maths! Well done, Ava! 😊
1N	Dumitrita	For her consistently positive attitude to learning and school life! Didi always comes to school with a smile, she always does her best, no matter the subject and she is also a kind friend to all her classmates. 😊
1W	Christian	For working incredibly hard to develop resilience in class. He has been trying his best all term and remembering to ask for help with challenges. Christian has even been helping his classmates! 😊
2S	Isioma	For her wonderful, positive attitude to learning! It is lovely to see your enthusiasm towards your learning and this week you wrote a beautiful poem about the Taj Mahal! Well done Isi! 😊
2SW	Robin	For all of the hard work and effort he has been putting in to improve the presentation of his learning. What beautiful handwriting! Well done Robin, keep it up! 😊
2V	Bobby	For always having a positive attitude to his leaning; he never says 'I can't do it' when he finds anything tricky and always listens to feedback. Well done Bobby! 😊
3A	Georgina	For writing a fantastic informal letter to a friend this week. Well done! 😊
3G	Mariah	For amazing ideas and contributions during writing lessons. Well done! 😊
3S	Emmaline	For always doing her best in all areas of the curriculum. Well done for being amazing! 😊
4A	Rashid	For sharing ideas with the class very generously. Keep it up!
4L	Melanie	For outstanding work in maths and engaging in all of our activities. Well Done!
4S	Sasha	For showing a fantastic attitude to continual improvement by thoroughly editing her persuasive letter before publishing a final copy.
5C	Isla	For being a role model this week in class as well as contributing her ideas in discussion. Well done!
5L	Ariz	For always contributing excellent ideas in class and helping others! Well done!
5S	Sobaan	For trying his best in learning and putting in s 100% effort in P.E. lessons. Well done!
6A	Azarni	For his fantastic progress in his writing and his independent editing.
6C	Arda	For his excellent editing and reflecting on his own writing.
6L	Alayah	For her excellent progress in her writing this week.
RB Blue	Elliot	Well done for being so independent with following your timetable and having a great attitude to learning
RB Green	Gregory	Well done for sharing your wonderful Year 1 maths learning with the adults in the resource base.

# Corbfest - Abbotshall



**abbotshall**  
HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CENTRE

**Corbfest 2024**

**SAT 6TH JULY**  
11AM - 5PM  
Abbotshall Road, Catford

**BBQ • BAR • CAFE**

- **ABBOTSHALL BAKE-OFF**
- **BOUNCY CASTLE\***
- **HAVIN' A BUBBLE KIDS' SPORTS**
- **FACE PAINTING**
- **SINGALONG SALLY**
- **BEEKEEPING DEMONSTRATION**
- **BOARD GAMES**
- **SOFT PLAY\***

**& MORE TO COME!**

\* DEPENDENT ON WEATHER CONDITIONS

FULL TIMETABLE TO FOLLOW

**HUNTERS**  
HERE TO GET YOU THERE

## Invitation to Girls Design Workshop

HELLO

YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR GIRL DESIGN WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY 28 JUNE AT 4PM IN FORSTER PARK.

HELP REDESIGN YOUR SPACE AND MAKE IT SOMEWHERE YOU'D LOVE TO HANG OUT!



JOIN US

**Friday 28 June - Girl design workshop, 4-5.30pm**

- Share your ideas for improving the older children's play area
- After school session for girls aged 9-19 in Forster Park
- Meet at the Pavilion / cafe at 4pm
- Includes free dinner from @Frothy Coffee Hut plus £5 shopping voucher for taking part. All our facilitators are DBS checked.

#makespaceforgirls

Creating a safe, inclusive and welcoming space for older children & young people in Forster Park



www.facebook.com/forsterMPark  
#LoveForsterPark  
http://forsterparkfriends.org



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- Share your ideas for improving Forster Park
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- Parents / carers are welcome to stay by the cafe or leave your child with us. All our facilitators are DBS checked.

**Please sign up here:**

<https://forms.gle/BMpbcpN2H4uX8kx3A>

# Summer Clubs

# Wildcats FS

## FREE 1 HOUR FOOTBALL TRIAL SESSION FOR ALL CURRENT YEAR 1 FOOTBALLERS

Catford Wildcats are currently offering a FREE 1hr trial session to all Year 1 footballers as we look to form our new teams for the 24/25 season. Join our Saturday sessions (12:30 – term time) Mountsfield Park, Catford, SE6



Catford Wildcats is a football club and football school formed to help 5-10 year olds develop the skills needed to be able to start playing as part of a team. Sessions are run by DBS checked, FA trained coaches.

Please contact Marco for further details or to register interest at:  
wildcatsfootballschool@gmail.com  
www.wildcatsfootball.co.uk  
www.facebook.com/catfordwildcats

**THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK**

Venue  
@Redriff Primary School  
Salter Road, Rotherhithe  
London, SE16 5L0

**YEAR GROUPS 1-6**

# SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

09:30 – 15:30 (Every Day)  
Week 1: 29th Jul – 2nd Aug  
Week 2: 5th Aug – 9th Aug  
**£15:00 PER DAY**

Please scan the QR code to register your place. Your place isn't confirmed until payment has been made.

Our most recent parent feedback form found that 100% of parents would recommend our holiday camp to another parent.

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE. ADVANCED BOOKING IS ADVISED!

# SUPERHEROES

Drama, dance and singing  
holiday courses for 4–10s

July & August

[perform.org.uk/superheroes](http://perform.org.uk/superheroes)



**SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024**

**HAF MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS**

**LEWISHAM LIONS CENTRE**

**10AM - 2PM EACH DAY**

**FREE FOR FSM KIDS BUT MUST SIGN UP VIA HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES VOUCHERS**



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## Mapac

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parents and guardians



# IMPORTANT!

PLEASE ORDER BEFORE  
**31ST JULY** TO AVOID  
DISAPPOINTMENT!

Please note: This date applies to schools returning at the start of September.  
Parents of schools with earlier return dates will need to order sooner.

The summer is finally here and although here at Mapac we've already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, there can always be issues that are out of our control, with this in mind **please order as early as possible**, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority over all our current stock so please place orders as soon as possible - This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in time as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.



Thank you and have  
a great summer!

*The Mapac Team*



**Click HERE to order!**

If you'd like to have an update on your order,  
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If you have received your order and have any queries,  
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# Online Safety

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# PROMOTING PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Physical activity isn't only beneficial for our bodies; it also plays a role in promoting mental wellbeing. With both the Euros and the Olympics this summer, it's an opportunity to engage young people in regular exercise which can reduce stress, improve mood and boost self-esteem. Despite these benefits, many children face barriers to participating in physical activity.

### 1 MAKE IT FUN

Incorporate activities that children enjoy, such as playing games or dancing. Encourage participation in team sports or group activities to foster social connections and a sense of belonging.

### 2 MIX MOVEMENT WITH LEARNING

Educational settings can incorporate movement breaks and physical activities to enhance focus, concentration and cognitive function. Embedding exercise into the curriculum can also reinforce learning and stimulate creativity. 'Revision walks' with podcasts and flashcards can benefit older learners.

### 3 CREATE OPPORTUNITIES

Provide clear chances for physical activity throughout the day, both indoors and outdoors. Schools can encourage active play during breaks and at lunchtimes, while limiting screen time at home can help keep children up and about.

### 4 PROVIDE POSITIVE REINFORCEMENT

Praise and encourage children for their efforts and achievements in physical activity. Recognise their progress and celebrate their successes to reinforce positive behaviours. Educators could do this in several ways, such as applauding their efforts at assemblies or celebrating their accomplishments in newsletters.

### 5 VARIETY IS KEY

Introduce a selection of physical activities to keep children engaged and prevent boredom. From swimming and cycling to yoga and martial arts, trying different types of exercise can help children to discover what they enjoy most.

### 6 ENJOYMENT OVER COMPETITION

Encourage children to focus on the enjoyment of physical activity rather than winning or achieving perfection. Emphasise effort, improvement and having fun rather than outcomes, to minimise the amount of stress that children can sometimes associate with sports and other competitions.

### 7 SET REALISTIC GOALS

Help children set achievable physical activity targets based on their interests, abilities and preferences. Celebrate their progress and successes to maintain motivation and enthusiasm.

### 8 MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE

Ensure that children have access to safe, suitable spaces for exercise at home, at school and in the community. Advocate for inclusive environments which accommodate diverse needs and abilities. Be a change maker in your community if facilities aren't already available.

### 9 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents and carers can be positive role models by prioritising their own exercise and involving children in their fitness routines. Gentle walks, bike rides or sports activities can be wonderful opportunities for bonding and staying active together.

### 10 ENCOURAGE PERSISTENCE

Help children develop resilience and perseverance by encouraging them to overcome challenges and setbacks in physical activity. Teach them the importance of perseverance and the value of effort in achieving their goals.

## Meet Our Expert

Adam Gillett is a learning and development specialist who, as well as working for Minds Ahead, is associate vice principal for personal development at a large secondary school in Barnsley. He was asked to be part of an expert research group for the Department for Education, one of only three school leaders to be asked to do so.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College