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Dear parents and carers,

We started the week with very excited year 5 children who could not wait to visit the London Eye. They were lucky enough to dodge the rain showers and had a wonderful time.

Our spring bulb lucky dip was so popular this week that we sold out of everything! Kelley will be on the playground again next Wednesday with more bulbs for sale. Get there early to make sure you don't miss out.

It has been brought to our attention that there have been 2 recent incidents in the local area where mobile phones have been snatched. Please be mindful if using your phone in public and remind your children to do the same.

I hope by now you have managed to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher at our open evenings next week. Teachers are keen to share with you how well the children have settled into the new term and you will have the opportunity to have a look at their lovely books and talk about the progress they have made. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



Friends of Torridon PTA

Congratulations to Nina Stylianou, Ruth Webster, and Megan Wybrew, who have been officially confirmed as the 2024/25 PTA Board of Trustees. Get to know the trustees and learn how you can support the PTA [here](#).

Our first major event of the year will be the Disco on 12 December. We'll be kicking off planning discussions during a [Zoom meeting](#) on Monday, 14 October, at 5:30pm. All are welcome.

Rights Respecting School



This week during our rights respecting assemblies we have been discussing our rights to access education. We discussed the importance of children being treated with dignity in their school setting. Also, it places additional responsibility for global education on richer countries, as it makes clear that they must help poorer countries to ensure that all children can access their right to education.

2nd Chance - Spring Bulb Lucky Dip

Due to high demand we will be holding our second Spring Bulb Lucky dip on
Wednesday 16th October

We are inviting children to buy a £1 Spring bulb from school this Autumn to plant at home in a pot.



Bulbs will be on sale in the main playground after school!

In the Spring term we will be inviting children to bring their Spring flower into school to display.

Manda will then judge the flowers to pick a winner!



All funds raised from the sale of Spring bulbs will go directly towards the continuous development of our Forest School and Allotment areas.

Bug House Brilliance



Well done and thank you to this fabulous team of gardeners who spent their weekend designing and making this brilliant bug house. They will be meeting with Kelley next week to decide where to place the bug house in the allotment area.

Thank you to Bethany and Amelia (5L), Melanie and Ariuana (5C).




Playground Planters

The ECO leaders and children from Forest School and Allotment after school clubs were lucky enough to work with our amazing parent volunteer Amyas this week to build planters from pallets to brighten up our playground space.



Every planter has been made from pallets and the only cost outlay has been the nails. We cannot thank Amyas enough for giving up his time to help us improve our school environment.

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	97%		3A	99.64%		5C	98%	
1N	97%		3G	99.66%		5L	97%	
1W	98%		3S	98%		5V	94%	
2S	97%		4K	94%		6A	95%	
2SW	95%		4L	98%		6R	96%	
2E	91%		4S	96%		6L	94%	

Well done to all the classes who won the attendance cup this week!

Playtime Poets

Arthur and Kiron (Year 6) spent their play time working together to create this poetic masterpiece.
Thank you for sharing this powerful message.

Nationwide

By Arthur and Kiron

This is an expectation for the whole nation,
Decision making will solve the situation.
Less division, more collision.
No dictating, more creating.
Better community, more unity.
Take our words and make them true
and life will be better but it's up to you.

Cities bustling and wide, hear me as I speak with pride,
don't look back on the other side, let's make peace,

NATIONWIDE

No more wars, let's change tides.
Choose your sides, world wise.
Make this known, make this shown.
Make this world, don't break this world.
Like a hive, we must help to survive.
Some people are made of lies,
don't hypnotise, don't criticise.
Don't make this our demise. WORK TOGETHER,

NATIONWIDE

Lewisham Foodbank Appeal

The poster features a collage of various food items in tins and jars, including soups, pasta, and fruits. The Lewisham Foodbank logo is in the top right corner. A central text box lists donation items, and a bottom box provides contact information for donations.

**LEWISHAM FOODBANK
HARVEST APPEAL 2024**

Did you know that over 30% of adults and children in Lewisham live in poverty? Anything you can donate to support our community would be much appreciated

Tinned meat	Breakfast cereal	Size 5/6 nappies
Tinned fish	Pasta	Sanitary towels
Tinned tomatoes	Rice	Shampoo
Tinned vegetables	Tinned rice pudding	Conditioner
Pasta sauce	Biscuits	Sweet treats
Long life milk	Instant coffee	Savoury treats
Long life juice	Jam/spreads	Toothbrushes
Tinned fruit	Disposable razors	Toothpaste

Please bring donations to Lewisham Foodbank
353H Bromley Road SE6 2RP (entrance via Beachborough Rd)
or email volunteers@lewisham.foodbank.org.uk
to arrange for us to collect from you.

Thank you

www.lewisham.foodbank.org.uk

We will also
accept
donations at the
school office.

Reception – Colour Mixing

This week, Reception children have had fun in the creative area! We mixed different colours together using our hands and found out that we can make other colours!



Can you guess which colours we used?

Year 1 Outdoor Learning

This week in RE, Year 1 have been learning about the Harvest Festival. We created Harvest Festival posters to encourage everyone to donate tinned food and also used out DT cutting skills to carefully cut some fruit and vegetables.

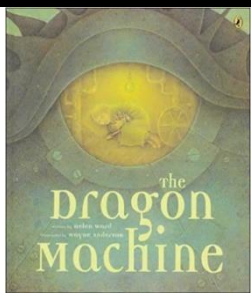


Resource Base Sensory Sessions

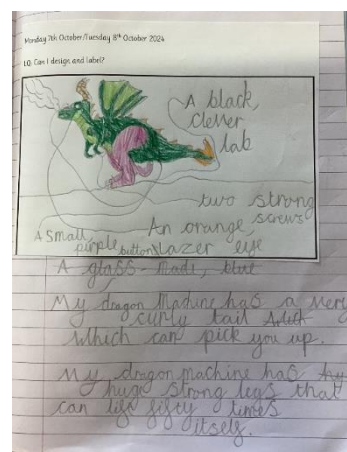
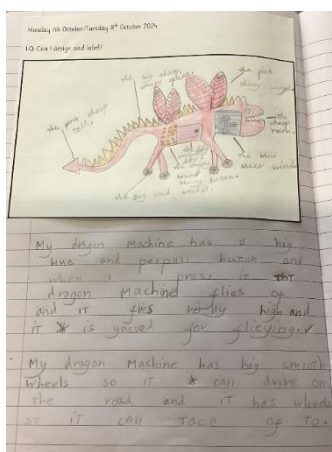
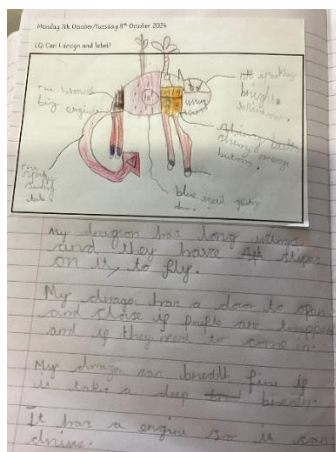
This week we have been exploring our senses through lots of sensory activities and using communications boards to describe. On Wednesday, we made stained glass windows and took them into the sensory room to experiment with how we could project the different colours. We also enjoyed looking at lots of different coloured lights through our stained-glass windows. The children were able to use describing words such as colourful and bright.



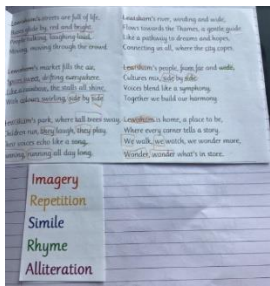
Year 2 Dragon Machines



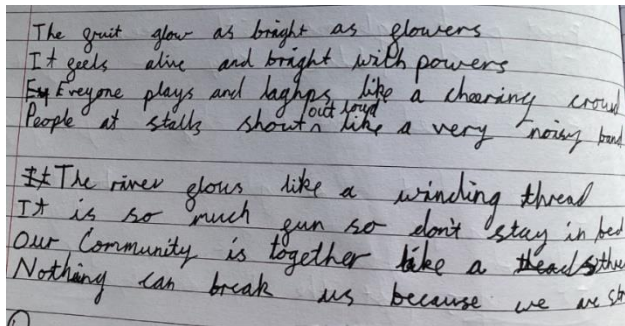
This week year 2 have had lots of fun designing and labelling their dragon machines in order help George return the naughty, mischievous dragons back to the wilderness. We had to make sure we included expanded noun phrases and conjunctions to guide George on how to fly our machines.



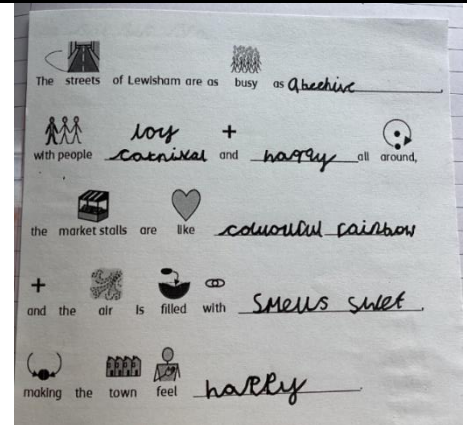
Year 3 Poetry Writing



We have loved reading poems by Benjamin Zephaniah, so this week, we were inspired to write our own poems based on our amazing local community - Lewisham. We have learnt about poetic features such as stanzas, similes and



imagery, and have even used some of these features in our writing.



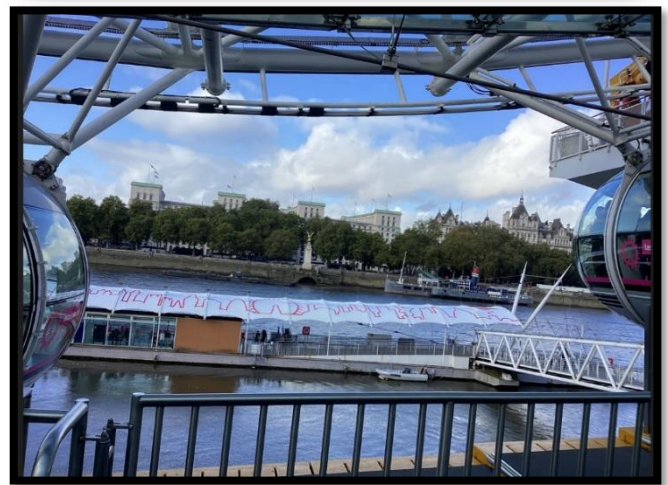
Year 4 – Rangoli Patterns

We have been learning about the Hindu festival of light, Diwali. This week we learned that during the festival, many Hindus make beautiful Rangoli patterns out of brightly coloured sand. These patterns are placed on their doorsteps to welcome the goddess Lakshmi into their homes.

We worked together in teams to make these patterns using brightly coloured rice. We really loved this activity and we hope you'll agree, we did a brilliant job!



Year 5 Trip to the London Eye



The children were filled with excitement as they boarded the giant Ferris wheel, eager to see the city below. At the top, they enjoyed breath-taking views of iconic landmarks like Big Ben and the River Thames. Laughter and chatter filled the air as they shared their favourite sights. This adventure deepened their appreciation for London's history and created lasting memories of joy and exploration.



Year 6 have been exploring Sikhism as a faith, and how far a Sikh would go for their religion. They started by sharing their thoughts on different beliefs and mapped out what causes are important to them. They then looked at the Key beliefs of Sikhism. Finally, they listened to a Sikh story and gained an understanding of how stories can be an important way of expressing beliefs and customs.

Three pillars using Waheguru

- Repeating gods name (Naam Japna)
- which is called a surman
- being honest (Krit Karni) make and say things honestly
- Sharing with others (Vand te Chakna) even if they are strangers.

During the vaisakhi, the Sikhs were willing to give their lives and go far for their religion as they worshipped their guru.

How are sacred teachings / stories interpreted by Sikhs today?

Friday 11th October 2024

LQ: Can I recognise that stories can be an important way of expressing belief and custom?

Values are the rules that we follow. They shape us as people to follow what we believe in.

Morals are messages behind the story that show a value that you should have.

1. The main belief shown in the story is equality because Malik Bago did not treat his servants with kindness or equality. Also, Bhai Lallo was honest.

2. A lesson that can be learnt from this story is humility as Malik Bago took a advantage of how much money and good he had, so he didn't show it.

3. The characters in this story demonstrated these beliefs and values as Bhai Lallo was Krit Karni, and Malik Bago wasn't.

4. I think that they use stories like this to illustrate beliefs because it helps you to understand the context and moral of the story with a proper understanding.

The two values that I picked were learning from mistakes and honesty. Learning from mistakes helps shape a better person. This was demonstrated in the story as Malik Bago changed his ways. Honesty is important because it helps to earn an honest living. This was demonstrated in the story because Bhai Lallo was poor, but earned his money honestly.

The Sikhs were all prepared to give their life to Gurmandir because they are very religious and they would go a long way for their religion. Sikhs are prepared for anything.

Friday 11th October 2024

Can I recognise that stories can be an important way of expressing belief and custom?

Values are like rules so you have to follow them and they guide communities.

Morals are messages or lessons based on a story. They are like a teaching.

The main beliefs shown in the story is sharing because Bhai Lallo even though he was poor he still shared his good. Bhai Lallo he was very honest but Malik Bago wasn't.

I learnt that it is always good to share and be honest.

Bhai Lallo shared his good even though he was poor. He was also very honest.

3. How are sacred teachings and stories interpreted by Sikhs today?

Bridge Concept

Meaning in stories

Sikhism

The Story of Bhai Lallo Ji

Honesty or Treachery

Vocabulary

- stories
- meanings
- Moral
- values

Key Questions

- What are the main beliefs in the story?

I think that stories have been used to illustrate beliefs because it helps to teach people how to be honest, kind and how to share.

I learnt about being kind because in the story Bhai Lallo was very kind and honest because he treated everyone fairly and kindly.



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October	Parent and carer open evenings
Wednesday 16 th October	Second Spring Bulb Sale
Friday 18 th October	Year 3 and 4 football tournament
Monday 21 st October	Year 5 and 6 basketball tournament
Tuesday 22nd October	4L and 4K to Museum of London Docklands
Wednesday 23rd October	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation
Thursday 24th October	4S to Museum of London Docklands
Friday 25 th October	Non Uniform Day
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 5 th November	Nursery Library Visit
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 3 Royal Ballet live lesson
Week beginning 11th November	Anti-Bullying week
Tuesday 12 th November	Nursery and Reception oracy workshop for parents and carers
Friday 15th November	BBC Children in Need Year 5 and 6 football tournament
Monday 18th November	Individual, sibling and class photographs
Tuesday 19 th November	Reception and Year 6 height and weight screening
Friday 22nd November	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Thursday 28 th and Friday 29 th November	Whole school art exhibition
Week beginning 2nd December	Whole school assessment week
Thursday 12 th December	Friends of Torridon PTA School Disco
Friday 13 th December	9.00 Year 5 assembly performance 2.45 Year 6 assembly performance
Monday 16 th December	9.00 Year 1 assembly performance 2.00 Resource Base assembly performance 2.45 Year 2 assembly performance
Tuesday 17 th December	Early Years Nativity performance 9.00am OR 2.45pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 th December	9.00 Year 3 performance assembly 2.45 Year 4 performance assembly
Friday 20th December	Last day of the autumn term
Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 6th January 2025	First day of the spring tem



STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Phoebe	For joining in and helping her friends. Well done, Phoebe! 😊
Nursery AM	Thanusikan	For being very helpful during tidy up time and for joining in during carpet time. Well done, Thanusikan! 😊
Nursery PM	Harith	For joining in and playing nicely with his friends. Well done Harith! 😊
Blue Class	Malique	For trying his best every day and growing in confidence to use his voice in class. Well done, Malique!
Red Class	Stephanie	For her positive attitude! Stephanie is always polite and friendly to her friends and adults. Well done Stephanie.
Yellow Class	Zelia	For always being thoughtful, caring and kind to others. Well done!
1M	Aiden	For his positive attitude towards his learning. Aiden has been trying really hard in all areas, particularly with his speaking and listening skills. Keep up the good work! 😊
1N	Valentina	For her fantastic attitude to learning! She always does her best and she has made us proud with her increasing independence and confidence. Well done! 😊
1W	Frankie	For choosing to practise writing sentences at home – shopping lists and recounts. Keep up the impressive motivation!
2E	Eliza	For working independently in both math and writing and trying her hardest. It has been lovely seeing her confidence grow! Well done!! 😊
2S	Janae-lee	For always contributing during class discussions and trying her best in all of her learning. Well done Janae-Lee! 😊
2SW	Milo	For his kindness and helpfulness towards his peers. He is such a good role model! Well done Milo! 😊
3A	Maleena	For creating a fantastic fact file in History all about our significant figure, Sybil Phoenix. Great work, Maleena! 😊
3G	Omer	For settling in really well to 3G. We are happy to have you as part of our Torridon community 😊
3S	Aiden	Well done for making a fantastic start in 3S. Thank you for always coming to school with a smile on your face 😊
4K	Bjorn	For having an excellent attitude towards his learning. He has settled well in 4K and is a good role model for his peers. Keep it up Bjorn!
4L	LOtanna	For his fantastic effort working independently, particularly in maths lessons.
4S	Moursine	For always having a super attitude to learning and for being polite, kind and helpful to others. He is an excellent role model to his peers. Well done, Moursine!
5C	Izza	For a great start in writing her non-chronological report which includes some of the writing skills that were taught earlier in the week. Well, done!
5L	Otis	For writing an excellent non-chronological report on the London+ Eye. You used many year 5 writing skills making it a high-quality piece of writing. Well done!
5V	5V	For being good ambassadors for Torridon on our trip to the London Eye, and for being such enthusiastic participants of the whole experience.
6A	Ethan	For his excellent attitude towards all areas of his learning, and for his resilience towards our assessments this week. Keep it up!
6L	6L	For showing dedication and resilience throughout assessment week. Well done!
6R	Sobaan	For superb emotive writing using effective vocabulary for impact on the reader.
RB Blue	Lotanna	Well done for being so independent with your learning and your timetable in year 4 and in the Resource Base.
RB Green	Arafa	Well done for being more independent with your learning this week. We are proud of how well you have been following the timetable.

Community Events

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SHOW DATES

Sat 28 Sept, Sun 29 Sept

Sun 6 Oct

Sat 12 Oct, Sun 13 Oct

Sat 19 Oct, Sun 20 Oct

Sat 26 Oct, Sun 27 Oct 2024

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Tuesday's 10 -11:30 am
5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
November 2024

@ St Mark's church
Baudwin Road, SE6
scan to book

For parents of children aged 0-5 living in Downham.
Your children can stay in Little Lanterns with the
play staff during the session's if they are happy to.



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October Newsletter

We're as surprised as you are that its already October! Autumn is in full swing, with half term holidays looming and Halloween just around the corner. The good news is that its the perfect opportunity to make the most of cosy evenings in with a new book.

But before you settle down with your latest purchase, let us tempt you out to enjoy the events happening at Moon Lane this month. 2024 marks our third year as a venue on the [Catford Arts Trail](#), 12-13 October, which allows you to browse the work of nearly 100 wonderful local artists, designers and makers.

The 12th October is also Bookshop Day - a celebration of your local friendly bookshop. Do come by and celebrate the joy of bookshops with us!



The Catford Arts trail has become a highly anticipated event in the Catford Calendar with over 100 artists opening the doors to their houses and showing their work to the public over an Autumn weekend.

CATFORD ARTS TRAIL 2024

The Trail will take place over the weekend of October 12th & 13th in public and private venues in SE6.

98 artists, designers and makers in 22 venues this year

We look forward to you visiting the Trail.

