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Dear parents and carers,

The weather definitely took a wintry turn this week. We even had a tiny flurry of snow on Monday! Thank you for making sure the children were wrapped up nice and warm. Please remember to label hats and scarves so they can be returned to their rightful owners if they get lost.

The cold did not bother our brave Year 2 and Year 3 teams who had a marvellous time on their trips this week. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who came along to help.

Next week is the annual Christmas Tree Festival at St Andrew's church which will culminate with their Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November. We will be taking some of our classes along to see the trees and our fantastic string ensemble will be performing at 10am on Friday morning. Parents and carers are very welcome to come along and watch the performance if you would like to.



The children (and staff) smiled beautifully for their photographs this week. You can order directly from Vancols photography on their website by scanning the QR code your child brought home this week.

If you have any questions regarding the photographs or ordering process, you can contact Vancols directly.

Stay warm and have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Manda George
Headteacher



Rights Respecting School

This week we have been discussing World Children's Day! World Children's Day is UNICEF's annual day of action for children, by children. It takes place each year on the 20th November, which is the date when world leaders adopted the Convention in 1989. From climate change, education and mental health, to ending racism and discrimination, children and young people are raising their voices on the issues that matter to their generation and calling for adults to create a better future.

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Christmas Menu - Festive Feast

We will be having our festive feast on Wednesday 18th December 2024. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like a school lunch on the 18th, please email the school office admin@torriondprimary.lewisham.sch.uk



Bake Sale - Nursery Fundraiser



The bake sale is at 3.15pm – 3.45pm.

Cakes are £1 and biscuits are 50p each.

The bake sale is cash only.

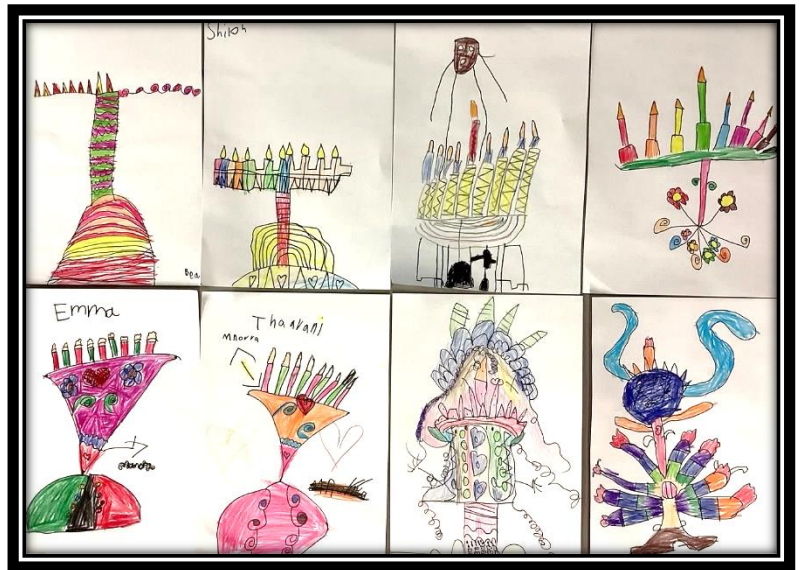
Nursery – Sound Of The Week

This week in Nursery we have been practising the sound of the week using salt to help with the letter formation.

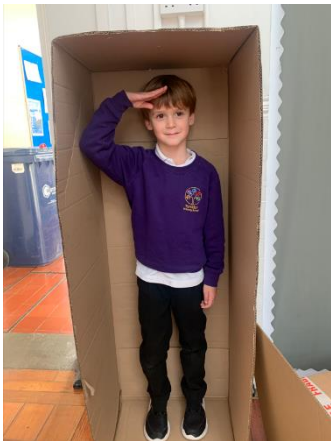


Year 1 – Hanukkah Menorahs

In RE this week, year 1 learned about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and the 'miracle of the oil'. Here are some of the amazing Menorahs we designed.



Year 1 Dance – The Nutcracker



This week in dance, Year 1 have continued a dance narrative of the Nutcracker ballet. They travelled to a magical land where toys come to life! Using large boxes the children could melt, explode, shrink and grow into a toy of their choice. We had soldiers, fairies, spiderman, teddys, aircrafts, spinning tops and dinosaurs. It was such good fun!



Year 2 – Trip to London Zoo

This week Year 2 had a fabulous time on their school trip to London Zoo! We did a lot of walking as we explored the 'Into Africa' part of the zoo. Throughout the day we saw a range of animals including hippos, giraffes, zebras, monkeys and even some tigers! The children and staff had a wonderful time.



Year 3 – River Trip

As part of our raging rivers topic, year 3 walked from Catford to Sydenham along the Waterlink Way. We saw lots of wildlife living peacefully in their natural habitat, including moorhens, ducks and a rabbit! Sadly, we noticed lots of litter strewn across the riverbank. We were shocked by the pollution, and are determined to write a letter to our local MP to ask them to do more to protect our local area. Watch this space...



Year 4 – Arctic Explorer

In Year 4 we have been learning about the Arctic explorer, Matthew Henson. He was the first American man to reach the North Pole, but his achievement wasn't recognised at the time due to the colour of his skin. In writing, we have been acting out scenes from his story, in preparation for a diary entry.



Year 5 – Freeze Frames

In class this week, we focused on different techniques to retell stories, and throughout the week, we explored how role-play can help us retell and remember "The Buried Moon." Specifically, we created freeze frames, a technique that allows us to freeze key moments from the story to help visualise and emphasise important parts.



Year 6 - Gymnastics

During our gymnastics lessons this week, Year 6 have been learning how to jump and travel across the equipment. We used a range of apparatus and passed through in a tuck, pike or arabesque. To add extra challenge, some children added rotation when dismounting from equipment.



Resource Base – Festival Celebrations

We have been learning about different festivals and celebrations. This week, we read the Christmas story and learned about the birth of Jesus. The children made their own stars of Bethlehem using lolly sticks which was very fiddly, but they showed great perseverance and created beautiful, glittery stars.



St Andrews Christmas Tree Festival



St Andrew's Catford

Christmas Tree Festival

25th - 30th November FREE ADMISSION

10am - 5pm | Special event timings below

Wednesday	7:30pm	Carols with the Church Choir
Thursday	10am	Singalong Sally
	2:15pm	Sandhurst School Choir
Friday	10am	Torridon String Ensemble
Saturday	All day	Christmas Fair - stalls, activities and festive refreshments - St Andrew's Hall & Corbett Library
	1pm	Bromley Concert Band - Sing-along carols for all the family
	7:30pm	Hither Green Light Orchestra - It's Not Quite Christmas Concert
Sunday	10am	Family Service

Carols and
concerts
throughout the
week

Mulled wine,
mince pies,
festive activities
and stalls in the
Church Hall and
Corbett Library on
Saturday 30th

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 25 th November	Year 5 Zoolab workshop
Tuesday 26 th November	Nursery Bake Sale
Friday 29 th November	String ensemble performance at Saint Andrew's Church (10.00am)
Week beginning 2nd December	Whole school assessment week
Friday 6 th December	Whole School No Pens Day
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
	String ensemble performance Lewisham Shopping Centre
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 20 th 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
Friday 17 th January	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Thursday 30 th January	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Wednesday 5 th February	9am – parent and carer coffee morning with the Mental Health Schools Team
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 th and Friday 14 th February	Whole school art exhibition PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES
Friday 14 th February	PTA fundraiser Non-uniform day
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM HOLIDAY



Christmas Gift Appeal

Please support us in our

**BANK
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THINGS**

Christmas gift Appeal

2024

We are seeking for donations for young people facing hardship. These could include gift cards, toiletries, skin care, chocolates, sweets, socks, scarves and gloves.

Please deliver donations to
Unit 19, Lewishamshopping
centre or contact
hannah@lewishamlocal.com
to arrange collection



Bank of Things is a joint partnership between Lewisham Local (Reg Charity No 1101618) the Young Mayor of Lewisham.








STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Dilara	For being kind to her friends and she is always very helpful in Nursery. Well done, Dilara! 😊
Nursery AM	Initha	For working hard to write the sound of the week and for playing nicely with her friends. Well done, Initha! 😊
Nursery PM	Eva	For looking after her friends when they are hurt, and she building good friendships with her peers. Well done, Eva! 😊
Blue Class	Lily	For an improved attitude this week and being so engaged in her learning! Well done!
Red Class	Kalai	For his positive attitude to his learning! He always tries his best. Well done, Kalai! 😊
Yellow Class	Thivani	For hard work in her phonics and writing. Well done!
1M	Buddy	For being such an enthusiastic learner! Buddy has a fantastic attitude towards his learning and is always eager to participate. Keep up the great work Buddy! 😊
1N	Edith	For her independent writing! She has been so happy in her learning and it's great to see her getting her good ideas on paper by herself, so confidently. Keep up the great work! 😊
1W	Edith	For writing a wonderful story about Little Turtle. She made an effort to use all the vocabulary we learned from the story. Well done!
2E	The Whole of Year 2	For their exemplary behaviour during our school trip. You were fantastic ambassadors of the school and really made us proud. Well done Year 2! 😊
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2SW		
3A	3A	Fantastic behaviour during our school trip.
3G	Paul	For being creative during forest school lessons. Keep it up 😊
3S	Shahista	For showing sensible behaviour and maturity during our school trip. Thank you for being amazing. 😊
4K	Max	For his resilience and perseverance despite challenges this week. Well done for pushing through 😊
4L	Masih	For always striving to do his best, being a great listener and working well with other children.
4S	Rohan	For being such an enthusiastic learner! Well done for making huge improvements in your handwriting and for always eagerly participating in class discussions.
5C	Melanie	For participation and focus in lessons. She has a great attitude for learning and is very helpful
5L	Harrison	For perseverance in maths and making good progress with his fractions, well done 😊
5V	Ivanka	For improving her learning behaviour, which means she is more focused on her learning and raises her hand when she wants to contribute to the class discussions. Well done Ivanka 😊
6A	Riley	For his resilience and hard work this week in all areas of his learning, and for being a kind and helpful member of the class.
6L	Ariz	For putting great effort into all areas of his learning. He has produced a well thought out narrative and has made sure to include the required features. Well done!
6R	Kayden	For demonstrating superb collaboration when editing writing with a partner. Well done Kayden.
RB Blue	Naoki	Well done for such focused learning for your extended piece of writing this week
RB Green	Gregory	Well done for participating in group games and encouraging other children.

Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	91%		3A	95%		5C	94%	
1N	91%		3G	97.4%		5L	94%	
1W	96%		3S	94%		5V	92%	
2S	97%		4K	93%		6A	96%	
2SW	87%		4L	96.5%		6R	95%	
2E	88%		4S	96.5%		6L	93%	

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

Sports Activities

Wildcats

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

Wildcats Football School are currently offering a FREE 1hr trial session to all current RECEPTION year footballers
Join our Saturday sessions (11:30 – term time)
Mountsfield Park, Catford, SE6



Wildcats FS is a football club and football school formed to help 4-10 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




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TUESDAYS
17.00-18.00

AGES 8-15

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TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT JUAN JIMENEZ
JUAN.JIMENEZ@KENTCRICKET.CO.UK | 07496550492

ASD Girls Group

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Girls' Social Group!

Social Group for Autistic Girls

Age 10-18 No diagnosis necessary

For more information, please contact Sue@lewishamparentcarer.org.uk
No booking necessary

DATES – Evening 6pm to 8pm

Wednesday 11th September

Wednesday 25th September

Wednesday 9th October

Wednesday 23 October

HALF TERM 30th October - NO SESSION

Wednesday 6th November

Wednesday 20th November

Wednesday 4th December

Wednesday 18th December

All dates for the Horniman to be advised mid October due to unforeseen circumstances

ACTIVITIES TO BE ADVISED SHORTLY.

Lochaber Hall, Manor Lane Terrace, SE135QL

sue@lewishamparentcarer.org.uk – [Facebook page here](#)

If you can, please donate via the QR code to keep Girls' Group running! All proceeds go towards venue, activities and refreshments. Thank you



Online Safety

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or buy now, pay later schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "sorey adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to have's" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest: you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer; it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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