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7th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We have had a great start to the new half term with lots of exciting learning to launch the summer 2 themes.

I wrote to you before half term to invite you to attend a meeting with representatives from our catering provider, Chartwells. They are keen to hear your views and suggestions and to answer any questions you may have about our school lunches. The meeting will take place at 9am on **Thursday 13th June**. We hope you will be able to attend.

As the weather starts to warm up, children are more likely to remove their jumpers and cardigans. Please make sure all items are labelled with children's names so they can be returned if they have been left out.

We are very much looking forward to Sunday's Fun Run and hope to see you there. The children are very excited and we can't wait to see them running, skipping or walking their way around Forster Park. Further details are available later in the newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



Torridon Fun Run – Sunday 9th June

For registration and more information
[click here Fun Run 2024.](#)

We need lots of volunteers on the day to help make this event a success. If you can spare an hour on the day for registration or marshalling, please [sign up to volunteer here.](#)



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 the following days:



- Tuesday 11th June 2024 – bake sale
- Friday 14th June 2024 – ice lollies
- Friday 28th June 2024 -bake/ice lollies



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

Exam Success

Oshie recently took his grade 2 violin exam, and achieved a merit.

Well done Oshie!



Reception – Where In The World

Our new and final topic in reception 'Where in the World' took us to exciting India this week. We started our story 'Runaway Chapatti' and began learning lots about India. We used our creative skills and made some beautiful paintings of a famous building... Can you guess which building it is?



Year 1 - Geography

Year 1 are learning about 'Climate' in geography, this half term. We started off recapping the oceans and continents, before learning about the equator. We are looking forward to learning about animals that need specific climates and habitats to survive, including some in the rainforests of South East Asia...



Year 2

Year 2's Kite Festival!

After returning from our lovely holidays, year 2 were greeted with kites! They were in the round house, on the railings but most of all, they were in and around our classrooms. After receiving a special kite, we realised one had flown all the way from India! Did you know that India hosts the worlds biggest International Kite Festival every year? Inspired by the Indian Kite Festival, year 2 decided to host their own kite festival in Foster Park! We had so much fun following instructions to make our beautiful kites which we decorated with traditional Indian Rangoli patterns. We also took great care as we planned and wrote persuasive invitations to try and persuade Richard to join us at this spectacular festival. It's been a great first week back and we can't wait to see which part of India our kite visits next.



Year 3 – The Journey

This week, we have really enjoyed reading 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna. We re-told the story through freeze frames, which were inspired by the story's powerful, evocative imagery. We then performed our re-telling of the story to music, thinking carefully about the transitions between each freeze frame and what emotions we needed to show. See if you can figure out what is happening in the story...



Year 4 - DT

Year 4 began the half term with a DT day. Our task was to create a game which included a circuit with a switch. We created, 'Piranha Pool,' which included three fish and a piranha in a pool. The object of the game was to rescue the fish from the piranha by using a crocodile clip to fish them out. If we fished the piranha out a lightbulb lit up in our circuit and we lost the game.



We applied our knowledge of conductors and insulators learned in our Electricity Science topic to make our game work.



Year 5 - Reading

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their reading for pleasure session in the library. They spent time exploring different texts and genres before choosing the book that caught their eye. They were able to explore their favourite authors and read!



Year 6 - BEAM

Beautiful, Empowerment and Me.

We are very excited to announce that this term, Year 6 girls are taking part in a six-week programme by the charity 'Beleve'.

BelEve UK is a safe and open space for girls to explore their thoughts and feelings about starting secondary school and the changes they will experience. They will be running empowerment sessions, which are fun interactive workshops that inspire and motivate girls to develop self-esteem and be confident about the next steps in their education.



Resource Base

This week, Green Pathway have been reading the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. They have been exploring all of the key events in the story through sensory play and role play. They particularly liked feeling the oozy mud and blowing the snow!



In Blue Pathway, we have started debate groups. The children were developing their conversation skills, learning to express their view in ways that could be clearly understood by their peers, and considering that others may have opposing views. We are working towards having larger group debates and presenting to others.



Torridon Summer Fair – Sunday 14th July

Help plan the Summer Fair

Friends of Torridon PTA is thrilled to announce that we're planning a Summer Fair for Sunday, 14th July! The event can only go ahead with a team of volunteers to plan and run it. Can you help make it happen? Join the Summer Fair Planning Committee WhatsApp group or email friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com to get involved.



[You can find out more about the programme here.](#)

After School Club Vacancies



We are currently advertising for staff members to join the team for our new wraparound childcare provision. Further details can be found on our website:

[Wraparound Vacancies](#)

If you, a family member or friend are interested in one of the positions and would like to know more about the role, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Safety On The School Run

The school street initiative has made such a difference to the issues around unsafe and illegal parking and dangerous driving. Whilst there are fewer vehicles on the road, it is important to remember that it is not a traffic free zone. Buses and some drivers with exemptions are still able to drive around school at morning and afternoon drop off times. Children and families still need to be vigilant and make sure they are scootering, cycling or walking safely on their way to and from school.




Drivers also need to continue to be mindful that they are parking respectfully and not blocking the driveways of local residents outside the school streets zone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 9 th June	FAMILY FUN RUN – Forster Park
Thursday 13 th June	Chartwells Parents' Forum
Wednesday 19 th June	9am – secondary transfer coffee morning for Year 5 parents who have children with an EHCP
Thursday 20 th June	5pm – Year 5 secondary transfer meeting
Friday 21 st June	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Friday 28 th June	Whole School Strings and String ensemble performance
Tuesday 2 nd July	Create Day with the Royal Opera House
Wednesday 3 rd July	9am Year 5 Steel Pans performance
Thursday 4 th July	9am – Year 3 Ukulele performance
Friday 5 th July	Drum Fun performance
Monday 8 th July	Welcome meeting for new reception parents and carers
Week beginning Monday 8 th July	Whole school assessment week
Sunday 14 th July	Summer Fair
Monday 15 th July	Nursery and Reception sports day
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 2 Recorder performance
Wednesday 17 th July	Whole school summer music concert
Thursday 18 th July	Year 1 and 2 sports day
Friday 19 th July	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 sports day
Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July	Year 6 production
Thursday 25 th July	Last day of term – 2pm finish

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	90%		3A	98%		5C	91%	
1N	93%		3G	91%		5L	94%	
1W	96%		3S	94%		5S	95%	
2S	98%		4A	100%		6A	92%	
2SW	94%		4L	97%		6C	93%	
2V	96%		4S	94%		6L	98%	

Congratulations to 2S for winning the attendance cup three weeks in a row!

We are so proud of 4A for having 100% Attendance!

Well done 6L for winning the attendance cup this week, keep up the good work!



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Norah	For being so helpful tidying up the Nursery outside area. Well done, Norah! 😊
Nursery AM	Asmithaa	For showing good focus when she practiced writing her name. Well done, Asmithaa! 😊
Nursery PM	Lizeta	For demonstrating good cutting skills when we cut and tried different fruits this week. Well done, Lizeta! 😊
Blue Class	Peter	For incredible listening and for trying his best to model the class expectations. Well done, Peter!
Red Class	Milan	For her independence in writing this week. Well done! 😊
Yellow Class	Grace	For always being kind and caring to others. Well done!
1M	Ryan	For his enthusiasm during our writing lessons about gibbons, capuchins and orangutans, and for learning lots of interesting facts about the primates. Well done, Ryan! 😊
1N	Thanushika	For always doing her best and for working on her targets. She has tried so hard to improve her presentation and handwriting this week. Great work! :)
1W	Lucia	For fantastic independent learning this week. She has even been helping others succeed as well. Well done Lucia! 😊
2S	Sinojan	For always trying his best in his learning and for focusing on proofreading his learning independently. Your invitation was fantastic, and it was beautifully presented 😊 Well done Sinojan!
2SW	Noah	For all of his hard work and the resilience he has shown during our writing lessons this week. I am so impressed with how beautiful his handwriting has been. Well done Noah, keep it up! 😊
2V	Tommy	For always being very polite and remembering to say his please and thank you. Well done, Tommy.
3A	Orel	For consistently being a helpful member of the class. Well done Orel 😊
3G	Siddy	For showing an incredible attitude to learning. Well done for being a positive role model.
3S	Perla	For always having a positive attitude towards all that she is asked to do
4A	Jesika	For being so generous in sharing your knowledge and experiences of Sri Lanka. Thank you, Jesika.
4L	Nanshika	For her research on Sri Lanka and great collaboration with her group when making their poster.
4S	Evan	For being very focused and producing excellent pieces of learning in all subjects.
5C	Elisabeth	For the hard work that she has put into her arithmetic skills this week in her maths learning. Keep it up Elisabeth!
5L	Amelia	For always producing high quality learning. You have beautiful presentation and excellent content. Well done!
5S	Carlelle	For his exceptional effort in his learning. He has demonstrated remarkable perseverance and dedication. Keep up the fantastic work! Well done!
6A	Dale	For settling well into the class and school community. He has also shown an excellent attitude to improving his spoken English. Well done.
6C	Marwa	For consistently demonstrating a conscientious attitude towards all areas of learning. Well done.
6L	Nikisha	For showing focus and resilience in writing. You should feel really proud of your efforts. Well done!
RB Blue	Naoki	Well done for great engagement during a timed pair share activity.
RB Green	Gregory	Well done for being so engaged in your learning in 1N. You have been so focused during independent learning and we are so proud of you!

Carers Week

Carers Week is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight unpaid carers' challenges, and recognise their contribution to families and communities throughout the UK. It's not just for those who identify as carers but also for individuals who may not yet recognise their caring responsibilities, including Young Carers.

From Monday to Saturday, a variety of activities will be held in the morning and afternoon, all conveniently located in the Glassmill Leisure Centre Atrium. By attending, people have the chance to take part in local activities, enjoy free light refreshments, and treat themselves to free cream teas on Saturday as part of our Carers Week celebration.



We warmly invite our Lewisham Community to join us in **'Putting Unpaid Carers on the Map'** during Carers Week Monday 10th to Saturday 15th June - 11am to 6pm

The **Maximising Wellbeing of Unpaid Carers** service will host a variety of activities throughout the week:

Mon: Carers Week launch - promoting the Rights of Unpaid Carers

Tues: Health and Social Care - promoting Unpaid Carers within GP Surgeries and Schools

Wed: Work, employment, and volunteering

Thurs: Younger Carers - focus on Young Carer activities in Schools

Fri: Older Carers - including physical health and wellbeing

Sat: Mental health and wellbeing

The diverse range of activities will run morning and afternoon, all conveniently brought together in one arena:

Glass Mill Leisure Centre Atrium, Loampit Vale, SE13 7FT

For all enquiries please email:
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www.imago.community

Proud to Care 

This event is hosted in partnership by Imago, Lewisham Council and GLL Leisure

SEND Strategy

Join Lewisham Local Area Partnership for Children & Young People to

HAVE YOUR SAY!



Lewisham SEND Strategy 2024-2027

We would like to ensure parents/carers and young people with SEND have their voices heard in the development of this strategy and are involved in decision making about both their individual support and local provision.

For Parents/
Carers and
Parent/ Carer
Representative
Groups



How to get involved?

Join us on 13 June 2024 6pm-8pm at Civic Suite, Catford Road, London SE6 9SE (or attend virtually).

Please scan the QR code to express an interest in taking part or contact:
Benson Dibiah | benson.dibiah@lewisham.gov.uk



Summer Fun

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2024

Friends of Forster Memorial Park
in partnership with
Friends of Torridon Primary PTA
& the Frothy Coffee Hut

FREE ENTRY

FORSTER PARK COMMUNITY PICNIC

**BRING A BLANKET, SOME FOOD
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Pavilion Shelter Opening

Special Guest

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BBQ

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5pm**

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THE PE & SCHOOL SPORTS NETWORK



Venue

@Redriff Primary School
Salter Road, Rotherhithe
London, SE16 5LD

**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
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Portland Street
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Online Safety

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MATURE CONTENT

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While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you, while the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions - found in the game menu - can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the console between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conservative that they will.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game - Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base - you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS

As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature - until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site ddr.com, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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