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20th September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

We have had another wonderful week at Torridon with lots of great learning taking place. The children have really enjoyed the whole school focus on sustainability and loved being able to share their learning outcomes with each other. They are so proud of the learning they have produced, they have asked if they can share it with you. We have created a whole school display which will be available in the year 5 hall on Monday after school if you would like to pop in and see some of the fantastic writing, art and DT learning the children have produced.

Our curriculum bulletins are now available on the website so you can find out a little more about your child's learning this half term.

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

Apologies that they are slightly later than usual due to last week's ICT network issues. As always, please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions about this term's learning.

We would like to invite you to two events taking place next week:

On Thursday, we are holding a coffee morning for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. It will be a chance for you to network with other families and to meet and chat with our inclusion lead, Sai and our speech and language therapists, Laura and Esther. We will also have a guest speaker, Sophie Hodson who will be sharing some information about the PINS project mentioned in our welcome meetings last week.

Friday is the date for our Friends of Torridon PTA annual general meeting. We would love to see you there to share ideas about events for the coming year and to find out ways in which you can help. Further detail about both events can be found later on in the newsletter.

This week we have started our open days for parents and carers who are thinking about applying for a Reception place at Torridon in 2025. If you know of a family member, friend or neighbour who has a child starting school next September, please let them know that we will be running school tours every Friday morning until December. They can book a place by contacting a member of the admin team:

admin@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



Greenhouse – Small Change, Big Difference

small change...
BIG difference!

Our collection buckets will be on the gates next week for any small change that you can spare!

Every penny raised will go towards our project to improve our greenhouse.

Thank you for your continued support.



Torridon Instagram



We have a very active Instagram page to promote what we are learning about in the Art room at Torridon School. We also use it to interact with artists and art institutions.

Please do follow us if you would like to (N.B. we will not follow you back).

https://www.instagram.com/torridon_primary_school_art/

Please let us know if you **do not** want your child to appear on our feed (N.B. Their name will never appear with their photo).

Year 5 Bake Sale

Help Year 5 raise funds for their London Eye trip! We're hosting a bake sale on **Thursday, 26th September at 3:15 pm**. There will be a variety of delicious treats for sale, with all proceeds going towards the cost of our exciting adventure. Join us for some tasty goodies and support our trip!



Forest School

We are so excited to be starting our Forest School curriculum in KS1 and KS2 with sessions starting from Monday. Letters have been emailed to parents and carers in the relevant classes.

Please check your child's day for Forest School and ensure they bring a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers and wellies to school on their allotted day.

Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
2E	2SW	2S

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday
4K	4S	4L

Thank you for your support as we extend our Forest School curriculum across the school.



PTA AGM

Please come along to the Friends of Torridon Parent Teacher Association's Annual General Meeting on Friday, 27th September, at 9am in year 5 hall. Enjoy free refreshments, meet other parents and carers, learn about the PTA's activities over the last year and help shape our plans for the year ahead. All are welcome!

Interested in joining the PTA Committee? Email

friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com or message Megan on 07760520790 to learn more.



SEND COFFEE MORNING



Come and meet the Inclusion Team and Speech and Language Therapists over a cup of tea or coffee.

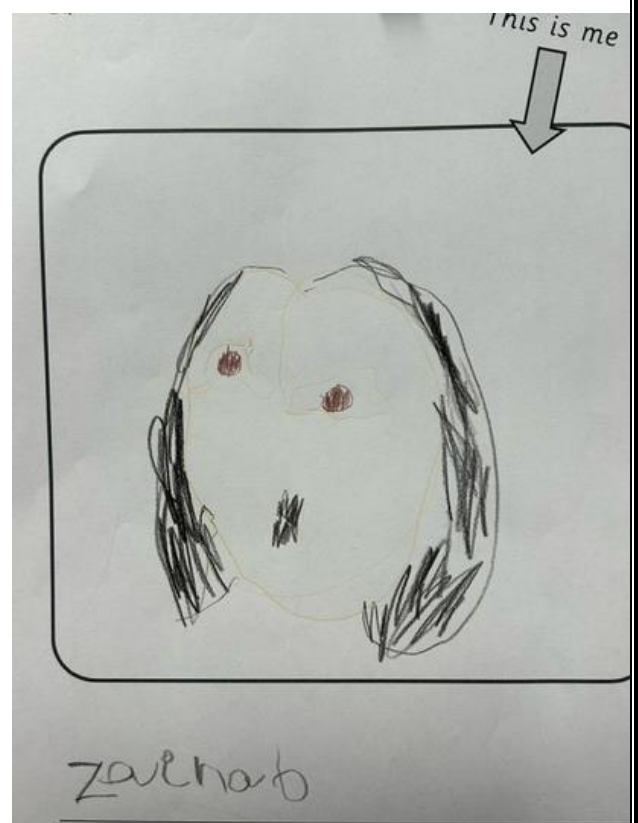
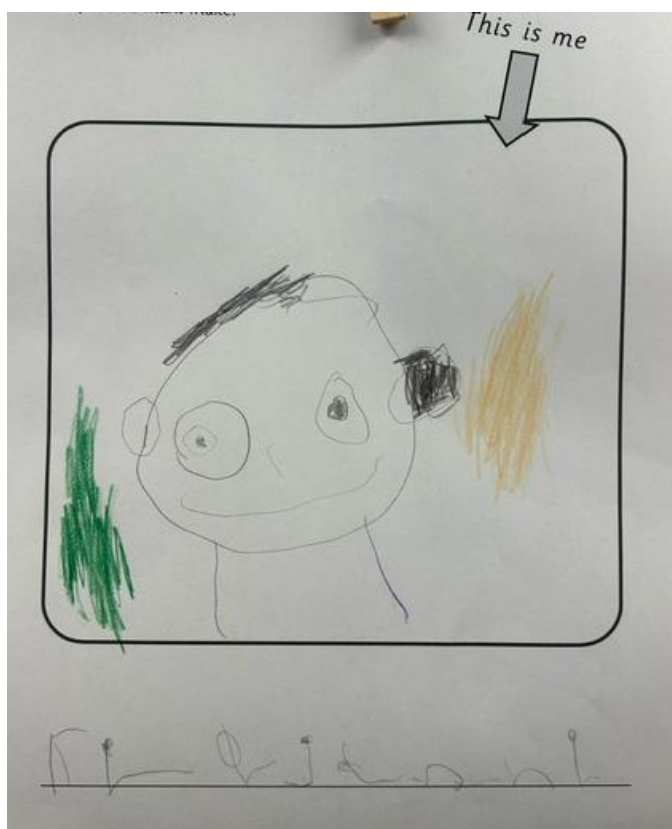
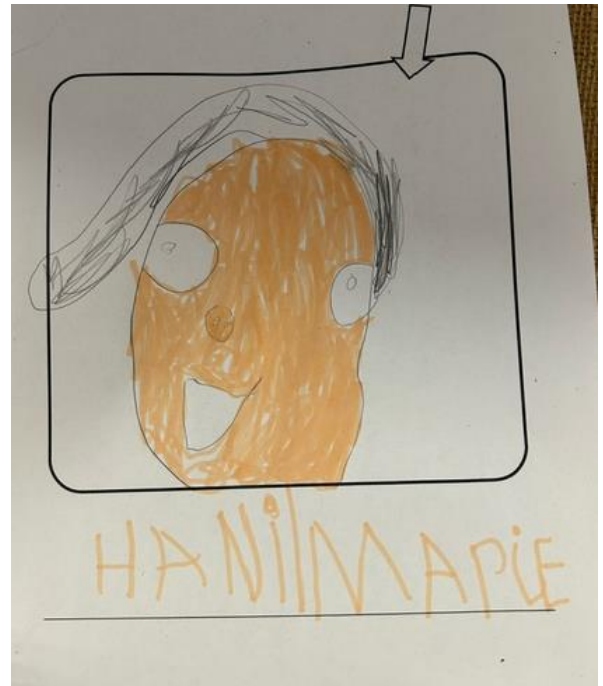
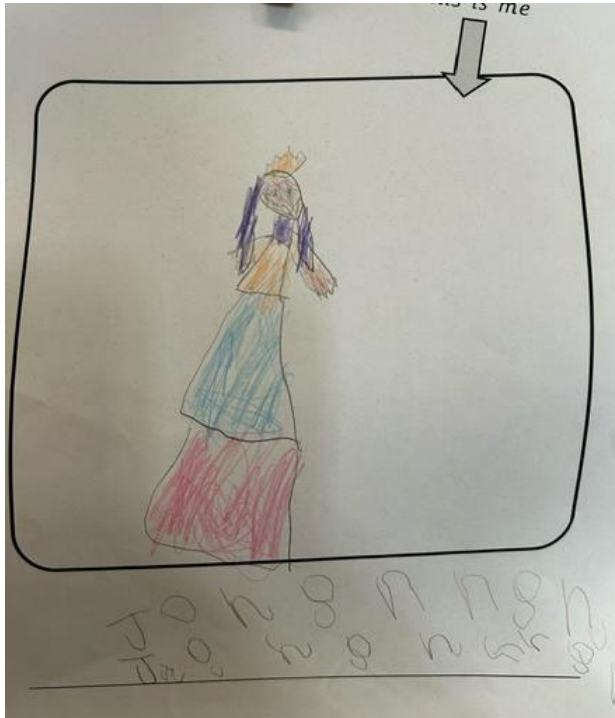
If you have any questions about special educational needs, or if you have any concerns about your child's ability to understand and use language, the inclusion team and Speech and Language Therapists will be on hand to chat to you and offer support. We look forward to seeing you.

We will also be having a special guest speaker, Sophie Hodson, who will be working with Drumbeat ASD outreach to develop the Parent Partnership within the Partnership in Neurodiversity (PINs) project that the school is taking part in. If you have a child that is neurodiverse, or think that your child may be neurodiverse, Sophie would love to speak to you about how we can support you further.



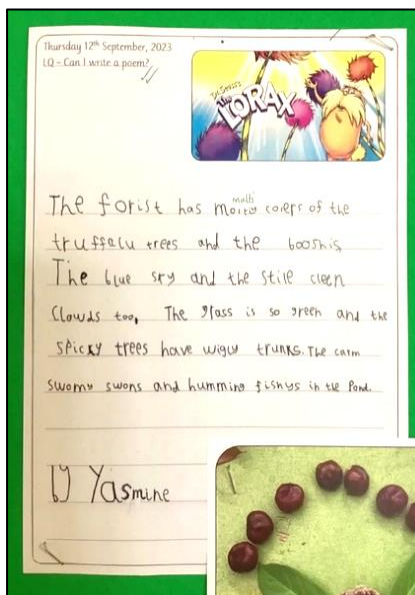
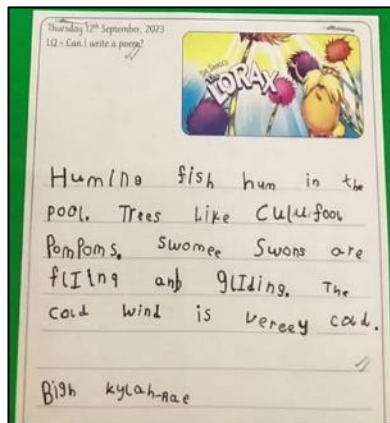
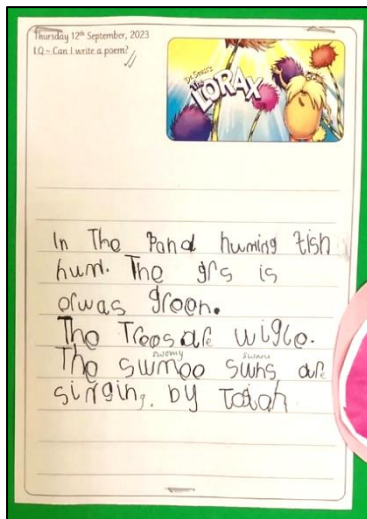
Reception – All About Me

Reception's theme is 'All about me' and we have been talking about what makes each and every one of us special! We have drawn pictures of ourselves to put up in our classrooms.



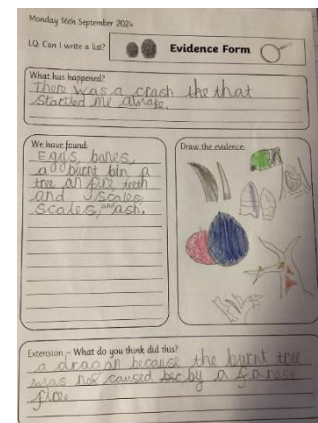
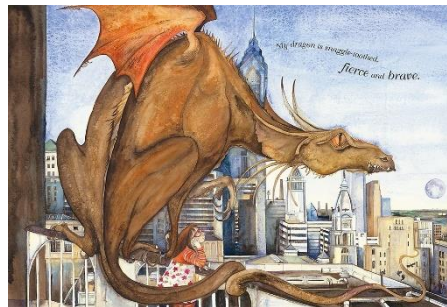
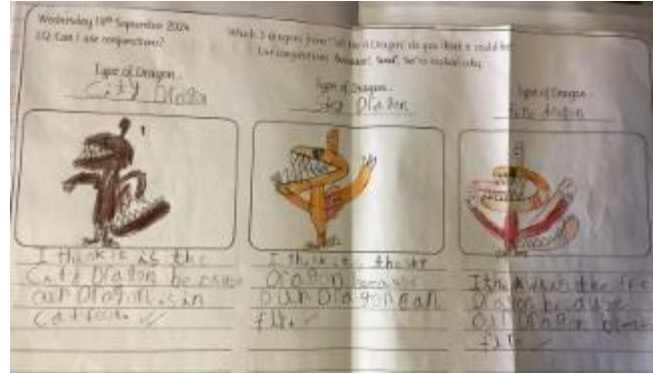
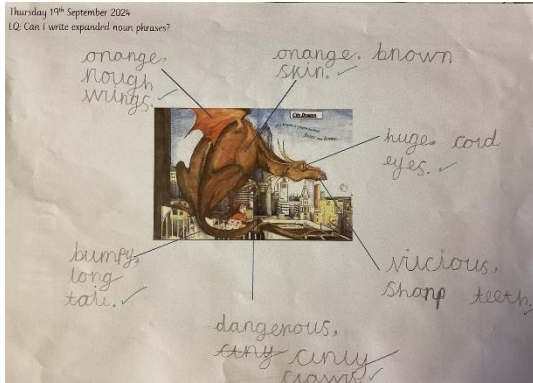
Year 1 – Perfect Poetry

This week, year 1 have been writing poems inspired by the whole school text, *The Lorax*. We used our 5 senses as we imagined what we might find in the Truffula Forest. We also made art from nature in the style of Andy Goldsworthy.



Year 2 – Writing Letters

This week Year 2 discovered that an interesting creature had been causing chaos in Lewisham. It had scratched and burnt down trees in gardens and even melted rubbish bins! We used the evidence that we had found to find out what had been causing all of this damage. In end we discovered that it was a mischievous, city dragon!



Resource Base Social Skills



This week we started our social skills groups. Some children have been learning how to take turns, using visuals to support their understanding of when it is their turn to wait. The other groups have been learning about different social scenarios and how to respond to them and thinking about who they have in their social circle.

Year 3 – Writing



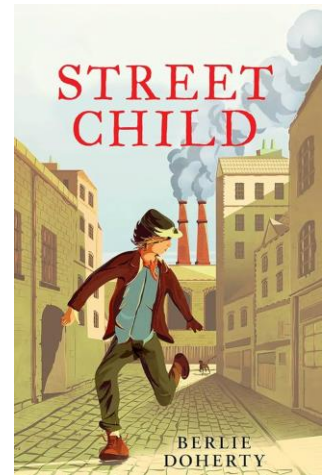
This week in writing, we retold the story of Katie in London by acting out key sections of the story, working in small groups. Then, we worked in our groups to write dialogue on our whiteboards, thinking about what each character might say.

Lion: what do you think your doing
on my back.
Jack: Sorry Grandma told us to stay with you.

Lion: Who said you could climb on
me.
Kate: sorry we didnot know you wer
alive
Tack: I didn't know.

Lion: H did on tight.
Kate: okey we will.
gack: A'm not feeling grait.

Year 4 – Drama



We have been exploring the characters' feelings in this term's core text, *Street Child*. To do this, we have been creating freeze frames from the beginning of the story where the nasty landlord, Mr Spink, throws the Jarvis family out of their home and onto the unforgiving streets of Victorian London.

Year 5 – Repurposing Plastic



As part of our sustainability initiative, the children in Y5 repurposed plastic bottles to create unique and beautiful plant pots. Their creativity truly shone through, with each pot showcasing their imaginative designs. One student described the experience as both fun and mysterious, as they were curious and excited to see how the final product would turn out.

Creative Corner

Year Three had a wonderful celebration of creativity in our new Creative Corner outdoor learning space! Children performed to each other in between Creative Arts rotation in the autumn sunshine!

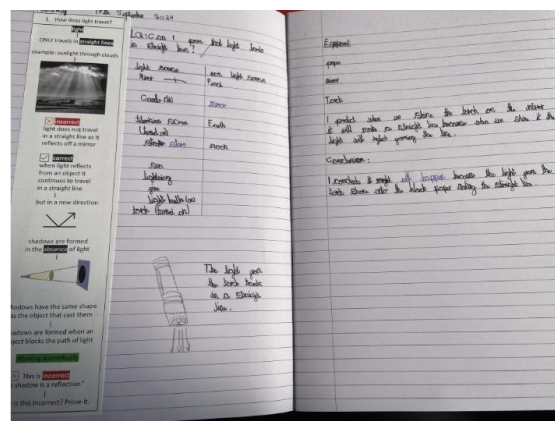
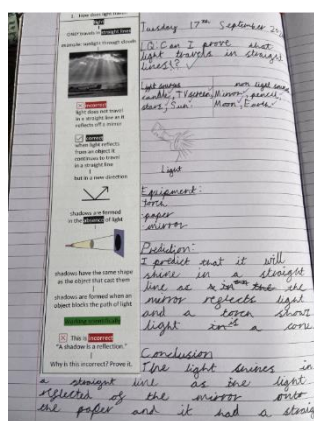
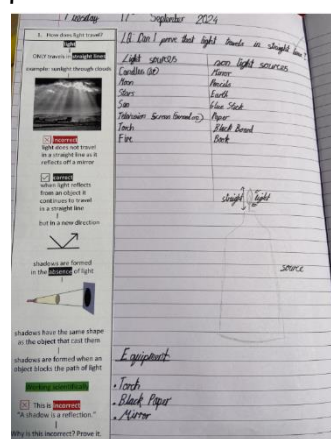
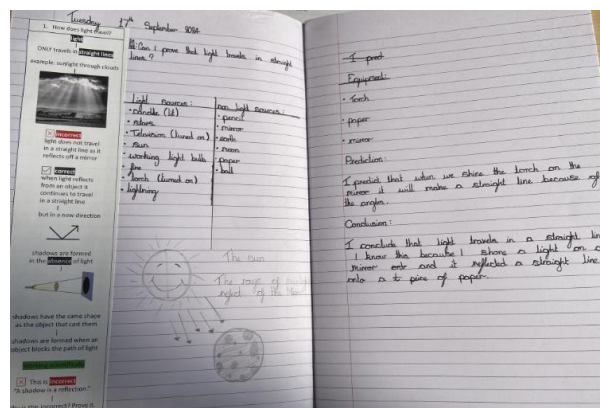


Year 6 Science

In year 6 our Science topic is Light.

We carried out an investigation to see if light truly does travel in a straight line.

We made a prediction using our prior knowledge and then tested our prediction using our designated equipment. After carrying out our experiment, we made our conclusions and determined whether our predictions were correct.



PreLoved Uniform Sale – 2nd October

The PTA's next Preloved Uniform Sale will be after school on Wednesday, 2nd October.

Donations needed! We'll gratefully accept any item of official Torridon uniform, branded or unbranded, in good condition, free of stains and holes, and freshly laundered. We have lots of collared shirts and trousers in stock, so we especially need branded jumpers, cardigans, and fleece jackets. Please bring donations to the school office.

Why buy preloved?

- **It's sustainable!** Reduce consumption of new products by buying second-hand, and reduce waste by passing along items that still have life after your child has outgrown them.
- **It's affordable!** All families should have access to high quality uniforms for their children, whether or not they can afford to buy new. PTA suggests a donation for items in our Preloved Uniform Sales, but payment is always optional.
- **It supports the PTA!** We use the funds we raise through sales and events to support the school and enrich the students' experience at Torridon. In previous years we've funded the climbing frames in the playground, trees and hedges around the school grounds, and the Creative Corner canopy. This year we're raising money for tablets and interactive whiteboards. We earmark 10% of all of our net proceeds to support vulnerable families.



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 23 rd September	Year 3 multi skills session
Tuesday 24 th September	Year 5 and 6 netball tournament
Thursday 26 th September	9.00am SEND Coffee Morning
	Year 5 bake sale
Friday 27 th September	9.00am PTA Annual General Meeting
	Year 5 and 6 girls' football tournament
	Year 5 trip to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
	Girls' football team trials
Wednesday 2 nd October	PreLoved uniform sale
Friday 4 th October	Year 3 and 4 boys' football tournament
	Boys' football team trials
Week beginning 7 th October	Year 6 assessment week
Friday 11 th October	Year 5 and 6 boys' football
Tuesday 15 th and Thursday 17 th October	Parent and carer open evenings
Friday 18 th October	Year 3 and 4 football tournament
Monday 21 st October	Year 5 and 6 basketball tournament
Tuesday 22 nd October	4L and 4K to Museum of London Docklands
Wednesday 23 rd October	Reception to Year 6 Flu Immunisation
Thursday 24 th October	4S to Museum of London Docklands
Friday 25 th October	Non Uniform Day
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 6 th November	Year 3 Royal Ballet live lesson
Week beginning 11 th November	Anti-Bullying week
Friday 15 th November	BBC Children in Need
	Year 5 and 6 football tournament
Monday 18 th November	Individual, sibling and class photographs
Friday 22 nd November	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Thursday 28 th and Friday 29 th November	Whole school art exhibition
Week beginning 2 nd December	Whole school assessment week
Thursday 12 th December	Friends of Torridon PTA School Disco
Friday 20 th December	Last day of the autumn term
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 6 th January 2025	First day of the spring tem

Individual and Group Music Lessons

Piano lessons started this week with Chris and Althea.

Week beginning 23rd September:

Drumming lessons will be starting this week with Murray.

Drum Fun lessons will be starting this week with Sam.

Violin lessons will also be starting this week with Sam.

String ensemble sessions will be starting on

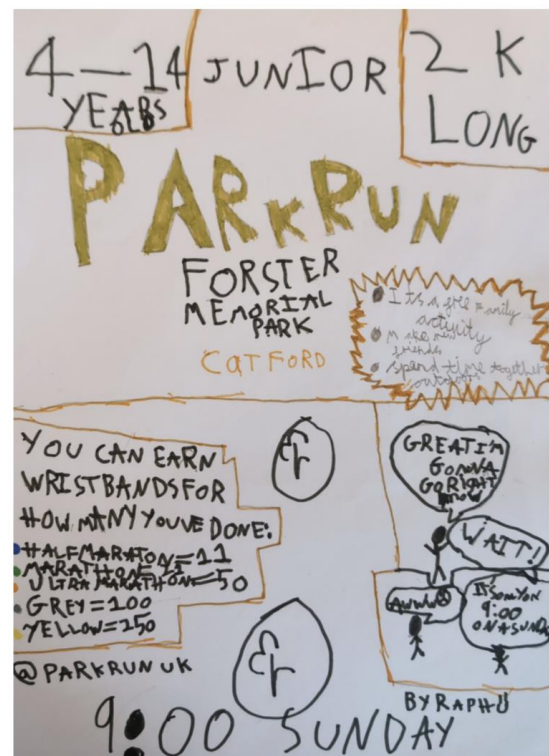
Tuesday 24th September at 8:30am.

Forster Park Junior Park Run

Junior parkrun is a free, fun and friendly 2km event for 4-14 year olds that happens every Sunday at 9am in Forster Memorial Park. You can find us by the cafe, come a bit early if it's your first time. Children can run, jog or walk the 2km course, alone or with a parent. It's completely free to take part and run by volunteers. It's not a race, you don't have to be super speedy, it's just a great way to be active and have fun.

On Sunday 29 September we'll be marking our first birthday and we'd like to invite everyone to come and celebrate with us. If you're coming for the first time, just register in advance online at <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>. Bring a copy of your barcode along (a picture on your phone is fine) to get your time.

It really is a fun event and we hope to see you all at the start line! You can email us on forstermemorialparkjuniors@parkrun.com if you have any questions or visit our webpage parkrun.org.uk/forstermemorialpark-juniors






Join us every Sunday, 9am in Forster Memorial Park for junior parkrun. A free, fun and friendly 2km event for 4-14 year olds.

Register before at parkrun.org.uk/forstermemorialpark-juniors/. Scan the QR code for more info.



Weekly Attendance

As you may be aware, good school attendance is a national focus. The government has published some new statutory guidance on attendance which you can find on the Department for Education's website. Lots of the expectations remain the same: children need to be in school on time every day so that they can learn and thrive. Please be aware that, as part of this guidance, we are not able to authorise any term time holidays. If you have any questions or would like any support with your child's attendance, please speak to Shai or Richard.

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	93%		3A	99%		5C	97%	
1N	94%		3G	96%		5L	98%	
1W	93%		3S	95%		5V	97%	
2S	99%		4K	95%		6A	94%	
2SW	93%		4L	97%		6R	95%	
2E	92%		4S	92%		6L	90%	

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

Transition to Secondary School Event 25th September 2024

This event, building on the success of last year's, will run in Lewisham's Civic Suite from **5.00pm to 8.00pm**.

We are expecting over 300 parents, who can attend one of the three talks which will concentrate on the application process.

All secondary schools will attend along with the following teams such as Free School Meal and SEN.

Below is the eventbrite registration link and the secondary "Bright Futures Brochure" that has been distributed to all Lewisham Year 6 parents.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/starting-secondary-school-in-2025-advice-and-support-for-lewisham-parents-tickets-952492489677?aff=oddttdcreator>



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School Council Elections

Our Voice counts....



School Council		
Class	Representative	Deputy
1N	Kylah-Rae	<u>Mikolaj</u>
1W	Edith	Thea
1M	Shiloh	Roman
2S	Bernice	Eliana
2SW	Milo	<u>Samrawit</u>
2E	Holly	Louie
3G	Bobby	<u>Talula</u>
3S	<u>Aamarah</u>	Oscar
3A	Prince	Kruz
4L	Christian	Elsie
4S	Orel	Gracie-May
4K	<u>Zaydon</u>	Libby
5L	Amy	<u>Gursewakpal</u>
5C	Madison	<u>Sukhpal</u>
5V	Maya	Ashton
6R	Isla N	Ethan
6L	Isla T	<u>Ariz</u>
6A	<u>Chisom</u>	Oshie
Resource Base	Kenny	

Congratulations to our new school council members who have been elected by their peers. 😊

STARS OF THE WEEK

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Sukhpreet	For joining in during carpet time and she always tries her best. Well done, Sukhpreet! 😊
Nursery AM	Abdulsalam	For being helpful during tidy up time and joining in during carpet time. Well done, Abdulsalam! 😊
Nursery PM	Anastasia	For developing friendships with her peers and being kind to her friends. Well done, Anastasia 😊
Blue Class	Robert	For always listening and taking care of our environment. Robert is a role model! 😊
Red Class	Lucky	For showing kindness to all in red class. Lucky is an example to her peers. Well done, Lucky! 😊
Yellow Class	Zainab	For being a fantastic role model! She is always kind, polite and helpful. 😊
1M	Beatrice	For being an incredible role model and for trying really hard in her learning this week.
1N	Noah	For his excellent attitude to learning. He has shown enthusiasm for every task he has been set and he always demonstrates good listening. He is also kind to all of his classmates. Thank you, Noah! 😊
2S	Oscar	For always making sure he is clear on what he needs to do before starting any piece of learning and consistently producing lovely work! Well done and keep it up! 😊
2SW	Kayden	For his fabulous effort in all areas of his learning! Your contributions during carpet sessions have been very impressive, well done Kayden! 😊
2E	Hector	For all of the hard work and determination that he has shown during our writing lessons. He has produced a fabulous letter to Lewisham council about the naughty dragons. Well done Hector, keep it up! 😊
3A	Chloe	For being such a helpful member of the class all week. Well done 😊
3G	Laura	For consistently showing respect to her peers and adults around the school. What a role model! 😊
3S	Knox	For trying to be independent in his learning. Well done for trying your best. 😊
4K	Deekshika	For writing a beautiful and thoughtful poem that inspires us all to take care of our planet.
4L	Rakaiah-Renae	For going out of her way to be helpful and tidying up after others.
4S	Isaiah	For being so helpful and so considerate in keeping our classroom tidy so that it is a nice place for everyone to learn. Thank you and well done!
5C	Ella	For working hard in her maths lessons and persevering even when things were challenging.
5L	Ellis	For always having a mature approach to his learning and for being a kind and polite member of our class. Well done!
5V	Krishigaa	For showing excellence in every area of her learning and for being an excellent role model to her peers.
6A	Oshie	For his display of excellence in every area of his learning, and for always willing to share his ideas with the class. Keep it up!
6C	Thiksga	For demonstrating the core value of excellence daily and being a great role model in the class. Well done!
6L	Radiatoulaye	For demonstrating excellent inferences, drawing comparisons within the text and contributing thoughtfully to class discussions.
RB Blue	Knox	Well done for successfully following your timetable this week.
RB Green	Victory	Well done for a fantastic week of independent learning.

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	

St Andrew's Church

Open House Festival 2024



In the Church

10:00 - 17:00

Discover St Andrew's immaculate 1904 interior and learn about its history (for both older and younger visitors)

11:00 - 11:45

Informal organ recital by Nick Bland

14.30 - 15:15

St Andrew's Church - An Architectural History

A presentation of the historic development and architectural significance of one of London's most important early C20th churches by Jon Wright, Chairman of the Archibald Corbett Society and C20 Heritage Consultant at Purcell Architecture

In the Hall

10:00 - 16:45

Pop-up café

10:00 - 17:00

Fundraising stalls including plant & book sale, Brownies table

12:00 - 13:00

Children's activities and competition

15.00 - 16.00

Children's activities and competition

St Andrew's Church, Catford

Saturday 21st September | 10am - 5pm

Community Events

FREE

RIVER RAVENSBOURNE FESTIVAL

Explore, Learn & Play

Riverside activities for all ages

Saturday 21st September

Beckenham Place Park East

11am-4pm

Look for us at the Thames21 marquee next to the river, across from the new playground by Downham Gate entrance. [What3Words.com/Lower.Divide.Pots](https://www.what3words.com/Lower.Divide.Pots)

Priority booking for Downham, Bellingham & Whitefoot residents.

SCAN ME

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BPPRiver@thames21.org.uk
www.thames21.org.uk

@ river_action_group_bpp



Festival of The Girl 2024

For 7-11 year old girls and their families

Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October
Business Design Centre Islington, North London
including a SEND session and FoTG Awards

Activities and workshops range from:
Aerospace engineering to gaming,
Sports to body confidence,
Experiments to activism,
Mental health to sustainability,
Politics to coding
Art to friendships and so much more.



Although aimed at girls everyone is welcome!

Get your tickets now via our QR code
or website www.festivalofthegirl.com



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FUNDRAISING MUSIC SHOW

SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
10:45am

Quaker Meeting House, 2 Lawn Terrace, Blackheath, SE3 9LL

Join Anna & our musicians for a Music Fundraiser Show! Come and play our instruments and see Anna perform on her Violin and Tony on the Steel Pans! Raising money for Demelza Children's Hospice, a charity close to our hearts at Boppin' Bunnies.

Tickets: £11 per child, £5.50 per sibling

Raising money for Demelza Hospice Care for Children
<https://www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows>

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