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Dear parents and carers,

I can hardly believe that half term is here already. The time has flown by! Everybody at Torridon has been working so hard and it is fantastic to see how much progress the children have made. We are very proud of each and every one of them.

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA volunteers for organising and running the bake sale this afternoon. We had a very busy cake stall as so many of you were keen to buy some of the delicious sweet treats. Thank you to all who donated goodies for the sale.

For those of you celebrating Divali next week, I hope you have a lovely time with family and friends.

Have a super half term break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**.

Very best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



## Rights Respecting School



‘The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children.’

This week we have been discussing the people in our life and those that have the important role of making decisions for us. We focused on school and how staff work with pupils, parents and sometimes specialist agencies to ensure that individuals reach their full potential.




## Tree Labelling



Our Eco Leaders were given the job of officially labelling our playground trees this week. The children were very proud to hang the Street Trees for Living labels.



## Weekly Attendance

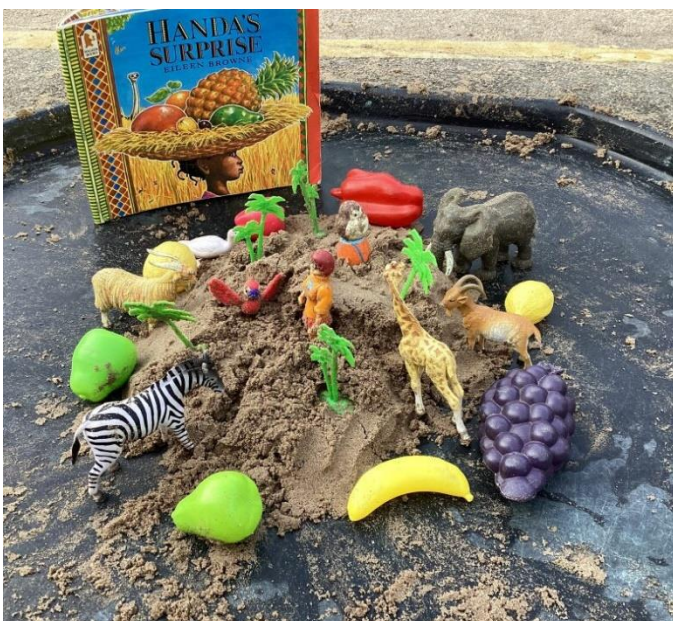
Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	94%		3A	93%		5C	87%	
1N	94%		3G	95%		5L	95%	
1W	94.8%		3S	91%		5V	96%	
2S	95.5%		4K	95%		6A	94%	
2SW	95.8%		4L	97%		6R	92%	
2E	94%		4S	94%		6L	88%	

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



## Nursery Learning

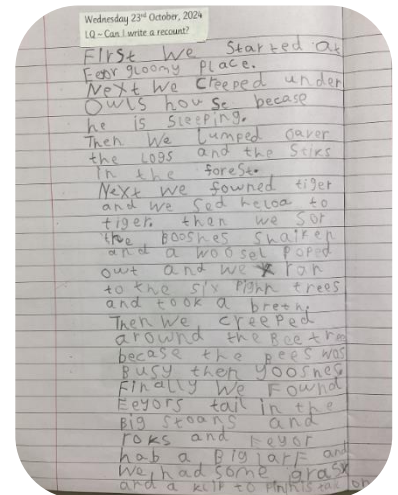
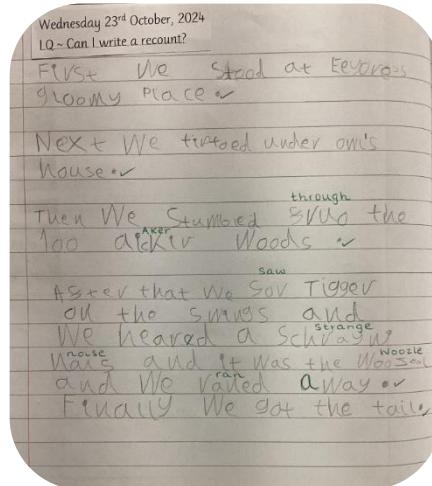
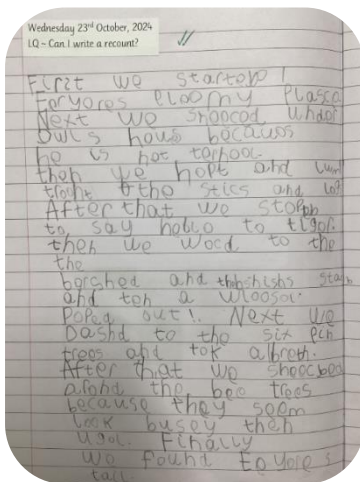
In Nursery we have been reading different stories for Black History month. We read 'Hair Love' and the children enjoyed role playing in the hairdressers. We also read 'Handa's surprise' and the children made their own animal masks and acted out the story.





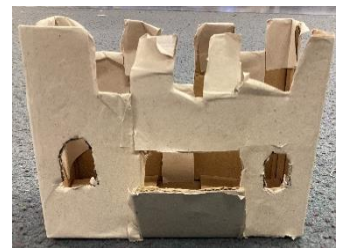
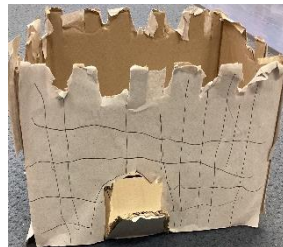
# Year 1 Writing

After spotting a misplaced map – and an *urgent* message - from Piglet, Year 1 set off to explore the mystery of Eeyore's missing tail! We took care to follow Piglet's instructions and act out all of his footsteps, until we found it. Along the way, we met so many familiar characters, including a scary Woozle! Back in class, we sequenced the events and wrote a recount about our adventure to share with you!



## Year 2 Design and Technology

As part of DT day, Year 2 created their very own castles to conclude our history learning this half term. We made sure we included many features of a castle such as battlements and arrow loops to make them as realistic as possible. We had so much fun!



## Year 3 Football Tournament

This half term, year 3 have been lucky enough to take part in football lessons taught by the brilliant Mike. We've learnt lots of skills over the past weeks, including passing, dribbling and decision making. We put all of these skills together for an epic year 3 tournament!

Although there can only be one winner, we were all so impressed with you, and how much you have gained confidence on the pitch!

In our eyes, you are all winners... But without further ado, the results are:

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 3G

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 3A

1<sup>st</sup> place - 3S

For now, 3S have the trophy!





## Year 4 trip to Museum of London Docklands

Year 4 had a fantastic time visiting the Museum of London Docklands this week. As part of our Victorian London topic, we walked through a replica Victorian street called 'Sailortown'. We learnt what life was like for some of the characters in our story who lived and worked in the docks. We also took part in a workshop where we got to handle artefacts from the Victorian period and had to use clues to guess what they were for. It was a very informative trip!



## Year 5 Hockey Tournament



The Year 5 hockey tournament was filled with excitement as the children competed against each other for the trophy. Each player showcased their skills, from swift dribbles to powerful shots, while their teammates cheered them on from the side-lines. As the final whistle blew, the spirit of sportsmanship shone brightly, with everyone celebrating the fun and camaraderie that made the day unforgettable.

Some of the children shared their thoughts on the event: "I enjoyed the tournament because we had the chance to watch all three classes play against each other, which was so much fun!" said one player. Another added, "I really liked the hockey tournament because it was fair and exciting; we moved our sticks, ran, and scored goals together." A third student reflected, "We played against the other Year 5 classes and used the skills we've been practicing for weeks in yesterday's tournament." Well done Year 5 – we are very proud of you!

## Year 6 Design and Technology

In year 6, we have been learning about both world wars and the legacy they have left behind. We used our knowledge of the different types of monuments that commemorate and honour those who took part in the war effort, and have been inspired to design our own! The history was explored, we sketched out our designs, the monuments were made and we evaluated our learning.



## Resource Base Hockey



This week we played hockey! The children were learning to hold their hockey stick to manoeuvre the ball with accuracy between the cones. They were so focused and really patient with themselves and each other as they were taking turns on the hockey course.



We ended the session by practising how to shoot at longer distances and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.



## Dates for Your Diary

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 and 4 athletics tournament
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Nursery Library Visit
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Royal Ballet live lesson
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 and 6 athletics tournament
Week beginning 11th November	Anti-Bullying week
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 to Horniman Museum
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception and Year 6 height and weight screening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 to London Zoo
Friday 22nd November	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school art exhibition
Week beginning 2nd December	Whole school assessment week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Torridon PTA School Disco
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Year 5 assembly performance 2.45 Year 6 assembly performance
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Year 1 assembly performance 2.00 Resource Base assembly performance 2.45 Year 2 assembly performance
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years Nativity performance 9.00am OR 2.45pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 term







## STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Nathaniel	For joining in during carpet sessions, especially during story time. Well done, Nathaniel! 😊
Nursery AM	Cody	For speaking more to his friends and adults in Nursery. Well done, Cody! 😊
Nursery PM	Helena	For being very helpful during tidy up time. Well done, Helena! 😊
Blue Class	Noah	For working so hard on his writing this week. Keep it up Noah!
Red Class	Isra	For her positive attitude to learning! Isra always tries her best and is a cheerful member of red class! Well done Isra 😊
Yellow Class	Wilf	For always having a positive attitude to school and his learning. He always tries his best, well done!
1M	Liam	For trying incredibly hard to develop his independence and for his enthusiasm towards our learning, particularly in maths lessons. Well done, Liam! 😊
1N	Abigail	For her positive attitude to learning and the excellent progress she has made, this half term! She is so much more confident and independent. Well done! 😊
1W	Thea	For setting a fantastic example of being an active listener in class. She always tries to look at the speaker and give thoughtful contributions to the conversation. Keep it up!
2E	Wilbur	For being such an amazing member of 2E. Wilbur you are so kind, smart and funny and we will all miss you! Good luck in your new school !!! 😊
2S	Riley	For settling in to Torridon Primary school so well! We are so happy to have you as part of 2S! 😊
2SW	Kylan	For always being so helpful towards his peers and the adults in the classroom! Well done Kylan! 😊
3A	Petra	For being such a helpful, considerate member of 3A. Well done, Petra! 😊
3S	Areefa	For trying her best in maths. Well done, Areefa, keep it up 😊
4K	Fatima	For demonstrating excellent behaviour and responsibility throughout the term. Thank you 😊
4L	Fred	For his excellent behaviour, attitude to school and teamwork. We will miss you Fred!
4S	Ria	For putting in so much effort at school and home to improve her handwriting, spelling, reading and maths. We are seeing so much progress – well done Ria! 😊
5C	Phoenix	He is always engaged in his learning and completes his task eagerly. Well done!
5L	Sophia	For being a really kind member of 5L. You are always polite and respectful and keen to make the right choices. Well done!
5V	Lillian	For showing excellence in her learning by effectively evaluating her writing. Well done!
6A	Kairo	For his informative and inspirational report about a Black British figure Clive Sullivan, who achieved so much in the field of rugby despite having all the odds against him.
6L	Zohal	For showing excellence and enthusiasm for all areas of learning. You are a fantastic role model for the class. Well done!
6R	Daniel	For demonstrating superb skill and sportsmanship during tag rugby this half term. Well done.
RB Blue	Kenny	Well done for always being such an enthusiastic learner and a great role model to others.
RB Green	Gregory	Well done for fantastic independent learning in Year 2 and in the Resource Base. We are so proud of what a great half term you have had!

# BBC WRITING COMPETITION

**BBC's 500 Words – the UK's largest children's writing competition – is now open for entries!**



Children are encouraged to write a story they'd love to read themselves in no more than 500 Words. [Entries are open until 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.](#)

The competition is split into two different age groups – 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. 50 finalists will be invited to a glamorous [grand final](#) at Buckingham Palace in February next year, where the bronze, silver and gold winners in each category will have their stories read out by celebrities and [win prizes](#), with gold winners also claiming 500 books for their school library.

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## Lewisham Library Events



Lewisham Libraries proudly present Imagined Worlds, a dynamic, month-long celebration of fantasy and science fiction. We will have events across the entire library network, collaborating with authors, artists, and digital practitioners to deliver immersive workshops and talks for young people exploring alternative realities and possible futures. Some collaborators include The Philosophy Foundation, INTO Games, The London Science Fiction Research Community and Sticky Fingers Publishing.

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# Lewisham SEND Strategy

Join Lewisham Local Area  
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People to

# HAVE YOUR SAY!



## Lewisham SEND Strategy Refresh 2025-2028

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?

In-person

Friday 15 November, 10am-12pm

Online

Thursday 21 November, 6pm-8pm

Please scan the QR code to express an interest in taking part or contact:  
Cheriece Nelson | [cheriece.nelson@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:cheriece.nelson@lewisham.gov.uk)



## Catford Coding Club



Catford Coding Club's next 6 week term after half term will start on Saturday 9th November, and booking is now open! 6 weeks of in person classes at the St Laurence Centre, Catford, for only £30, all equipment provided. Please book online.

<https://www.catfordcodingclub.co.uk/book-online>

Beginner Scratch at 9.30am is now sold out. However, we still have spots for the following:

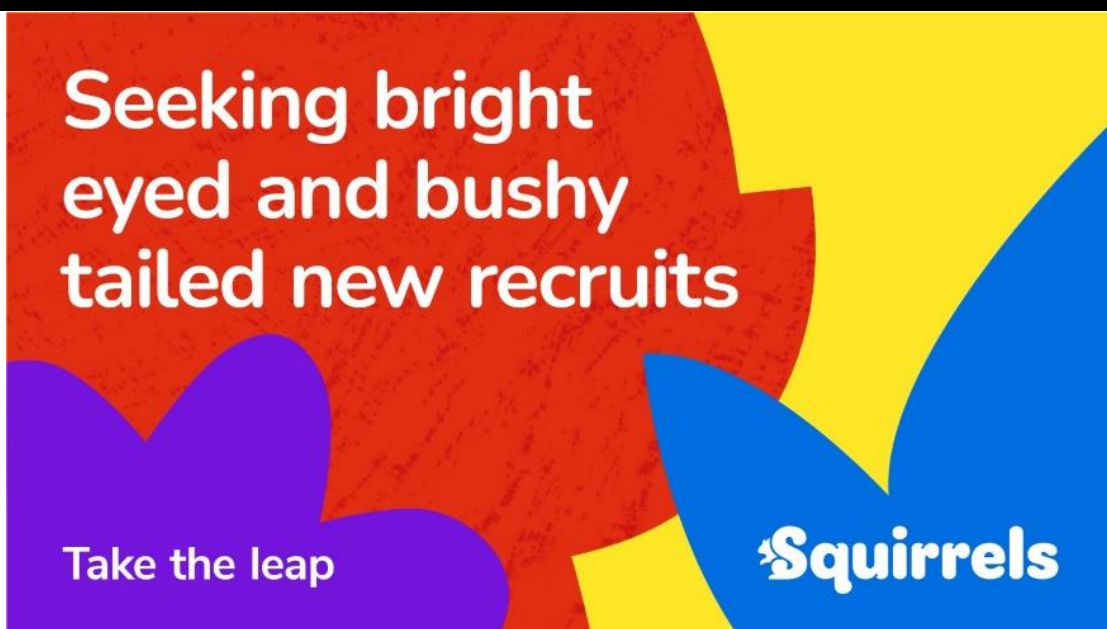
\*Pygame - make a platform game using Python - 10.45 to 11.45am (ages 10 to 15)\* - This course will show you step by step how to create a classic 2D platformer game using Python and Pygame. Only suitable for children aged 10 to 15 already familiar with the basics of Python - loops, variables, functions, and conditionals.

\*Further Scratch - Level 3 - 12.15 to 1.15pm (ages 8 to 14).\* Suitable for those who already have experience coding in Scratch. Not suitable for total beginners.

## Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

14th Lewisham South Squirrel Scouts group, (for boys and girls ages 4-5 years old) meet at St Lawrence on Mondays from 4:15 to 5:15pm.

We will be open to new joiners after half term on 4th November.



For more information or to express an interest, please email [14thlewishamsouth@gmail.com](mailto:14thlewishamsouth@gmail.com)

**Beavers (age 6 -8) 4:15 to 5:15pm**

**Cubs (age 8-10) 5:20-6:35pm**

**Scouts (age 10-4) from 6:40pm**



# MOON LANE BOOKS



## HALF TERM EVENTS AT MOON LANE BOOKS

Come and entertain your kids at Moon Lane this half term holiday with our exciting and FREE autumn activities between Tuesday 29th and Friday 1st November.

We are lucky enough to have an event led by local author Kimberley Kinloch, a treasure hunt with a fruity snack twist provided by *Marvellous Greens and Beans*, a Halloween craft session, and we'll end the week with a Spooky Storytime!

See below for more details.

### Celebrating Hair with Local Author, Kimberley Kinloch

*Tuesday 29th October - 2-3pm & 3-4pm*



The wonderful Kimberley Kinloch, author of 'Me and My Hair', will be leading this fun and informative event teaching your kids all about hair diversity and championing hair pride!

This event is free but you will need to book your place.

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Please go to our website address above, for more information.

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