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27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear parents and carers,

What a soggy Friday it has been! So soggy that the Year 5 trip to the Olympic Park had to be cancelled. Don't worry, we will reschedule the visit for later on in the term.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our events this week. I hope you enjoyed the sustainability exhibition and found the SEND coffee morning and PTA annual general meeting useful and informative. Thank you for all your suggestions, they were very helpful and we will look to implement as many as we can over the coming months.

Next week will be the launch of our Black History Month – it's hard to believe that we will be in October already! We will be holding launch assemblies as the start of our celebration of black pioneers across the ages.

Whatever you are doing, I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



# Sustainability Week Exhibition

It was a pleasure to see many of the Torridon families at the Sustainability Exhibition this week. This was a chance for the children to share and celebrate their learning. All year groups produced writing and art inspired by the Dr Seuss book, *The Lorax*. The children also conducted a STEM investigation based on one of the global sustainable development goals.

Our sustainability journey will continue through the year with the children and adults being mindful of the resources we use.





# Friends of Torridon PTA

Thanks to everyone who attended our Annual General Meeting in person and virtually this morning. You can review the presentation slides and notes [here](#).

Can you join the PTA committee to help us deliver our ambitious plans for the coming year?

Find out more about what's involved [here](#), and reach out to Megan on 07760520790 to arrange an informal chat. Email [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com) to express your interest by Thursday, 3 October.



## Spring Bulb Competition

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 on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October



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.

## Stranger Danger

We have had a report from a parent about some suspicious activity in the local community. This has also been reported to the community police team. Please make sure children remain with their adult on the way to and from school and remind older children who may be walking home alone not to engage with unfamiliar adults.

We will be leading assemblies with the children next week to remind them how to keep themselves safe and to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about anything. Please come and speak to a member of the team if you have any concerns.

# Allotment Club News

It has been a busy week for the children at Allotment club. We have signed up to a local scheme to 'Bake a lawn' This week the children planted wheat seeds. Look out for future updates on our bake a lawn journey.



The children were also busy ensuring our playground trees were weeded and their soil was topped up.



## SEND Coffee Morning



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our SEND Coffee Morning yesterday.

We do hope it was useful to have some time to speak to our Speech and Language Therapists and Sophie from Drumbeat as well as the inclusion team.

We hope to run a coffee morning every half-term. From your suggestions, sessions will focus on social skills, language development, motor skills, sleep and social stories.



# Forest School

We are so happy our Forest School timetable has begun for this academic year. This term Year 2 and Year 4 are exploring our woodland space.



After school club has seen its biggest numbers yet with children joining from across Year 1 -Year 6.

The children have enjoyed being back exploring, problem solving and working as a team in our ever-growing outdoor environment.

# Rights Respecting School



This week has been the launch of our weekly Rights Respecting assemblies where each week we will be looking at a new article from the UN conventions rights of a child. This week we explored article 7 & 8 and discussed how important we all are! Being ourselves and being unique is all part of our identity and together we make our fantastic Torridon community.





## Nursery Learning



This week we have learnt the Nursery rhyme 'Baa black sheep'. The children enjoyed making their own sheep pictures.



Also, we read the story 'Owl Babies' and the children created their own owls.



## Resource Base Tasting Sessions



This week we had a tasting session to encourage the children to try different foods with a variety of textures. The children could squeeze, lick, bite or smell the food to try it and used a communication boards to make a comment about each food. They were very brave and had a go at trying most of the different foods on offer.



# Year 1 – Outdoor Learning

Year 1 have been making the most of the warm weather in our outdoor learning area. We have counted how many pipettes of water it takes to fill containers, practised weaving, created art using leaves we found on the ground and selected artefacts that we would put in our own 'Horniman Museum' for History.



## Top WoWs for week beginning Monday 23rd September 2024

**WOW**  
WONDERFUL WORKS

Year 2



Recorders - There we Blow!



Recorders - There we Blow!



Recorders - There we Blow!



Recorders - There we Blow!



Recorders - There we Blow!

Year 3



Ukulele - First Strokes



Ukulele - First Strokes



Ukulele - First Strokes

Year 4



Systems of Notation



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Year 6



Autumn 1 Painting Bob and Roberta Smith, Kandinsky



Autumn 1 Painting Bob and Roberta Smith, Kandinsky



Florence Price - Symphony No. 1 in E minor



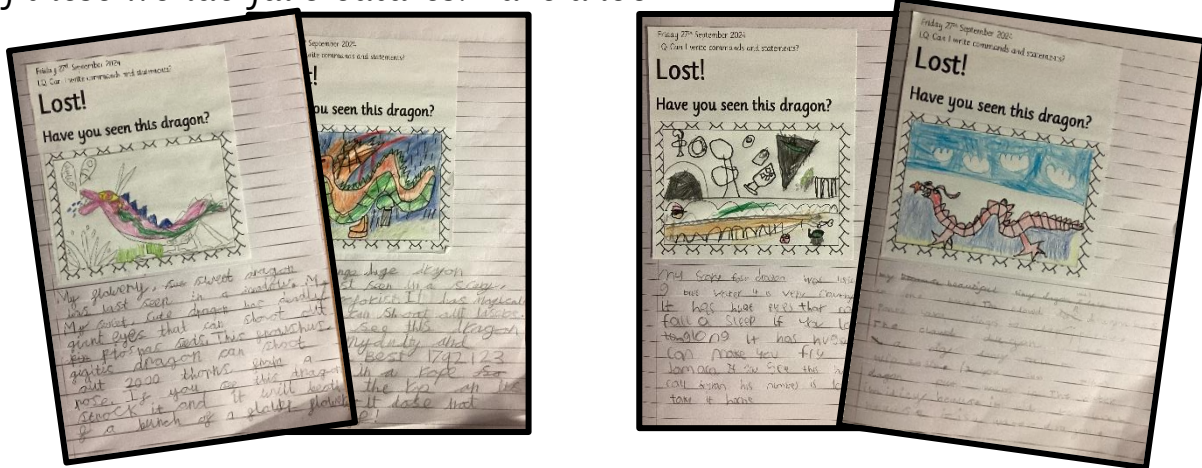
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## Year 2 – Posters

This week, Year 2 created their very own dragons but something terrible happened...they got LOST! As a result, we have been busy making 'Lost' posters. We made sure to include lots of description about what our dragons look like and even gave some instructions of what to do if you ever came into contact with any of these wonderful creatures! Take a look...



## Year 3 – History

In History, we began our theme 'Lewisham Legacy'. First, we wrote about all the things we know about Lewisham. We knew that Lewisham is a borough in London, that there are lots of markets and shops, and that we even have the DLR! We also know that Torridon Primary School is located in Lewisham. Then, we all gathered round to read a very exciting book called '100 years of Torridon'. It was filled with pictures and historical sources, and we thought about the ways in which our school has changed, but also what things have stayed the same.





## Year 4 – Forest School

We loved our first Forest school session of the year. It was lovely to get outside and learn from our natural surroundings. We explored the area by taking part in many different activities including tree climbing, pond dipping and bug hunting.



## Year 5 – Writing

This week, Year 5 have been working on their own flash forward narratives, inspired by 'The London Eye Mystery'. Using their creative imaginations and building on key writing skills, the children crafted compelling stories filled with vivid descriptive vocabulary, engaging dialogue, and a variety of sentence lengths to create pace and tension. They also skilfully used relative clauses to add extra detail and depth to their writing. It's been fantastic to see the children apply their learning in such imaginative ways, bringing their unique flash forward scenes to life!

Wednesday 25th September 2024

LG: Can I write to entertain?

My favourite thing to do in London is ride the Greenwich Cable Cars. Sitting up in 295ft tall seeing boats lots of buildings including the O2. When your Gondola comes your heart is beating with excitement while you are waiting for the other people to come out. These people your Gondola is hanging on to is made of steel wire.

From the top of the capsules, Zenda says London reminds her of when she used to play with her Barbie dolls in her <sup>big</sup> dreamhouse. The best thing you can see from up there is the O2, you can see people climbing it but they look like tiny, little, colored polka dots. You can also see the River Thames whirling like a silver bit of foil <sup>beauty</sup> which has been bent. You can see the decorations on big Ben and it looks very delicate.

26.09.24 We went over the tower bridge and we got a caught of the London Eye, Mr Zenda and Alice took a photo <sup>with</sup> us in front of it. We carried on our journey there. As soon as we got there we started to line up. "It's so long!" moaned Aunt Taylor. "Let's go to the Tate Modern." "No we made a promise to the kids!" mumbled Mum. Aunt Taylor and Mum headed off to the Café while we waited for tickets until a stranger came up to us with her kid and gave us a free

My favourite thing to do in London is to fly one-hundred and sixty feet above the ground with the cable cars. With it being <sup>eight</sup> six seated, your family can look out the windows. Your stomach starts sinking down but your happiness rises up. Once the gondola shuts, all you can hear is your own voice.

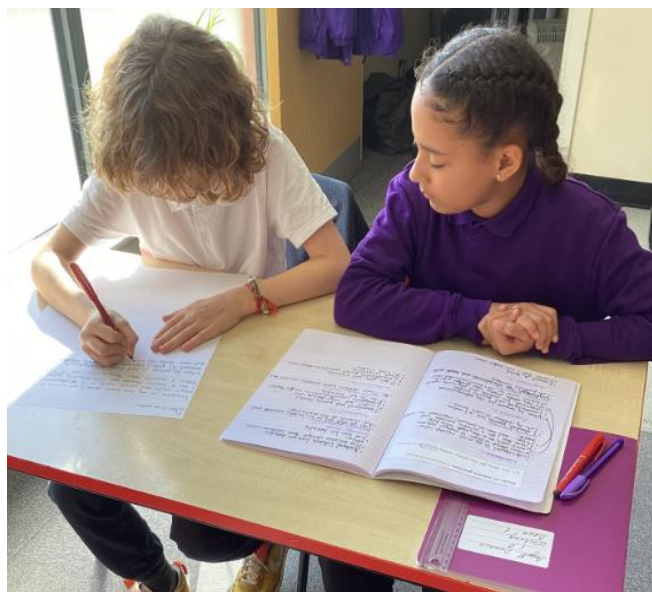
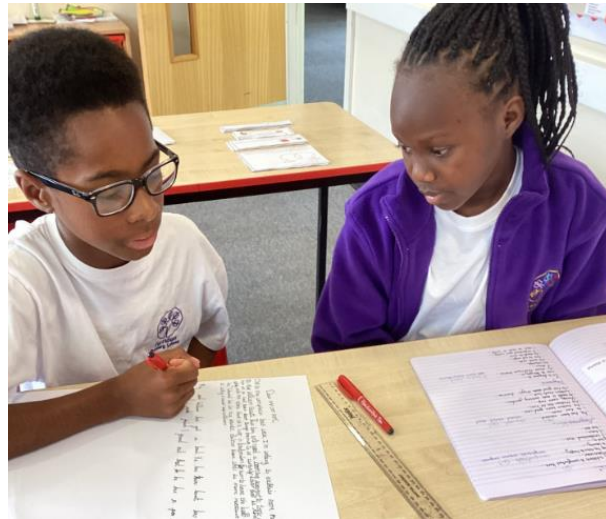
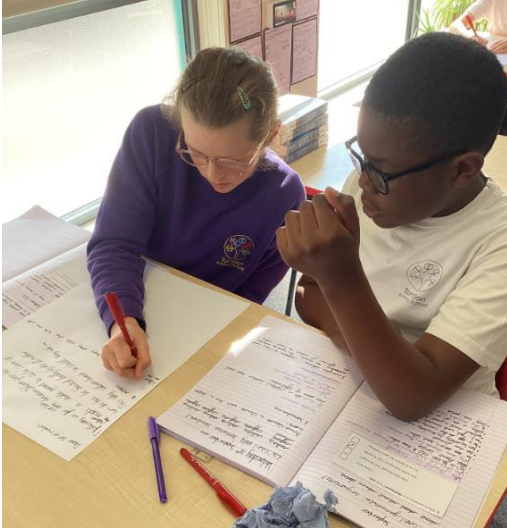
When you look out the window, London turns into a toy-town. Cars turn into hot wheels and landmarks are like Lego. You can see the long looped river that stretches like a snake through London. People look like figures while the O2 has its long yellow spikes and canary Canary Wharf's tall buildings nearly reaching you.

092 Max, me and Veronica all were in the long looped line waiting for tickets.



## Year 6 Letter Writing

In writing lessons Year 6 have been using Goodnight Mr Tom to write a letter in role persuading the local council to allow him to adopt William Beech. We began by identifying the features of formal persuasive writing, learning about different sentence types (simple, compound and complex) and we identified vocabulary that would be useful in our writing. We worked collaboratively to ensure we were including cohesive devices in our writing.





## Creative Corner

Sadly due to adverse weather conditions the creative arts trip to Queen Elizabeth Park was postponed. However this did not stop the children taking part in a collaborative dance and art afternoon. Children explored texture, shape, actions, timing in art activities and were encouraged to replicate and choreograph using their creations.

The art trail trip will be rescheduled later in the term.






## Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	PreLoved uniform sale
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 and 4 boys' football tournament
	Boys' football team trials
Week beginning 7th October	Year 6 assessment week
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Spring Bulb Sale
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 and 6 boys' football
Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th October	Parent and carer open evenings
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 and 4 football tournament
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> October	Non Uniform Day
Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Royal Ballet live lesson
Week beginning 11th November	Anti-Bullying week
Friday 15th November	BBC Children in Need
	Year 5 and 6 football tournament
Monday 18th November	Individual, sibling and class photographs
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 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





## Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	97%		3A	96%		5C	99%	
1N	96%		3G	97%		5L	94%	
1W	94%		3S	94%		5V	94%	
2S	98.6%		4K	93%		6A	87%	
2SW	99.3%		4L	98.6%		6R	91%	
2E	93%		4S	98.9%		6L	89%	

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

## PreLoved Uniform Sale – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.





## STARS OF THE WEEK



Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Vienna	For being kind and looking after her friends. Well done, Vienna! 😊
Nursery AM	Suwethaa	For joining with the singing during carpet time. Well done, Suwethaa 😊
Nursery PM	Sufiyan	For being more confident when playing with his friends. Well done, Sufiyan! 😊
Blue Class	Amelia	For settling so well into Reception and making us all smile 😊
Red Class	Bodhi	For being a role model and setting an example to his friends. Well done, Bodhi 😊
Yellow Class	Kidjani	For always being engaged in his learning.
1M	Emma	For being polite, kind and caring and for always trying her best. Emma is always focused during independent learning and produces lovely outcomes. Well done, Emma! 😊
1N	Kylah-Rae	For always doing her absolute best in any activity she is set and for being such a good role model. She has also impressed us with her imaginative and original writing. Keep up the great work! 😊
1W	Filip	For being so helpful and keeping the classroom tidy! Well done.
2E	Jack	For working independently this week, he has done so well he is now off my support table working all by himself. Well done keep it up!
2S	Bernice	For her excellent descriptive language in writing this week! Your wonderful, expanded noun phrases along with your beautiful presentation is very impressive! Keep up the brilliant learning 😊
2SW	Kevin	For his impressive history learning about the people that lived in castles during the medieval times. Well done Kevin, keep it up! 😊
3A	Daisy	For writing a superb character description of the lion from the book Katie in London! Well done 😊
3G	Salome	For trying her best in all pieces of learning and for making amazing contributions during class discussions. Well done Salome!
3S	Patryk	For always trying his best in everything that he is asked to do. Well done for being a positive role model to everyone 😊
4K	Malaysia	For a great effort in writing an informal letter during our extended writing this week. Well done for lovely presentation as well! 😊
4L	Gabriel	For his fantastic effort in our extended writing this week. He focussed so well during the lesson and wrote an excellent letter. Well done Gabi!
4S	Gracie-May	For showing a delightful enthusiasm for learning by joining in discussions at school and by completing some self-initiated learning on the Victorian era at home.
5C	Oli	For working diligently in math this week and for his valuable contribution during learning time. Well done!
5L	Selina	For her excellent commitment to reading. You have read so many books already this academic year. Well done!
5V	Michael	For putting in a lot of effort into his learning and for trying very hard to complete his learning in the time given.
6A	Hirav	For his resilience in writing this week, enabling him to produce a persuasive formal letter. Keep it up!
6L	Baenla	He has demonstrated fantastic focus in writing and has produced an effective, persuasive formal letter. Well done!
6R	Akshika	For demonstrating excellence across the curriculum and consistently making thoughtful reflections when self assessing.
RB Blue	Gabriel	Well done for such positive learning behaviour this week. We are particularly proud of your amazing writing. Keep it up!
RB Green	Victory	Well done for another amazing week. We are so proud of how independent you are with your learning and how much you persevere.



# Community Events

## 11+ FOOTBALL OPEN MORNING

WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024  
ST DUNSTAN'S JUBILEE GROUNDS



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WEDNESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2024  
ST DUNSTAN'S JUBILEE GROUND

Girls session: 9.00am - 10.15am  
Boys session: 10.30am - 11.45am



Our Football Open Morning is the perfect opportunity for prospective families to find out more about football and the sport provision at St Dunstan's, hear from our Director of Sport and learn more about our groundbreaking partnership with Chelsea FC. There will also be an opportunity to meet our Admissions Team and learn more about the application process and Sport Scholarships available to students joining at 11+.

## Book our Football Open Morning

Book now at  
[www.stdunstans.org.uk](http://www.stdunstans.org.uk)  
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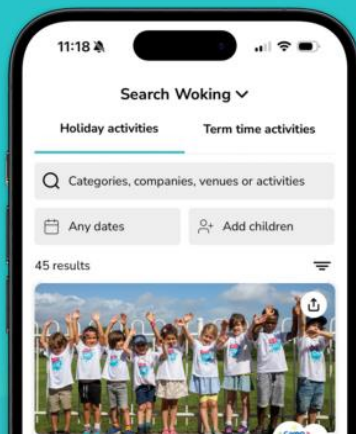


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### SHOW DATES

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

(9 show days in total)

Adapted from Hans Christian Andersen's  
classic fairy tale by LIVERN ARCHER  
and JONATHAN KAUFMAN  
Original songs and music by  
ALESSIA MARCOVECCIO  
and TOM NUGENT  
Additional lyrics and music by  
MARLON OLIVER-HARRIS  
Produced and directed by  
JONATHAN KAUFMAN  
Choreographer and Assistant director  
ETTA ERMINI

## The Little Mermaid

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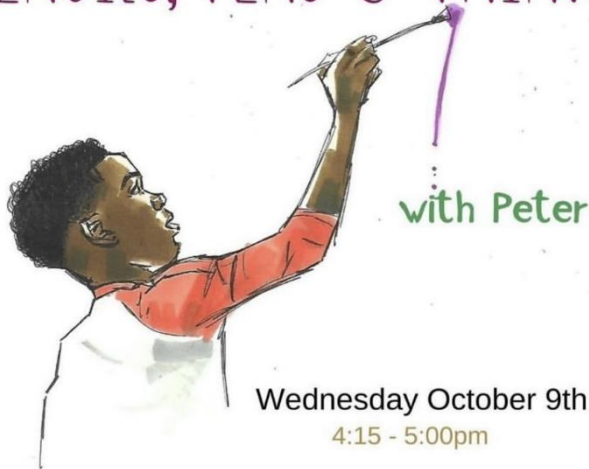
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## Local Art Class

### PENCILS, PENS & PAINTS



This is run by an ex Torridon parent who is a very talented artist.

Wednesday October 9th  
4:15 - 5:00pm

A life drawing class for children to grow their  
self esteem through self expression  
in a safe and structured environment

Ages 6+  
All abilities welcome

@Greenwich West Community & Arts Centre  
DBS certified

## Moon Lane Books



### September Newsletter

We've been feeling big back-to-school energy at Moon Lane Books, as we get enthused helping kids and schools to head into the new school year full of gusto about their reading journeys.

This month is packed with some incredible new releases, from the second picture book from the powerhouse combo of Zadie Smith and Nick Laird, via a charming whodunnit by perennial favourite Alex T Smith, to some great books for adults including David Olusoga's calendar of Black History.

And for those who want to weave their own tales, we are happy to announce that we will soon be hosting an exciting **creative writing course** aimed at kids 7-12 years by the wonderful Write Sparks, with classes every Wednesday, 4.45-5.45pm, from 2nd October- 11th December 2024 (with a break for half term). Book your place here:

<https://www.writesparks.co.uk/creative-writing-classes>